

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON**  
**STAFF REPORT**  
**PUBLIC MEETING DATE: July 24, 2001**

**REGULAR AGENDA**  **CONSENT AGENDA**  **EFFECTIVE DATE** August 4, 2001

**DATE:** July 12, 2001

**TO:** Phil Nyegaard

**FROM:** Cynthia Van Landuyt

**SUBJECT:** Oregon Exchange Carrier Association, Advice No. 78.

**SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Commission allow the filing, effective August 4, 2001, to go into effect.

**DISCUSSION:**

On July 10, 2001, the Oregon Exchange Carrier Association (OECA) filed Advice No. 78 in its intrastate Access Service Tariff to be effective August 4, 2001. This advice revises the Billing and Collection (B&C) bill processing charge to reflect the August 4, 2001 Extended Area Service (EAS) conversions (PUC Order Nos. 01-328 and 01-467).

The Commission, in docket UM 936 et al approved EAS rates for six companies who are involved in the August 4, 2001 EAS conversions. At the time of conversion, costs and minutes are transferred from the intrastate toll/access jurisdiction to EAS. EAS rates were set to recover the additional costs for the new routes. To eliminate double recovery in both the access and EAS rates, these costs and access minutes must be removed from the pool. Pool rates are revised and the company specific distribution ratios are recalculated.

The net effect of the EAS conversions on the Carrier Common Line (CCL), Local Switching, Transport and Oregon Customer Access Fund (OCAF) rate is zero. The Local Switching rate would increase by one at the fifth decimal place with a corresponding decrease by one at the fifth decimal place for the Transport rate. The CCL and OCAF rate are unchanged. Since these two changes completely offset each other, the net effect is zero, and no rates will be changed.

The effect of the EAS conversions increases the Billing and Collection (B&C) processing charge from \$0.342742 to \$0.343969. The net effect is an annual increase in Billing and Collection revenues of \$5,110. See Attachment 1 for a comparison of the current and proposed rate.

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