

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UA 150

In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
OREGON

Staff's reallocation of local exchange
telecommunications service territory for
OREGON-IDAHO UTILITIES, 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:

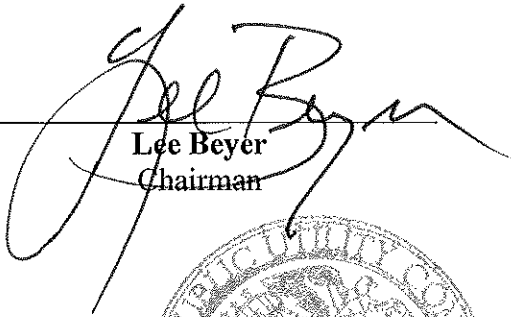
Reallocate every allocated local exchange telecommunications service territory to a telecommunications utility, cooperative corporation or municipality to whom the commission had previously allocated local exchange telecommunications service territory. Allocations granted by the commission pursuant to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

At the September 8, 2009, Commission Public Meeting Staff recommended the reallocation of Oregon-Idaho Utilities, Inc.'s (Oregon-Idaho) 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 Oregon-Idaho.

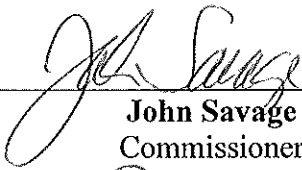
ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Oregon-Idaho 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 Oregon-Idaho Utilities, Inc.

Made, entered, and effective SEP 17 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.

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**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: September 8, 2009**

REGULAR _____ CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE _____ N/A _____

DATE: August 25, 2009

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Marlene Gorsuch *mg*

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

SUBJECT: OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION STAFF: (Docket UA 150)
Reallocation of local exchange telecommunications service territory for Oregon-Idaho Utilities Inc.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The Commission should reallocate Oregon-Idaho Utilities, 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 Oregon-Idaho Utilities, Inc. (Oregon-Idaho).

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.

Oregon-Idaho has Commission-approved maps on file for all of the Company's local exchanges. According to Commission records, all of Oregon-Idaho's previously allocated service territories are described in two Commission Orders.

On August 11, 2009, Staff sent Oregon-Idaho an email describing Staff's conclusions in detail, and asking Oregon-Idaho to make corrections, if any, by August 24, 2009. Oregon-Idaho confirmed Staff's basic conclusion regarding the relationship between the previous territory allocations and the approved local exchange maps with one minor correction.

Table 1 describes reallocation for Oregon-Idaho 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		Previous Allocation (Commission Order)
	Approved Exchange Map	(Effective Date)	
Adrian		December 13, 1990	Order No. 93-384
Jordan Valley		May 14, 2003	Order No. 93-384
Quinn (Humboldt Telephone Company)		November 19, 1997	Order No. 97-446
Ridgeview		June 20, 1992	Order No. 93-384

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Oregon-Idaho Utilities, 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 Oregon-Idaho Utilities, Inc.

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