

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON  
STAFF REPORT  
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: December 4, 2007**

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**DATE:** November 27, 2007

**TO:** Public Utility Commission

**FROM:** Marlene Gorsuch

**THROUGH:** Lee Sparling, Dave Booth and Kay Marinos

**SUBJECT:** OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION STAFF: Reallocation of Local Exchange Telecommunications Service Territory for Colton Telephone Company.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Reallocate Colton Telephone Company's local exchange telecommunications service territory using the boundaries of the exchange map filed with and approved by the Commission as set forth in Table 1. This reallocation replaces all previous territory allocations for Colton Telephone Company (Colton).

**DISCUSSION:**

The 2005 Legislature changed Oregon's territory allocation law for telecommunications utilities and telecommunications cooperatives. The new law allocates local exchange telecommunications service territory (service territory) as a geographic area within boundaries set forth in exchange maps filed with and approved by the Commission. This replaces the old "metes and bounds" descriptions. See ORS 759.500(1).

Section 27, chapter 232, Oregon Laws 2005, subsection (1) directs the Commission to: "Reallocate every allocated local exchange telecommunications service territory to a telecommunications utility, cooperative corporation or municipality to whom the Commission had previously allocated local exchange telecommunications service territory. Allocations granted by the commission pursuant to this subsection shall replace all allocations to telecommunications utilities, cooperative corporations or municipalities granted by the commission prior to January 1, 2006."

The Commission previously allocated local exchange telecommunications service territory to Colton in an order issued in 1986. Staff reviewed the Commission's records to identify all Colton territory allocation orders issued prior to January 1, 2006, and currently in effect. Staff then determined that Colton's approved local exchange map is encompassed in whole or in part by the metes and bounds description in this previous territory allocation order.

Colton has a Commission-approved map on file for the company's local exchange, Colton. Staff concluded that Colton's map is wholly or partially within the metes and bounds description in the company's previous territory allocation order.

On August 30, 2007, Staff sent Colton a letter describing staff's conclusions in detail, and asking Colton to make corrections, if any, by September 20, 2007. Colton confirmed staff's basic conclusion regarding the relationship between the previous territory allocation order and the approved local exchange map.

Table 1 describes reallocation for Colton in detail. Reallocations are identified by exchange name and the effective date of the corresponding Commission-approved exchange map. Previous allocation is identified by Commission order number.

TABLE 1

Exchange Name	Reallocation Approved Exchange Map (Effective Date)	Previous Allocation (Commission Order)
Colton	September 1, 1987	Order No. 86-545

**PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:**

Colton Telephone Company's local exchange telecommunications service territory be reallocated using the boundaries of the exchange map filed with and approved by the Commission as set forth in Table 1, replacing all previous territory allocations for Colton Telephone Company.