

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON  
STAFF REPORT  
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: November 3, 2009**

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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 155)  
Reallocation of local exchange telecommunications service territory for  
Citizens Telecommunications Company of Oregon.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

The Commission should reallocate Citizens Telecommunications Company of Oregon'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 Citizens Telecommunications Company of Oregon (Citizens).

**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.

Citizens has Commission-approved maps on file for all of the Company's local exchanges. According to Commission records, all of Citizens' previously allocated service territories are mentioned in Commission Order No. 97-090.

On September 22, 2009, Staff sent Citizens an email describing Staff's conclusion in detail, and asked Citizens to make corrections, if any, by October 6, 2009. Citizens confirmed Staff's basic conclusion regarding the relationship between the previous territory allocations and the approved local exchange maps.

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

TABLE 1

Exchange Name	Reallocation	
	Approved Exchange Map	Commission Order No.
Azalea	December 29, 1997	97-090 Entered March 5, 1997
Canyonville	December 29, 1997	97-090 Entered March 5, 1997
Cave Junction	December 29, 1997	97-090 Entered March 5, 1997
Days Creek	December 29, 1997	97-090 Entered March 5, 1997
Glendale	December 29, 1997	97-090 Entered March 5, 1997
Myrtle Creek	December 29, 1997	97-090 Entered March 5, 1997
O'Brien	December 29, 1997	97-090 Entered March 5, 1997
Riddle	December 29, 1997	97-090 Entered March 5, 1997
Selma	December 29, 1997	97-090 Entered March 5, 1997
Wolf Creek	December 29, 1997	97-090 Entered March 5, 1997

**PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:**

Citizens Telecommunications Company of Oregon's local exchange telecommunications service territory be reallocated 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 Citizens Telecommunications Company of Oregon.