

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: June 27, 2006**

REGULAR X CONSENT _____ EFFECTIVE DATE July 1, 2006

DATE: June 20, 2006

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Cynthia Van Landuyt

THROUGH: Lee Sparling and Phil Nyegaard

SUBJECT: BEAVER CREEK COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE CO: (Advice No. 83)
Revises the Carrier Common Line, Traffic Sensitive and Special Access rates to concur with the Oregon Exchange Carrier Association's pooled intrastate access charge rates.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Commission allow the filing, effective July 1, 2006, to go into effect.

DISCUSSION:

On June 19, 2006, Beaver Creek Cooperative Telephone Company (Beaver Creek) filed Advice No. 83 in its intrastate Access Service tariff, PUC OR No. 1, to be effective July 1, 2006. The filing was made under ORS 759.220 *Joint rates and classifications; procedure; considerations* and ORS 759.225, *Applications of ORS 759.220 to unincorporated associations and cooperative corporations*. The filing replaces the company-specific switched and special access rates with a concurrence in the Oregon Exchange Carrier Association's (OECA) access charge pool rates.

The Commission, in docket UM 384, issued Order 93-1133 which adopted the Oregon Customer Access Plan (OCAP). In the OCAP, Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers (ILECs) pool their intrastate access costs and charge statewide average access charge rates. Participation is optional on a year to year basis by a certain deadline.¹ The OCAP and access charge pools under that plan were implemented in 1994. At that time, Beaver Creek chose not to participate in the pools. On May 30, 2006, Beaver

¹ The deadline is March 1 of each year. For rate year 2006 only, the Commission extended the deadline to June 1, 2006. See the February 21, 2006, Public Meeting agenda item No. CA3.

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Creek filed a letter with the PUC and OECA stating its intent to join OECA's switched and special access pools.

In this filing, the company replaces its company-specific rates for Carrier Common Line (CCL), switched and special access with language stating it concurs with the OECA pool rates for those access charge rate elements.

In accordance with ORS 759.220(2), *Joint rates and classifications; procedure; considerations*, the Commission could suspend this filing for further investigation. However, staff recommends the Commission accept Beaver Creek's tariff pages as filed.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Beaver Creek's Advice No. 83, replacing company-specific rates with a concurrence in the OECA pool rates for CCL, switched and special access be allowed to go into effect July 1, 2006.