

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
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DATE: March 10, 2008

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Marlene Gorsuch

THROUGH: Lee Sparling, Dave Booth and Kay Marinos

SUBJECT: OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION STAFF: (Docket No. UA 134)
Reallocation of local exchange telecommunications service territory for
Trans-Cascades Telephone Company.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Reallocate Trans-Cascades 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 Trans-Cascades Telephone Company (Trans-Cascades).

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 Trans-Cascades in an order issued in 1985. Staff reviewed the Commission's records to identify all Trans-Cascades' territory allocation orders issued prior to January 1, 2006, and currently in effect. Staff then determined that Trans-Cascades' approved local exchange map is encompassed in whole or in part by the metes and bounds description in this previous territory allocation order.

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

On February 7, 2008, Staff sent Trans-Cascades a letter describing Staff's conclusions in detail, and asking Trans-Cascades to make corrections, if any, by February 28, 2008. Trans-Cascades 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 Trans-Cascades 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		Previous Allocation (Commission Order)
	Approved Exchange Map (Effective Date)		
Antelope	April 12, 1985		Order No. 85-074

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Trans-Cascades 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 Trans-Cascades Telephone Company.