

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
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DATE: October 27, 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 154)
Reallocation of local exchange telecommunications service territory for
United Telephone Company of the Northwest/CenturyLink.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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

DISCUSSION:

The 2005 Legislature changed Oregon's territory allocation law for telecommunications utilities and telecommunications cooperatives. The purpose of the change was two-fold. First, the new law allocates local exchange telecommunications service territory (service territory) as a geographic area within boundaries set forth on exchange maps filed with and approved by the Commission. See ORS 759.500(1). This replaces the old "metes and bounds" descriptions frequently used by the Commission to identify the geographic boundaries of local telephone exchanges.

The new law, Section 27, chapter 232, Oregon Laws 2005, provides, in part, that the Commission shall:

- (1) 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.

(2) Upon request, allocate every local exchange telecommunications service territory that is shown on a map approved by the Commission that is unallocated as of December 31, 2005, to the telecommunications utility, cooperative corporation or municipality that filed the map.

United has Commission-approved maps on file for all of the Company's local exchanges. According to Commission records, all of United's previously allocated service territories have Commission-approved maps on file.

On October 1, 2009, Staff sent United an email describing Staff's conclusion in detail, and asked United to make corrections, if any, by October 15, 2009. United confirmed Staff's basic conclusion regarding the relationship between the previous territory allocations and the approved local exchange maps.

Table 1 describes reallocation for United in detail. Reallocations are identified by exchange names and the effective dates of the most recent corresponding Commission-approved exchange maps.

TABLE 1

| Reallocation | |
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| Exchange Name | Approved Exchange Map Effective Date |
| Arlington | February 26, 1992 |
| Bay City | February 26, 1992 |
| Beaver | February 26, 1992 |
| Butte Falls | February 26, 1992 |
| Carlton | February 26, 1992 |
| Cascade Locks | February 26, 1992 |
| Cloverdale | February 26, 1992 |
| Crater Lake | February 26, 1992 |
| Diamond Lake | February 26, 1992 |
| Fish Lake | February 26, 1992 |
| Garibaldi | February 26, 1992 |
| Grand Ronde | February 26, 1992 |
| Grass Valley | February 26, 1992 |
| Hood River | February 26, 1992 |
| Lincoln City | February 26, 1992 |
| Moro | February 26, 1992 |

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| Mosier | April 24, 2002 |
| Odell | February 26, 1992 |
| Pacific City | February 26, 1992 |
| Parkdale | February 26, 1992 |
| Prospect | February 26, 1992 |
| Rockaway | February 26, 1992 |
| Rufus | February 26, 1992 |
| Shady Cove | February 26, 1992 |
| Sheridan | September 23, 1993 |
| The Dalles | April 24, 2002 |
| Tillamook | February 26, 1992 |
| Wasco | February 26, 1992 |
| White City | February 26, 1992 |
| Willamina | February 26, 1992 |

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Reallocate United Telephone Company of the Northwest/CenturyLink's local exchange telecommunications service territory using the boundaries of the exchange maps filed with and approved by the Commission as set forth in Table 1, replacing all previous territory allocations for United Telephone Company of the Northwest/CenturyLink.