

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UA 154

In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
OREGON

Staff's reallocation of local exchange
telecommunication service territory for
UNITED TELEPHONE COMPANY OF
THE NORTHWEST/CENTURYLINK.

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 November 3, 2009, Commission Public Meeting, Staff recommended the reallocation of United Telephone Company of the Northwest/CenturyLink (United) 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 United.

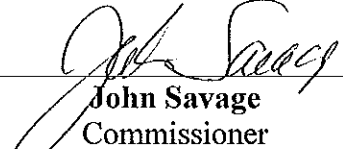
ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that United Telephone Company of the Northwest/CenturyLink'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 United Telephone Company of the Northwest/CenturyLink.

Made, entered, and effective NOV 09 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: November 3, 2009

REGULAR _____ CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE _____ N/A _____

DATE: October 27, 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 154)
Reallocation of local exchange telecommunications service territory for
United Telephone Company of the Northwest/CenturyLink.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Reallocate United Telephone Company of the Northwest/CenturyLink'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 United Telephone Company of the Northwest/CenturyLink (United).

DISCUSSION:

The 2005 Legislature changed Oregon's territory allocation law for telecommunications utilities and telecommunications cooperatives. The purpose of the change was two-fold. First, 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.

United has Commission-approved maps on file for all of the Company's local exchanges. According to Commission records, all of United's previously allocated service territories have Commission-approved maps on file.

On October 1, 2009, Staff sent United an email describing Staff's conclusion in detail, and asked United to make corrections, if any, by October 15, 2009. United confirmed Staff's basic conclusion regarding the relationship between the previous territory allocations and the approved local exchange maps.

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

TABLE 1

Reallocation	
Exchange Name	Approved Exchange Map Effective Date
Arlington	February 26, 1992
Bay City	February 26, 1992
Beaver	February 26, 1992
Butte Falls	February 26, 1992
Carlton	February 26, 1992
Cascade Locks	February 26, 1992
Cloverdale	February 26, 1992
Crater Lake	February 26, 1992
Diamond Lake	February 26, 1992
Fish Lake	February 26, 1992
Garibaldi	February 26, 1992
Grand Ronde	February 26, 1992
Grass Valley	February 26, 1992
Hood River	February 26, 1992
Lincoln City	February 26, 1992
Moro	February 26, 1992

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Mosier	April 24, 2002
Odell	February 26, 1992
Pacific City	February 26, 1992
Parkdale	February 26, 1992
Prospect	February 26, 1992
Rockaway	February 26, 1992
Rufus	February 26, 1992
Shady Cove	February 26, 1992
Sheridan	September 23, 1993
The Dalles	April 24, 2002
Tillamook	February 26, 1992
Wasco	February 26, 1992
White City	February 26, 1992
Willamina	February 26, 1992

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Reallocate United Telephone Company of the Northwest/CenturyLink'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, replacing all previous territory allocations for United Telephone Company of the Northwest/CenturyLink.

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