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OF OREGON

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In the Matter of the Petition by Verizon Select Services Inc., for Authority to)	ORDER
Transfer Local Service Customers.)	OKDEK

DISPOSITION: PETITION DENIED

On November 29, 2000, Verizon Select Services Inc., (VSSI) filed a petition with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon. It advised the Commission that it intended to stop providing local exchange telephone service in Oregon as of January 19, 2001. By letter dated December 18, 2000, VSSI advised the Commission that it had changed the date when it would stop service to February 3, 2000. It requested authorization by the Commission to change a customer's local service provider to a default carrier, Verizon Northwest, Inc. or Qwest Corporation, if the customer does not affirmatively choose a new local service provider. It asks, additionally, that the Commission direct those two carriers to provide local exchange service to all these customers, subject to their right to terminate them after proper notice if they do not meet the companies' standards for provision of service.

The Commission considered the matter at its December 19, 2000, Public Meeting. The Commission's Staff presented a memorandum recommending that the Commission deny the petition. A representative of Qwest spoke in opposition to the petition. The Commission adopted the Staff recommendation that the petition be denied. The Staff memorandum is attached to and incorporated in this order as Attachment A.

ORDER

Roger Hamilton
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.