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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

UM 938

In the Matter of the Petition for Extended Area     )  
Service by the ADRIAN TELEPHONE                     )  
EXCHANGE.   )                     ORDER

**DISPOSITION: COMMUNITY OF INTEREST FOUND BETWEEN ADRIAN  
AND NYSSA; NO COMMUNITY OF INTEREST FOUND  
BETWEEN ADRIAN AND ONTARIO, RIDGEVIEW, OR  
VALE**

On March 3, 2000, an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) issued a proposed order in this matter. The ALJ concluded that only the proposed interexchange route between the Adrian telephone exchange and the Nyssa telephone exchange meets the Commission's objective criteria for a community of interest set forth in Order Nos. 89-815 and 92-1136. The ALJ further concluded that the proposed interexchange routes between the Adrian exchange and the Ontario, Ridgeview, and Vale exchanges failed to meet the Commission's objective criteria for a community of interest.

Based on those conclusions, the ALJ recommended that the portions of the petitions seeking extended area service (EAS) to the Ontario, Ridgeview, and Vale exchanges be dismissed, unless the petitioners requested an opportunity to establish through demographic, economic, financial, and other evidence that a community of interest exists. The proposed order advised the petitioners that such a request had to be filed within 15 days from the date of service.

Petitioners did not request a demographic hearing, and the time for doing so has expired. The proposed order, Attachment 1, has been considered and is adopted.

**ORDER**

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The following interexchange route meets the objective community of interest requirements of Order Nos. 89-815 and 92-1136:

Adrian/Nyssa

This portion of the petition shall proceed to Phase II (tariff analysis). For Phase II, the Adrian/Nyssa portion of this petition will be consolidated with other EAS dockets that complete Phase I by August 1, 2000. The serving telephone companies shall file proposed rates and supporting cost information by October 16, 2000.

2. The following interexchange routes do not meet the objective community of interest requirements of Order Nos. 89-815 and 92-1136:

Adrian/Ontario  
Adrian/Ridgeview  
Adrian/Vale

3. Petitioners did not request an opportunity to establish through demographic, economic, financial, or other evidence that a community of interest exists between the exchanges.
4. That portion of the petition seeking extended area service between the Adrian exchange and the Ontario, Ridgeview, and Vale telephone exchanges is dismissed.

Made, entered, and effective \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Ron Eachus**  
Chairman

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**Roger Hamilton**  
Commissioner

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**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 in OAR 860-014-0095. A copy of any

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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 to a court pursuant to applicable law.