

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: February 24, 2009**

REGULAR _____ **CONSENT** X **EFFECTIVE DATE** _____ **NA** _____

DATE: February 10, 2009

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Marlene Gorsuch

THROUGH: Lee Sparling, Bryan Conway and Kay Marinos

SUBJECT: OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION STAFF: (Docket No. UA 142)
Reallocation of local exchange telecommunications service territory for Pioneer Telephone Cooperative.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Reallocate Pioneer Telephone Cooperative'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 Pioneer Telephone Cooperative (Pioneer).

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 Pioneer in an order. Staff reviewed the Commission's records to identify all

Pioneer territory allocation orders issued prior to January 1, 2006, and currently in effect.

Pioneer has a Commission-approved map on file that includes all 14 of the company's local exchanges. Staff concluded that Pioneer's local exchange map is wholly or partially within the metes and bounds descriptions in Pioneer's previous territory allocation orders.

On October 22, 2008, Staff sent Pioneer a letter describing staff's findings in detail, and asking Pioneer to make corrections, if any, by November 12, 2008. Pioneer verified that the map and Commission Order No. 82-808 are what they have on file also.

Table 1 describes reallocations for Pioneer in detail. Reallocations are identified by exchange name and the effective date of the corresponding Commission-approved exchange map. Previous allocations are identified by Commission order number.

TABLE 1

Exchange Name	Reallocation Approved Exchange Map (Effective Date)	Previous Allocation (Commission Order)
Alsea	August 31, 2001	Order No. 82-808
Bellfountain	August 31, 2001	Order No. 82-808
Blodgett	August 31, 2001	Order No. 82-808
Chitwood	August 31, 2001	Order No. 82-808
Harlan	August 31, 2001	Order No. 82-808
Horton	August 31, 2001	Order No. 82-808
Lobster Valley	August 31, 2001	Order No. 82-808
Philomath	August 31, 2001	Order No. 82-808
South Beach	August 31, 2001	Order No. 82-808
Summit	August 31, 2001	Order No. 82-808
Tidewater	August 31, 2001	Order No. 82-808
Triangle Lake	August 31, 2001	Order No. 82-808
Waldport	August 31, 2001	Order No. 82-808
Yachats	August 31, 2001	Order No. 82-808

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Reallocate Pioneer Telephone Cooperative'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, replacing all previous territory allocations for Pioneer Telephone Cooperative.