

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UA 135

In the Matter of)	
)	ORDER
THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION)	
OF OREGON)	
)	
Staff's reallocation of local exchange)	
telecommunications service territory for)	
Helix Telephone Company.)	

DISPOSITION: REALLOCATION APPROVED

The 2005 Legislature changed Oregon’s territory allocation law for telecommunications utilities and telecommunications cooperatives. The new law allocates local exchange telecommunications service territory as a geographic area within boundaries set forth in exchange maps filed with and approved by the Commission. This replaces the old “metes and bounds” descriptions. ORS 759.500(1).

Section 27, chapter 232, Oregon Laws 2005, directs the Commission to:

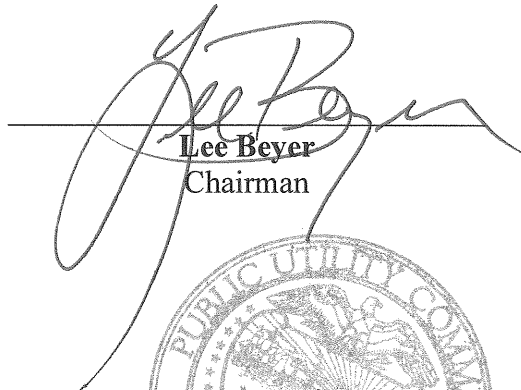
Reallocate every allocated local exchange telecommunications service territory to a telecommunications utility, cooperative corporation or municipality to whom the commission had previously allocated local exchange telecommunications service territory. Allocations granted by the commission pursuant to this subsection shall replace all allocations to telecommunications utilities, cooperative corporations or municipalities granted by the commission prior to January 1, 2006.

Staff recommends the reallocation of Helix Telephone Company’s (Helix) local exchange telecommunications service territory using the boundaries of the exchange maps filed with and approved by the Commission, as set forth in Table 1 of Appendix A, replacing all previous territory allocations for Helix.

ORDER

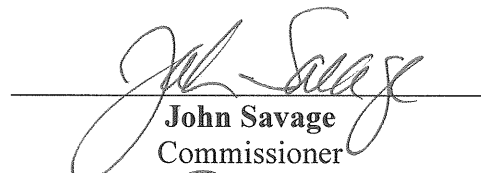
IT IS ORDERED that Helix Telephone Company's local exchange telecommunications service territory is reallocated using the boundaries of the exchange maps filed with and approved by the Commission as set forth in Table 1 contained in Appendix A, replacing all previous territory allocations for Helix Telephone Company.

Made, entered, and effective MAY 14 2008 .




Lee Beyer
Chairman





John Savage
Commissioner



Ray Baum
Commissioner

A party may request rehearing or reconsideration of this order pursuant to ORS 756.561. A request for rehearing or reconsideration must be filed with the Commission within 60 days of the date of service of this order. The request must comply with the requirements in OAR 860-014-0095. A copy of any such request must also be served on each party to the proceeding as provided by OAR 860-013-0070(2). A party may appeal this order by filing a petition for review with the Court of Appeals in compliance with ORS 183.480-183.484.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: May 6, 2008

REGULAR _____ CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE _____ N/A _____

DATE: April 22, 2008

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Marlene Gorsuch

THROUGH: Lee Sparling, Dave Booth, and Kay Marinos

SUBJECT: OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION STAFF: (Docket No. UA 135)
Reallocation of local exchange telecommunications service territory for
Helix Telephone Company.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Reallocate Helix Telephone Company's local exchange telecommunications service territory using the boundaries of the exchange maps filed with and approved by the Commission as set forth in Table 1. This reallocation replaces all previous territory allocations for Helix Telephone Company (Helix).

DISCUSSION:

The 2005 Legislature changed Oregon's territory allocation law for telecommunications utilities and telecommunications cooperatives. The new law allocates local exchange telecommunications service territory (service territory) as a geographic area within boundaries set forth in exchange maps filed with and approved by the Commission. This replaces the old "metes and bounds" descriptions. See ORS 759.500(1).

Section 27, chapter 232, Oregon Laws 2005, subsection (1) directs the Commission to: "Reallocate every allocated local exchange telecommunications service territory to a telecommunications utility, cooperative corporation or municipality to whom the commission had previously allocated local exchange telecommunications service territory. Allocations granted by the commission pursuant to this subsection shall replace all allocations to telecommunications utilities, cooperative corporations or municipalities granted by the commission prior to January 1, 2006."

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The Commission previously allocated local exchange telecommunications service territory to Helix in a series of orders issued in 1967 and 1979. Staff reviewed the Commission's records to identify all Helix territory allocation orders issued prior to January 1, 2006, and currently in effect. Staff then determined that Helix's approved local exchange maps are encompassed in whole or in part by the metes and bounds descriptions in these previous territory allocation orders.

Helix has Commission-approved maps on file for the company's local exchanges, Helix and Meacham. Staff concluded that the Helix maps are wholly or partially within the metes and bounds descriptions in the company's previous territory allocation orders.

On March 5, 2008, Staff sent Helix a letter describing Staff's conclusions in detail, and asking Helix to make corrections, if any, by March 26, 2008. Helix confirmed Staff's basic conclusions regarding the relationship between the previous territory allocation orders and the approved local exchange maps.

Table 1 describes reallocation for Helix in detail. Reallocations are identified by exchange name and the effective date of the corresponding Commission-approved exchange map. Previous allocation is identified by Commission order number.

TABLE 1

Exchange Name	Reallocation Approved Exchange Map (Effective Date)	Previous Allocation (Commission Order)
Helix	September 1, 1975	Order No. 43927
Meacham	September 30, 1983	Order No. 79-408

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Helix Telephone Company's local exchange telecommunications service territory be reallocated using the boundaries of the exchange maps filed with and approved by the Commission as set forth in Table 1, replacing all previous territory allocations for Helix Telephone Company.