

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UA 140

In the Matter of)	
)	ORDER
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF)	
OREGON)	
)	
Staff's reallocation of local exchange)	
telecommunications service territory for)	
Cascade Utilities, Inc.)	

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:

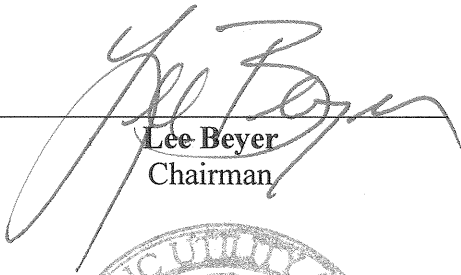
Reallocate every allocated local exchange telecommunications service territory to a telecommunications utility, cooperative corporation or municipality to whom the commission had previously allocated local exchange telecommunications service territory. Allocations granted by the commission pursuant to 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 Cascade Utilities, Inc.’s (Cascade) 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 Cascade.

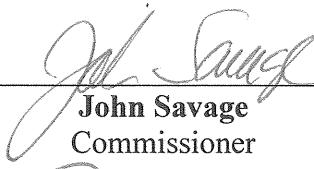
ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Cascade Utilities, Inc.'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 Cascade Utilities, Inc.

Made, entered, and effective MAR 11 2009.



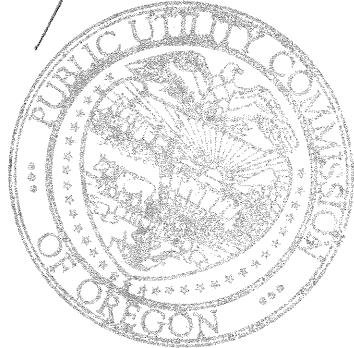
Lee Beyer
Chairman



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: February 24, 2009**

REGULAR _____ CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE _____ NA _____

DATE: January 27, 2009

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Marlene Gorsuch *MG*

THROUGH: *in* Lee Sparling, *BC* Bryan Conway and *KM* Kay Marinos

SUBJECT: OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION STAFF: (Docket No. UA 140)
Reallocation of local exchange telecommunications service territory for
Cascade Utilities, Inc.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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

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."

The Commission previously allocated local exchange telecommunications service territory to Cascade in an order. Staff reviewed the Commission's records to identify all

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Cascade territory allocation orders issued prior to January 1, 2006, and currently in effect.

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

On October 22, 2008, staff sent Cascade a letter describing staff's findings in detail, and asking Cascade to make corrections, if any, by November 12, 2008. Cascade did not have any corrections.

Table 1 describes reallocations for Cascade in detail. Reallocations are identified by exchange name and the effective date of the corresponding Commission-approved exchange map. Previous allocations are identified by Commission order number.

TABLE 1

Exchange Name	Reallocation Approved Exchange Map (Effective Date)	Previous Allocation (Commission Order)
Ash Valley	January 7, 1986	Order No. 78-583
Corbett	January 7, 1986	Order No. 78-583
Elkton	January 7, 1986	Order No. 78-583
Estacada	January 7, 1986	Order No. 78-583
Haines	January 7, 1986	Order No. 78-583
Medical Springs	January 7, 1986	Order No. 78-583
Scottsburg	January 7, 1986	Order No. 78-583

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Reallocate Cascade Utilities, Inc.'s local exchange telecommunications service territory using the boundaries of exchange maps filed with and approved by the Commission as set forth in Table 1, replacing all previous territory allocations for Cascade Utilities, Inc.

Reallocation of Service Territory Cascade Utilities