

ORDER NO. 00-780

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of Delegation of Authority to)	
Act on Behalf of the Public Utility)	ORDER
Commission of Oregon in the Event of)	
Serious Adverse Weather Conditions.)	

DISPOSITION: DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY AUTHORIZED

When serious adverse weather conditions occur, there may be instances when public utilities, telecommunications utilities, and other entities regulated by the Commission require immediate regulatory action to insure adequate and safe service for the public. If such instances occur when a quorum of the Commission is unavailable, the Commission delegates its authority to exercise its statutory powers and duties as follows:

If only one Commissioner is available, the Commission delegates its powers and duties to that Commissioner. If no Commissioners are available, the Commission delegates its powers and duties to the Director of the Utility Program.

The powers and duties subject to this delegation may not be exercised until all reasonable efforts have been expended to obtain a quorum of the Commission, nor may they be exercised in violation of ORS 756.055.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that

- (1) Pursuant to ORS 756.055, the Public Utility Commission of Oregon is authorized to delegate certain duties and powers imposed by the Commission by law.

- (2) The Commission deems it appropriate that the Commission duties and powers be delegated as specified above in the event of serious adverse weather conditions.

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 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 to a court pursuant to applicable law.