

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UA 147

In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
OREGON

Staff's reallocation of local exchange
telecommunications service territory for
Asotin Telephone Company.

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:

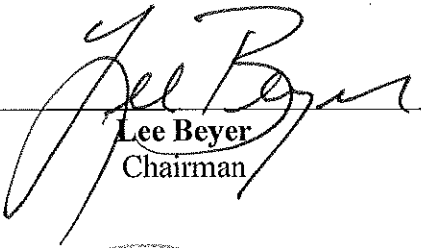
Reallocate every allocated local exchange telecommunications service territory to a telecommunications utility, cooperative corporation or municipality to whom the commission had previously allocated local exchange telecommunications service territory. Allocations granted by the commission pursuant to 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 Asotin Telephone Company's (Asotin) 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 Asotin.

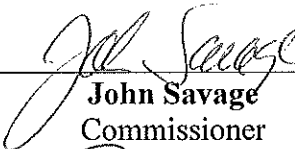
ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Asotin 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 Asotin Telephone Company.

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. CA11

**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 *MG*

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

SUBJECT: OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION STAFF: (Docket No. UA 147)
Reallocation of local exchange telecommunications service territory for
Asotin Telephone Company.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The Commission should reallocate Asotin 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 Asotin Telephone Company (Asotin).

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 telecommunications service territory. Allocations granted by the Commission pursuant to this subsection shall replace all allocations to telecommunications

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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.

Asotin has a Commission-approved map on file for the Company's local exchange, Flora-Troy. According to Commission records, Asotin's previously allocated service territory is described in Commission Order No. 86-1185, entered November 24, 1986. At that time, there was no "metes and bounds" description for the Flora-Troy Exchange included in the Commission order. The order simply provided Asotin with a certificate to provide telecommunications services, and the map of the exchange was attached as an appendix to the order.

On June 4, 2009, Staff sent Asotin an email describing Staff's conclusions in detail, and asking Asotin to make corrections, if any, by June 25, 2009. Asotin confirmed Staff's basic conclusion regarding the relationship between the previous territory allocation and the approved local exchange map.

Table 1 describes reallocation for Asotin in detail. Reallocations are identified by exchange name and the effective date of the most recent corresponding Commission-approved exchange map.

TABLE 1

Exchange Name	Reallocation		Previous Allocation (Commission Order)
	Approved Exchange Map (Effective Date)		
Flora-Troy	September 22, 1968		Order No. 86-1185

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

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