

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UA 155

In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
OREGON

Staff's reallocation of local exchange
telecommunication service territory for
CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS
COMPANY OF OREGON, dba
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS OF
OREGON.

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:

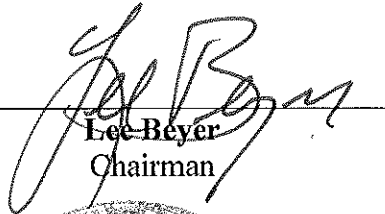
Reallocate every allocated local exchange telecommunications service territory to a telecommunications utility, cooperative corporation or municipality to whom the commission had previously allocated local exchange telecommunications service territory. Allocations granted by the commission pursuant to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

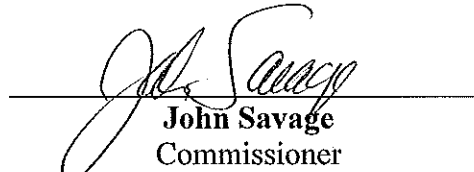
ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Citizens Telecommunications Company of Oregon'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 Citizens Telecommunications Company of Oregon.

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 *MG*

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

SUBJECT: OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION STAFF: (Docket No. UA 155)
Reallocation of local exchange telecommunications service territory for
Citizens Telecommunications Company of Oregon.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The Commission should reallocate Citizens Telecommunications Company of Oregon'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 Citizens Telecommunications Company of Oregon (Citizens).

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.

Citizens has Commission-approved maps on file for all of the Company's local exchanges. According to Commission records, all of Citizens' previously allocated service territories are mentioned in Commission Order No. 97-090.

On September 22, 2009, Staff sent Citizens an email describing Staff's conclusion in detail, and asked Citizens to make corrections, if any, by October 6, 2009. Citizens confirmed Staff's basic conclusion regarding the relationship between the previous territory allocations and the approved local exchange maps.

Table 1 describes reallocation for Citizens 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	Commission Order No.
	Effective Date	
Azalea	December 29, 1997	97-090 Entered March 5, 1997
Canyonville	December 29, 1997	97-090 Entered March 5, 1997
Cave Junction	December 29, 1997	97-090 Entered March 5, 1997
Days Creek	December 29, 1997	97-090 Entered March 5, 1997
Glendale	December 29, 1997	97-090 Entered March 5, 1997
Myrtle Creek	December 29, 1997	97-090 Entered March 5, 1997
O'Brien	December 29, 1997	97-090 Entered March 5, 1997
Riddle	December 29, 1997	97-090 Entered March 5, 1997
Selma	December 29, 1997	97-090 Entered March 5, 1997
Wolf Creek	December 29, 1997	97-090 Entered March 5, 1997

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PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Citizens Telecommunications Company of Oregon'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 Citizens Telecommunications Company of Oregon.

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