

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UA 148

In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
OREGON

Staff's reallocation of local exchange
telecommunications service territory for
Verizon Northwest Inc.

ORDER

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. See ORS 759.500(1).

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

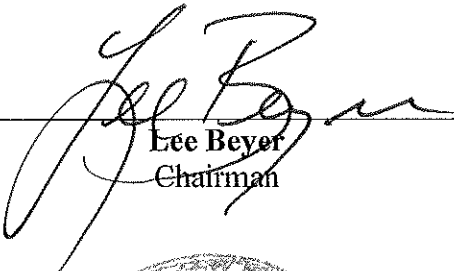
Reallocate every allocated local exchange telecommunications service territory to a telecommunications utility, cooperative corporation or municipality to whom the commission had previously allocated local exchange telecommunications service territory. Allocations granted by the commission pursuant to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

At the August 25, 2009, Commission Public Meeting Staff recommended the reallocation of Verizon Northwest Inc.'s (Verizon) 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 Verizon.

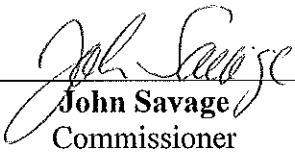
ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Verizon Northwest 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 Verizon Northwest Inc.

Made, entered, and effective SEP 08 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.

ITEM NO. CA12

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: August 25, 2009**

REGULAR _____ CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE _____ N/A _____

DATE: August 11, 2009

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Marlene Gorsuch

THROUGH: Lee Sparling, Bryan Conway and Kay Marinos

SUBJECT: OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION STAFF: (Docket No. UA 148)
Reallocation of local exchange telecommunications service territory for Verizon Northwest Inc.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The Commission should reallocate Verizon Northwest Inc.'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 Verizon Northwest Inc. (Verizon).

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 on exchange maps filed with and approved by the Commission. See ORS 759.500(1). This replaces the old "metes and bounds" descriptions frequently used by the Commission to identify the geographic boundaries of local telephone exchanges.

The new law, Section 27, chapter 232, Oregon Laws 2005, provides, in part, that the Commission shall:

- (1) 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

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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.

(2) Upon request, allocate every local exchange telecommunications service territory that is shown on a map approved by the Commission that is unallocated as of December 31, 2005, to the telecommunications utility, cooperative corporation or municipality that filed the map.

Verizon has Commission-approved maps on file for all of the Company's local exchanges. According to Commission records, all but two of Verizon's previously allocated service territories are described in Commission orders via metes and bounds descriptions. The remaining two exchanges were allocated via Commission-approved maps that were submitted.

On June 25, 2009, Staff sent Verizon an email describing Staff's conclusions in detail, and asking Verizon to make corrections, if any, by July 16, 2009. Verizon confirmed Staff's basic conclusion regarding the relationship between the previous territory allocations and the approved local exchange maps.

Table 1 describes reallocation for Verizon in detail. Reallocations are identified by exchange names and the effective dates of the most recent corresponding Commission-approved exchange maps.

TABLE 1

Exchange Name	Reallocation Approved Exchange Map (Effective Date)	Previous Allocation (Commission Order)
Amity	January 1, 1994	Order No. 42080
Aumsville/Turner	May 24, 1995	Order No. 95-430
Bandon	August 4, 1995	Order No. 42080
Beaverton	January 1, 1994	Order No. 42080
Brookings	January 1, 1994	Order No. 42080
Clatskanie	January 1, 1994	
Coos Bay/North Bend	January 1, 1994	Order No. 42080
Coquille	January 1, 1994	Order No. 42080
Cove	January 1, 1994	Order No. 42080
Dayton	January 1, 1994	Order No. 70-560 & 70-561
Detroit	January 1, 1994	Order No. 43667
Elgin	January 1, 1994	Order No. 42080
Enterprise	January 1, 1994	Order No. 42080

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Forest Grove	January 1, 1994	Order No. 42080
Gold Beach	January 1, 1994	Order No. 42080
Grand Island	January 1, 1994	Order No. 70-560 & 70-561
Gresham	January 1, 1994	Order No. 42080
Hillsboro	January 1, 1994	Order No. 42080
Hoodland	January 1, 1994	Order No. 70-560
Imbler	January 1, 1994	Order No. 42080
Joseph	January 1, 1994	Order No. 42080
La Grande	January 1, 1994	Order No. 42080
Lakeside	January 1, 1994	Order No. 42080
Langlois	January 1, 1994	Order No. 42080
Lostine	January 1, 1994	Order No. 42080
McMinnville	January 1, 1994	Order No. 42080
Mill City	January 1, 1994	Order No. 43667
Murphy/Provolt	January 1, 1994	Order No. 70-560
Myrtle Point	January 1, 1994	Order No. 42080
Newberg	January 1, 1994	Order No. 42080
Port Orford	January 1, 1994	Order No. 42080
Powers	January 1, 1994	
Reedsport	January 1, 1994	Order No. 42080
Sandy	January 1, 1994	Order No. 75-476
Scholls	January 1, 1994	Order No. 42080
Sherwood	January 1, 1994	Order No. 42080
Silverton	January 1, 1994	Order No. 43667
Stafford	January 1, 1994	Order No. 42080
Sunnyside	January 1, 1994	Order No. 75-476
Tigard	January 1, 1994	Order No. 42080
Union	January 1, 1994	Order No. 42080
Vernonia	January 1, 1994	Order No. 42080
Wallowa	January 1, 1994	Order No. 42080
Yamhill	January 1, 1994	Order No. 81-570

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Verizon Northwest Inc.'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 Verizon Northwest Inc.

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