

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1463

In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
OREGON

Investigation of the Depreciation Rate for
Softswitch Switching Technology.

ORDER

DISPOSITION: ORDER NO. 10-167 AMENDED

On April 27, 2010, we issued Order No. 10-167 adopting a stipulation negotiated by the active parties to this docket. On July 15, 2010, Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Staff) filed a Stipulated Motion to Amend Order No. 10-167 on behalf of all signatories to the Stipulation. Staff requests that Appendix A to Order No. 10-167 be amended to include telecommunications carriers Citizens Telecommunications of Oregon; CenturyTel of Oregon, dba CenturyLink; and CenturyTel of Eastern Oregon, dba CenturyLink (collectively, the non-parties). Staff states that its motion is made to correct an oversight that resulted in these telecommunications carriers not being included in page 13 of the appendix. The active parties and the non-parties entered into a stipulation and filed their stipulation with the Commission on July 15, 2010. It is attached to this order as an appendix.

No party has filed an objection to Staff's stipulated motion. The motion to amend Order No. 10-167 to correct the oversight resulting in certain telecommunications carriers being omitted from Appendix A is granted.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

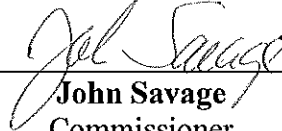
1. The Stipulation executed among Public Utility Commission of Oregon Staff; GNVW Consulting, Inc.; the Oregon Telecommunications Association; Citizens Telecommunications of Oregon, CenturyTel of Oregon, dba CenturyLink; and CenturyTel of Eastern Oregon, dba CenturyLink is adopted and is attached to this order as an Appendix.

2. Order No. 10-167 is amended to add telecommunications carriers Citizens Telecommunications of Oregon; CenturyTel of Oregon, dba CenturyLink; and CenturyTel of Eastern Oregon, dba CenturyLink” to page 13 of Appendix A to Order No. 10-167.

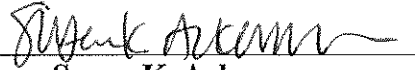
Made, entered, and effective **AUG 18 2010** .



Ray Baum
Chairman



John Savage
Commissioner



Susan K. Ackerman
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.

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1463

In the Matter of the Complaint of
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
OREGON

STIPULATION

Investigation of the depreciation rate for
Softswitch switching technology.

The active parties to this case (set forth in Paragraph 1) have entered into a Stipulation with three non-parties (set forth in Paragraph 2) for the purpose of supporting a motion that will request the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (“Commission”) to amend its Order No. 10-167 (“Order”). The active parties and the three non-parties agree the Commission should amend the Order to make the three non-parties subject to the terms of the Order, and to specifically include the three non-parties in “Exhibit 2” of the Order. See Order at Appendix A, page 13.

PARTIES

1. The active parties to this case are: GVNW Consulting, Inc., Oregon Telecommunications Association, Moss Adams LLP and the staff of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (collectively, “Active Parties”).

2. The term “non-parties” refers to the following three companies (none of which were parties to Docket UM 1463, which resulted in the Order): Citizens Telecommunications of Oregon; CenturyTel of Oregon, dba CenturyLink; and CenturyTel of Eastern Oregon, dba CenturyLink (collectively, “Non-Parties”).

AGREEMENT

3. The Active Parties and Non-Parties agree that Commission Order No. 10-167 (“Order”) should be amended to include the Non-Parties as being subject to the terms of the Order, and to specifically include the Non-Parties in “Exhibit 2” attached to the Order at Appendix A, page 13.

1 4. The Active Parties and Non-Parties agree it is appropriate to amend the Order as set
2 forth in Paragraph 3 because the depreciation rates approved in the Order are used in the annual
3 access filing and apply to telecommunications carriers that participate in the Oregon Exchange
4 Carriers Association Pool ("Pool"). The Non-Parties participate in the Pool.

5 5. The Active Parties and Non-Parties agree and recognize that, although the Order
6 establishes softswitch depreciation rates to be used by Pool participants, the Order acknowledges
7 the exception process set out in Order No. 95-634. Order No. 95-634 allows all Pool participants
8 the opportunity to request the Commission grant exceptions to the published rates. The
9 CenturyTel entities, and other companies, have developed alternate rates which the Commission
10 has approved under the exception process. Order No. 95-634 further provides that "the
11 guidelines are not intended to set depreciation rates for small company property generally."

12 6. This Stipulation will be offered to support a motion filed by staff on behalf of the
13 Active Parties and Non-Parties to amend Order No. 10-167 as set forth in Paragraphs 3 and 4.
14 The Parties and Non-Parties agree to support this Stipulation throughout any proceedings the
15 Commission may hold to consider the motion.

16 7. The Active Parties and Non-Parties have negotiated this Stipulation as an integrated
17 document. If the Commission rejects all or any material portion of this Stipulation or imposes
18 additional material conditions in acting upon the motion which this Stipulation supports, any
19 party disadvantaged by such action shall have the rights provided in OAR 860-014-0085,
20 including the right to withdraw from the Stipulation, and shall be entitled to seek reconsideration
21 or appeal of the Commission's Order.

22 8. This Stipulation may be executed in counterparts and each signed counterpart shall
23 constitute an original document.

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1 This Stipulation is entered into by each party on the date entered below such party's
2 signature.

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4 GVNW Consulting, Inc.

Oregon Telecommunications Association

5 By: Jeffrey H. Smith

By: _____

6 Its: VP & Division Manager

Its: _____

7 Date: 6/28/10

Date: _____

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9 Moss Adams LLP

Public Utility Commission Staff

10
11 By: _____

By: _____

12 Its: _____

Its: _____

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14 Date: _____

Date: _____

15
16 Citizens Telecommunications of Oregon

CenturyTel of Oregon, dba CenturyLink

17 By: _____

By: _____

18 Its: _____

Its: _____

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20 Date: _____

Date: _____

21
22 CenturyTel of Eastern Oregon, dba CenturyLink

23 By: _____

24 Its: _____

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26 Date: _____

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7 signature.

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9	GVNW Consulting, Inc.	Oregon Telecommunications Association
10	By: _____	By: <u>Brant Wolf</u> Brant Wolf
11	Its: _____	Its: <u>Executive Vice President</u>
12	Date: _____	Date: <u>June 28, 2010</u>


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14		
15	Moss Adams LLP	Public Utility Commission Staff
16	By: _____	By: _____
17	Its: _____	Its: _____
18	Date: _____	Date: _____

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20		
21	Citizens Telecommunications of Oregon	CenturyTel of Oregon, dba CenturyLink
22	By: _____	By: _____
23	Its: _____	Its: _____
24	Date: _____	Date: _____

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26	CenturyTel of Eastern Oregon, dba CenturyLink

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2 signature.

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4 GVNW Consulting, Inc. Oregon Telecommunications Association
5 By: _____ By: _____
6 Its: _____ Its: _____
7 Date: _____ Date: _____
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10 Moss Adams LLP Public Utility Commission Staff
11 By:  By: _____
12 Its: Principal Its: _____
13 Date: July 6, 2010 Date: _____
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16 Citizens Telecommunications of Oregon CenturyTel of Oregon, dba CenturyLink
17 By: _____ By: _____
18 Its: _____ Its: _____
19 Date: _____ Date: _____
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21 CenturyTel of Eastern Oregon, dba CenturyLink
22 By: _____
23 Its: _____
24 Date: _____
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4 GVNW Consulting, Inc. Oregon Telecommunications Association
5 By: _____ By: _____
6 Its: _____ Its: _____
7 Date: _____ Date: _____
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9
10 Moss Adams LLP Public Utility Commission Staff
11 By: _____ By: Michael T. [Signature]
12 Its: _____ Its: Attorney
13 Date: _____ Date: 7/14/10
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16 Citizens Telecommunications of Oregon CenturyTel of Oregon, dba CenturyLink
17 By: _____ By: _____
18 Its: _____ Its: _____
19 Date: _____ Date: _____
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21 CenturyTel of Eastern Oregon, dba CenturyLink
22 By: _____
23 Its: _____
24 Date: _____
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2 signature.

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4 GVNW Consulting, Inc.

Oregon Telecommunications Association

5 By: _____

By: _____

6 Its: _____

Its: _____

7 Date: _____

Date: _____

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9 Moss Adams LLP

Public Utility Commission Staff

10 By: _____

By: _____

11 Its: _____

Its: _____

12 Date: _____

Date: _____

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14
15 Citizens Telecommunications of Oregon

CenturyTel of Oregon, dba CenturyLink

16 By: *Chris Hansen*

By: _____

17 Its: Manager, Gov + External Affairs

Its: _____

18 Date: 06/24/2010

Date: _____

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20
21 CenturyTel of Eastern Oregon, dba CenturyLink

22 By: _____

23 Its: _____

24 Date: _____

This Stipulation is entered into by each party on the date entered below such party's signature.

GVNW Consulting, Inc.

Oregon Telecommunications Association

By: _____

By: _____

Its: _____

Its: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

Moss Adams LLP

Public Utility Commission Staff

By: _____

By: _____

Its: _____

Its: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

Citizens Telecommunications of Oregon

CenturyTel of Oregon, dba CenturyLink

By: _____

By: Barbara Young

Its: _____

Its: Director - State Government affairs

Date: _____

Date: 07/09/10

CenturyTel of Eastern Oregon, dba CenturyLink

By: Barbara Young

Its: Director - State Government affairs

Date: 07/09/10