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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of an Investigation of)
Geographic Rate Deaveraging for) ORDER
Unbundled Network Elements (UNEs).)

DISPOSITION: INVESTIGATION OPENED

At its December 14, 1999, public meeting, the Commission considered a report from its Staff recommending that the Commission open an investigation of geographic rate deaveraging for unbundled network elements (UNEs). The Commission granted Staff's request and directed that an investigation be opened. Because of the importance of the investigation to the users of telecommunications services in Oregon, the Commission directed that Staff and other interested parties act expeditiously in conducting the investigation. A copy of the Staff Report in this docket is affixed to this Order.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that an investigation into geographic rate deaveraging for unbundled network elements (UNEs) be opened.

Made, entered, and effective _____.

Ron Eachus
Chairman

Roger Hamilton
Commissioner

Joan H. Smith
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 of OAR 860-014-0095. A copy of any such request

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must also be served on each party to the proceeding as provided by OAR 860-013-0070. A party may appeal this order to a court pursuant to ORS 756.580.