

ORDER NO. 00-301

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of the Application of)	
PACIFICORP and DOUGLAS ELECTRIC)	ORDER
COOPERATIVE for Approval of an)	
Agreement Allocating Electric Service)	
Territory and Customers.		

DISPOSITION: APPLICATION GRANTED

On January 13, 2000, PacifiCorp and Douglas Electric Cooperative (Douglas Electric) (joint applicants) filed an application for approval of an agreement between the two companies allocating electric service territory and customers (agreement). Also included was a legal description of the proposed boundary and a map depicting the boundary line. The application was filed under ORS 758.410 and OAR 860-025-0010. The Commission published notice of the application in the January 20 and 27, 1999, editions of *The News Review*, Roseburg, Oregon, as required in ORS 758.420. On May 18, 2000, Douglas Electric filed an amended legal description describing the boundary change. The Commission received no comments or requests for hearing on the application.

The purpose of the agreement is to realign the service territory boundary between PacifiCorp and Douglas Electric within the Monte Clair subdivision in Sutherlin, Oregon. The adjustment of the service territory boundary line will follow lot lines within the subdivision and create new service territory boundary lines. The entire area affected by the proposed boundary change is currently within the existing allocated territories of either PacifiCorp or Douglas Electric.

According to the joint applicants, the realignment will reduce installation expense, eliminate duplicate facilities and enhance reliability. The joint applicants further state that with the new boundary, the service, cost and reliability by PacifiCorp and Douglas Electric is comparable to the service, cost and reliability that would be provided were either utility to serve the entire subdivision.

The parties assert that the contract will eliminate or avoid unnecessary duplicating facilities, and will promote the efficient and economic use and development and the safety of operation of the utility systems of the parties to the contract while providing adequate and reasonable service to all territories and customers affected by the contract. ORS 758.415.

We received no requests for hearing or comments from the affected customers. Our Staff has no objection to the contract.

Based on the submission of the parties, we conclude that the application should be granted.

IT IS ORDERED that the application to approve the contract between PacifiCorp and Douglas Electric Cooperative to realign service territory boundaries within the Monte Clair subdivision in Sutherlin, Oregon, is granted.

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 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.