

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

UA 152

In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF  
OREGON

Staff's reallocation of local exchange  
telecommunication service territory for  
CENTURYTEL OF OREGON, 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:

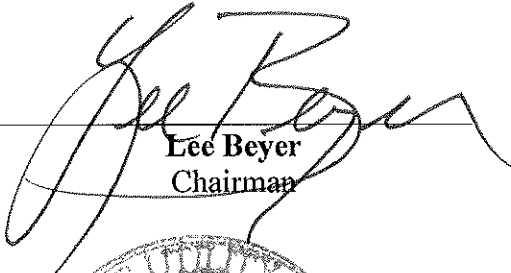
Reallocate every allocated local exchange telecommunications service territory to a telecommunications utility, cooperative corporation or municipality to whom the commission had previously allocated local exchange telecommunications service territory. Allocations granted by the commission pursuant to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

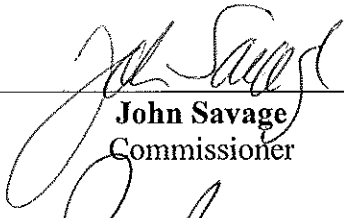
At the October 6, 2009, Commission Public Meeting Staff recommended the reallocation of CenturyTel of Oregon, Inc's (CenturyTel) local exchange telecommunications service territory using the boundaries of the exchange maps filed with and approved by the Commission, as set forth in Table 1 of Appendix A, replacing all previous territory allocations for CenturyTel.

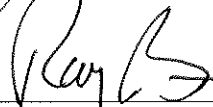
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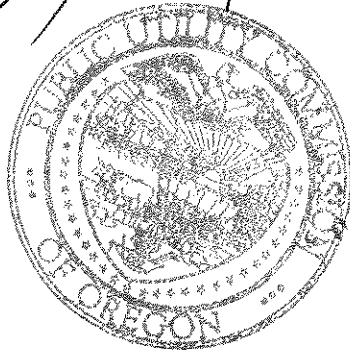
IT IS ORDERED that CenturyTel of Oregon, Inc.'s local exchange telecommunications service territory is reallocated using the boundaries of the exchange maps filed with and approved by the Commission as set forth in Table 1 contained in Appendix A, replacing all previous territory allocations for CenturyTel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

Made, entered, and effective OCT 26 2009.

  
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**Lee Beyer**  
Chairman

  
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**John Savage**  
Commissioner

  
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**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: October 6, 2009

REGULAR \_\_\_\_\_ CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE \_\_\_\_\_ N/A \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: September 22, 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 152)  
Reallocation of local exchange telecommunications service territory for CenturyTel of Oregon, Inc.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The Commission should reallocate CenturyTel of Oregon, 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 CenturyTel of Oregon, Inc. (CenturyTel).

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.

CenturyTel has Commission-approved maps on file for all of the Company's local exchanges. According to Commission records, all 56 of CenturyTel's previously allocated service territories are filed with current maps and a metes and bounds description for each.

On September 3, 2009, Staff sent CenturyTel an email describing Staff's conclusions in detail, and asking CenturyTel to make corrections, if any, by September 17, 2009. CenturyTel confirmed Staff's basic conclusion regarding the relationship between the previous territory allocations and the approved local exchange maps on file at the Commission.

Table 1 describes reallocation for CenturyTel 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)	Metes & Bounds Description OPUC Approved Date
Aurora	August 4, 1998	June 1, 1988
Bly	August 4, 1998	October 31, 1996
Boardman	August 4, 1998	June 1, 1988
Bonanza	August 4, 1998	October 31, 1996
Brownsville	August 4, 1998	June 1, 1988
Burns	August 4, 1998	October 31, 1996
Camas Valley	August 4, 1998	October 31, 1996
Charbonneau	August 4, 1998	June 1, 1988
Chemult	August 4, 1998	June 16, 1988
Chiloquin	August 4, 1998	December 18, 1996
Creswell	August 4, 1998	June 1, 1988
Depoe Bay	August 4, 1998	June 1, 1988
Drain	August 4, 1998	October 31, 1996
Durkee	August 4, 1998	October 31, 1996

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Echo	August 4, 1998	October 31, 1996
Fort Klamath	August 4, 1998	June 1, 1988
Fossil	August 4, 1998	June 1, 1988
Gilchrist	August 4, 1998	October 31, 1996
Gleneden Beach	August 4, 1998	June 1, 1988
Glide	August 4, 1998	October 31, 1996
Government Camp	August 4, 1998	October 31, 1996
Harney	August 4, 1998	December 18, 1996
Heppner	August 4, 1998	October 31, 1996
Huntington	August 4, 1998	October 31, 1996
Ione	August 4, 1998	October 31, 1996
Jewell	August 4, 1998	October 31, 1996
John Day	August 4, 1998	October 31, 1996
Knappa	August 4, 1998	June 1, 1988
Lakeview	August 4, 1998	June 1, 1988
Lebanon	August 4, 1998	June 1, 1988
Lexington	August 4, 1998	June 1, 1988
Long Creek	August 4, 1998	October 31, 1996
Malin	August 4, 1998	October 31, 1996
Maupin	August 4, 1998	June 1, 1988
Merrill	August 4, 1998	October 31, 1996
Mitchell	August 4, 1998	June 16, 1988
Monument	August 4, 1998	June 16, 1988
North Powder	August 4, 1998	October 31, 1996
North Umpqua	August 4, 1998	October 31, 1996
Paisley	August 4, 1998	June 16, 1988
Paulina	August 4, 1998	December 18, 1996
Pilot Rock	August 4, 1998	June 16, 1988
Pine Grove	August 4, 1998	June 16, 1988
Rocky Point	August 4, 1998	June 1, 1988
Scappoose	August 4, 1998	June 1, 1988
Seneca	August 4, 1998	October 31, 1996
Shedd	August 4, 1998	October 31, 1996
Silver Lake	August 4, 1998	December 18, 1996
Sprague River	August 4, 1998	June 1, 1988
Spray	August 4, 1998	June 1, 1988
Starkey	August 4, 1998	June 1, 1988
Sweet Home	August 4, 1998	June 1, 1988
Tygh Valley	August 4, 1998	June 1, 1988
Ukiah	August 4, 1998	June 1, 1988
Wamic	August 4, 1998	June 1, 1988
Yoncalla	August 4, 1998	June 1, 1988

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**PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:**

CenturyTel of Oregon, 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 CenturyTel of Oregon, Inc.

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