

**B-Engrossed**  
**Senate Bill 600**

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Sponsored by Senator NELSON

**SUMMARY**

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Reorganizes and restates telecommunications utility regulation law.

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

1  
2 Relating to telecommunications; creating new provisions; amending ORS 192.501, 759.005, 759.040,  
3 759.050, 759.175, 759.180, 759.195, 759.210, 759.215, 759.255, 759.385, 759.390, 759.410, 759.500,  
4 759.535, 759.560, 759.565 and 759.570; and repealing ORS 759.010, 759.030, 759.100, 759.110,  
5 759.115, 759.505, 759.510, 759.515, 759.520, 759.525, 759.530, 759.540, 759.545, 759.550 and 759.555.

6 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

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8 **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

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10 **SECTION 1.** ORS 759.005 is amended to read:

11 759.005. (1)(a) As used in this chapter, except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection,  
12 "telecommunications utility" means:

13 (A) Any corporation, company, individual, association of individuals, or its lessees, trustees or  
14 receivers, that owns, operates, manages or controls all or a part of any plant or equipment in this  
15 state for the provision of telecommunications service, directly or indirectly to or for the public,  
16 whether or not [*such*] **the** plant or equipment, or [*part thereof*] **any portion of the plant or**  
17 **equipment**, is wholly within any town or city.

18 (B) Any corporation, company, individual or association of individuals[ *which*] **that** is party to  
19 an oral or written agreement for the payment by a telecommunications utility, for service, manage-  
20 rial construction, engineering or financing fees, and having an affiliated interest with the telecom-  
21 munications utility.

22 (b) As used in this chapter, "telecommunications utility" does not include:

23 (A) Any plant owned or operated by a municipality.

24 (B) Any corporation not providing intrastate telecommunications service to the public in this  
25 state, whether or not [*such*] **the** corporation has an office in this state or has an affiliated interest  
26 with a telecommunications utility as defined in this chapter.

27 (C) Any person acting only as a competitive telecommunications provider.

28 (D) Any corporation, company, individual or association of individuals providing only telephone

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.  
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 customer premises equipment to the public.

2 (2) As used in this chapter:

3 (a) "Competitive telecommunications provider" means a telecommunications services provider  
4 [which] **that** has been classified as [such] **a competitive telecommunications provider** by the  
5 Public Utility Commission pursuant to ORS 759.020.

6 (b) "Intrastate telecommunications service" means any telecommunications service in which the  
7 information transmitted originates and terminates within the boundaries of the State of Oregon.

8 (c) "Local exchange telecommunications service" means telecommunications service provided  
9 within the boundaries of exchange maps filed with and approved by the commission.

10 (d) "Private telecommunications network" means a system **for the provision of telecommuni-**  
11 **cations service or any portion of telecommunications service**, including the construction,  
12 maintenance or operation [thereof, for the provision of telecommunications service or any portion of  
13 such service] **of the system**, by a person for the exclusive use of that person and not for resale,  
14 directly or indirectly.

15 (e) "Radio common carrier" means any corporation, company, association, joint stock associ-  
16 ation, partnership and person, their lessees, trustees or receivers and any town making available  
17 facilities to provide radio communications service, radio paging or cellular communications service  
18 for hire.

19 (f) "Shared telecommunications service" means the provision of telecommunications and infor-  
20 mation management services and equipment to a user group located in discrete premises in building  
21 complexes, campuses or high-rise buildings, by a commercial shared services provider or by a users'  
22 association, through privately owned customer premises equipment and associated data processing  
23 and information management services and includes the provision of connections to local exchange  
24 telecommunications service.

25 (g) "Telecommunications service" means two-way switched access and transport of voice com-  
26 munications but does not include:

27 (A) Services provided by radio common carrier.

28 (B) One-way transmission of television signals.

29 (C) Surveying.

30 (D) Private telecommunications networks.

31 (E) Communications of the customer [which] **that** take place on the customer side of on-premises  
32 equipment.

33 (h) "Toll" means **switched** telecommunications between exchanges carried on the public  
34 switched network [for which charges are made on a per-unit basis]. "Toll" does not include services  
35 [which] **that** are an option to flat rate local or extended area service, even though [such] **the** options  
36 may include charges on a per-unit basis.

37 **SECTION 2. ORS 759.010 is repealed.**

38 **SECTION 3. Sections 4, 5 and 7 to 11 of this 2005 Act are added to and made a part of**  
39 **ORS chapter 759.**

40 **SECTION 4. (1) A telecommunications utility may not use revenues earned from, or al-**  
41 **locate expenses to, that portion of the utility's business that is regulated under this chapter**  
42 **in order to subsidize activities that are not regulated by this chapter.**

43 **(2) The Public Utility Commission may not require revenues or expenses from an activity**  
44 **that is not regulated under this chapter to be attributed to the regulated activities of a**  
45 **telecommunications utility.**



1       **(2) The price list shall contain the description, terms, conditions and prices of the service**  
2 **or product described in subsection (1) of this section. No other schedule for price listed ser-**  
3 **vices need be filed with the commission. The price list or any revision of the price list is not**  
4 **subject to the provisions of ORS 759.180 to 759.190 and shall become effective immediately**  
5 **upon filing with the commission unless a later date is specified.**

6       **(3) In determining whether a product or service is subject to competition, the commis-**  
7 **sion shall consider:**

8       **(a) The extent to which services are available from alternative providers in the relevant**  
9 **market.**

10       **(b) The extent to which services of alternative providers are functionally equivalent or**  
11 **substitutable at comparable rates or under comparable terms and conditions.**

12       **(c) Existing economic or regulatory barriers to entry.**

13       **(d) Any other factors deemed relevant by the commission.**

14       **SECTION 10. (1) If the Public Utility Commission determines that a product or service**  
15 **offered by a telecommunications utility as part of interexchange telecommunications ser-**  
16 **vices can be demonstrated by the utility to be subject to competition, the commission, under**  
17 **conditions that the commission determines are reasonable, may authorize the utility to file**  
18 **a price list with the commission.**

19       **(2) The price list shall contain the description, terms, conditions and prices of the service**  
20 **or product described in subsection (1) of this section. No other schedule for price listed ser-**  
21 **vices need be filed with the commission. The price list or any revision of the price list is not**  
22 **subject to the provisions of ORS 759.180 to 759.190 and shall become effective immediately**  
23 **on filing with the commission unless a later date is specified.**

24       **(3) In determining whether a product or service is subject to competition, the commis-**  
25 **sion shall consider:**

26       **(a) The extent to which services are available from alternative providers in the relevant**  
27 **market.**

28       **(b) The extent to which services of alternative providers are functionally equivalent or**  
29 **substitutable at comparable rates or under comparable terms and conditions.**

30       **(c) Existing economic or regulatory barriers to entry.**

31       **(d) Any other factors deemed relevant by the commission.**

32       **SECTION 11. Within 60 days of a filing under section 8, 9 or 10 of this 2005 Act, the Public**  
33 **Utility Commission shall either determine the appropriateness of the filing or determine that**  
34 **further investigation is necessary. If the commission determines that further investigation**  
35 **is necessary, the commission may suspend operation of the filing for a period not longer than**  
36 **five months from the end of the initial 60-day period. Upon a showing of good cause, any**  
37 **party may request extension of the suspension period for an additional three months.**

38       **SECTION 12. ORS 759.040 is amended to read:**

39       **759.040. (1) Subject to subsection (6) of this section, ORS 759.180 to 759.190 do not apply to new**  
40 **or revised tariff schedules filed with the Public Utility Commission by telecommunications utilities**  
41 **or affiliated groups of telecommunications utilities serving fewer than 50,000 access lines in Oregon**  
42 **and not affiliated or under common control with any other kind of public utility providing service**  
43 **in Oregon.**

44       **(2) Subject to subsection (6) of this section, ORS 759.375 to 759.393 do not apply to telecommu-**  
45 **nications utilities or affiliated groups of telecommunications utilities serving fewer than 50,000 ac-**

1 cess lines in Oregon and not affiliated or under common control with any other kind of public utility  
2 providing service in Oregon.

3 (3) Subject to subsection (6) of this section, ORS [759.100 to 759.115 and] 759.300 to 759.360 do  
4 not apply to telecommunications utilities or affiliated groups of telecommunications utilities serving  
5 fewer than 50,000 access lines in Oregon and not affiliated or under common control with any other  
6 kind of public utility providing service in Oregon.

7 (4) Upon petition by any telecommunications utility serving fewer than 50,000 access lines in  
8 Oregon and affiliated or under common control with another public utility providing service in  
9 Oregon, and a finding that such action is consistent with the public interest, the commission by or-  
10 der may exempt such telecommunications utility from:

11 (a) ORS 759.180 to 759.190.

12 (b) ORS 759.375 to 759.393.

13 (c) ORS [759.100 to 759.115 and] 759.300 to 759.360.

14 (5) Upon petition by any telecommunications utility serving fewer than 50,000 access lines in  
15 Oregon, and finding that such action is consistent with the public interest, the commission by order  
16 may exempt such telecommunications utility from ORS 759.175 and 759.205 to 759.215.

17 (6) Upon petition by the telecommunications utility or upon petition by 10 percent of the then  
18 current access line subscribers, or 500 subscribers, whichever is the lesser, of any telecommuni-  
19 cations utility:

20 (a) Filed with the commission not less than 10 days prior to the proposed effective date of new  
21 or revised tariff schedules, the commission may impose **all or part of** the procedures of ORS 759.180  
22 to 759.190 [or any part thereof,] to any [such] **of the** schedules of a telecommunications utility ex-  
23 emptioned from ORS 759.180 to 759.190 pursuant to this section.

24 (b) After notice and hearing and a finding that [such] **the** action is required by the public in-  
25 terest, the commission may revoke any exemption granted pursuant to this section[, or any part  
26 thereof,] or impose reasonable conditions upon the continued exercise [thereof] **of the exemption**.

27 (7) Any telecommunications utility for which an exemption from the application of ORS 759.180  
28 to 759.190 is provided pursuant to this section shall notify its affected customers of any price in-  
29 crease for intrastate telecommunications services at least 45 days prior to the proposed effective  
30 date of the increase.

31 (8) Any telecommunications utility for which an exemption from the application of any statute  
32 is provided pursuant to this section shall file with the commission an annual report that includes  
33 copies of the income statement and balance sheet the telecommunications utility files with the  
34 Federal Communications Commission. Each [such] telecommunications utility **described in this**  
35 **subsection** shall notify customers that the income statement and balance sheet are on file with the  
36 commission.

37 **SECTION 13.** ORS 759.050 is amended to read:

38 759.050. (1) As used in this section:

39 (a) "Competitive zone" means a telecommunications service area within all or part of a local  
40 exchange, described both by service and territory, that has been designated a competitive zone by  
41 the Public Utility Commission under subsection (2) or (4) of this section.

42 (b) "Competitive zone service" means a local exchange telecommunications service that the  
43 commission has authorized to be provided within a competitive zone.

44 (c) "Essential function" means a functional component of a competitive zone service necessary  
45 to the provision of the service by a telecommunications provider for which there is no adequate al-

1 ternative in terms of quality, quantity and price to the incumbent telecommunications utility.

2 (d) "Telecommunications utility" and "competitive provider" mean those entities that are clas-  
3 sified as such by the commission under ORS 759.020. "Telecommunications provider" includes both  
4 telecommunications utilities and competitive providers.

5 (2)(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of ORS 759.020 (3), the commission may certify one or  
6 more persons, including another telecommunications utility, to provide local exchange telecommu-  
7 nications service within the local exchange telecommunications service area of a certificated tele-  
8 communications utility if the commission determines that *[such]* **the** authorization would be in the  
9 public interest. For the purpose of determining whether *[such]* **the** authorization would be in the  
10 public interest, the commission shall consider:

11 (A) The effect on rates for local exchange telecommunications service customers both within and  
12 outside the competitive zone.

13 (B) The effect on competition in the local exchange telecommunications service area.

14 (C) The effect on access by customers to high quality, innovative telecommunications service in  
15 the local exchange telecommunications service area.

16 (D) Any other facts the commission considers relevant.

17 (b) Upon certification of a telecommunications provider under paragraph (a) of this subsection,  
18 the commission shall establish a competitive zone defined by the services to be provided by the  
19 telecommunications provider and the geographic area to be served by the telecommunications pro-  
20 vider. Price and service competition within the meaning of *[ORS 759.030 shall]* **section 8 of this**  
21 **2005 Act may** not be deemed to exist by virtue of the establishment of a competitive zone.

22 (c) At the time of certification of a telecommunications provider, or thereafter, the commission  
23 may impose reasonable conditions upon the authority of the telecommunications provider to provide  
24 competitive zone service within the competitive zone. **Reasonable conditions include** *[including]*,  
25 but **are** not limited to, conditions:

26 (A) Designed to promote fair competition, such as interconnection[,]; and

27 (B) **Requiring** contributions of the type required of a telecommunications utility on account of  
28 the provision of local exchange service, including those to the Residential Service Protection Fund  
29 or the Telecommunication Devices Access Program.

30 (3) Upon demand, a competitive provider of competitive zone services shall make available to  
31 the commission any information relating to competitive zone services that the commission requests.  
32 Information provided to the commission by a competitive provider under this subsection shall be  
33 confidential and *[shall]* **may** not be disclosed by the commission, except for regulatory purposes in  
34 the context of a proceeding before the commission.

35 (4) Upon application by a telecommunications utility and a showing of competition within its  
36 local exchange, whether or not from certificated providers, the commission may designate all or part  
37 of the local exchange a competitive zone.

38 (5)(a) Except with respect to telecommunications utilities that are exempt from the provisions  
39 of ORS 759.180 to 759.190, unless the commission determines that it is not in the public interest at  
40 the time a competitive zone is created, upon designation of a competitive zone, price changes, ser-  
41 vice variations and modifications of competitive zone services offered by a telecommunications util-  
42 ity in the zone *[shall not be]* **are not** subject to ORS 759.180 to 759.190 and, at the  
43 telecommunication utility's discretion, may be made effective upon filing with the commission.

44 (b) The price and terms of service offered by a telecommunications utility for a competitive zone  
45 service within a competitive zone may differ from that outside of the zone. However, the price for

1 a competitive zone service within the zone may not be lower than the total service long run incre-  
 2 mental cost, for nonessential functions, of providing the service within the zone and the charges for  
 3 essential functions used in providing the service, but the commission may establish rates for resi-  
 4 dential local exchange telecommunications service at any level necessary to achieve the commis-  
 5 sion's universal service objectives. Within the zone, the price of a competitive zone service, or any  
 6 essential function used in providing the competitive zone service, may not be higher than those  
 7 prices in effect when the competitive zone was established, unless authorized by the commission.

8 (c) The commission may revoke the exemption of a telecommunications utility from ORS 759.180  
 9 to 759.190 if the commission finds that the utility has violated statutes, rules or conditions of the  
 10 commission applicable to competitive zone services or that there has been a substantial change in  
 11 the circumstances that prevailed at the time the competitive zone was first established.

12 (d) On the motion of a telecommunications provider or on its own motion, the commission may  
 13 order a telecommunications utility to disaggregate and offer essential functions of the telecommu-  
 14 nications utility's local exchange network.

15 (6) A decision of the commission, with respect to the terms and conditions under which com-  
 16 petitive zone services may be offered within a competitive zone by a telecommunications utility, to  
 17 authorize a competitor to provide service within the local exchange service area of a telecommuni-  
 18 cations utility or to otherwise designate a competitive zone shall be subject to judicial review, but  
 19 [shall] **may** not be stayed other than by order of the commission, except upon a showing by clear  
 20 and convincing evidence that failure to stay the decision will result in irreparable harm to the  
 21 aggrieved party.

22 (7) The exclusive remedy of a telecommunications provider aggrieved by the prices, terms of  
 23 service or practices of another provider with respect to competitive zone services within a compet-  
 24 itive zone [shall be a complaint filed] **is to file a complaint** with the commission under ORS 756.500.  
 25 The commission, either upon complaint or its own motion, may permanently suspend a filing made  
 26 by a provider with respect to a competitive zone service or take such other action as the commis-  
 27 sion deems appropriate, except an award for damages. A claim for damages arising from a commis-  
 28 sion decision in favor of the provider on a matter alleged in the complaint shall be brought as a  
 29 separate action at law.

30 (8) Nothing in this section shall serve to shield any telecommunications provider of local ex-  
 31 change telecommunications service from state or federal antitrust laws.

32 (9) The commission shall report annually to the Legislative Assembly:

33 (a) The number of competitive zones created under ORS 759.020 and 759.050;

34 (b) The number of competitive providers authorized under ORS 759.020 and 759.050;

35 (c) The number and types of competitive services made available to consumers; and

36 (d) Consumer comments on competitive telecommunications services.

37 **SECTION 13a.** ORS 759.195 is amended to read:

38 759.195. (1) Except as provided in subsection (6) of this section, upon petition of a telecommu-  
 39 nications utility [which] **that** provides local exchange service directly, or is affiliated with a utility  
 40 [which] **that** provides local exchange service, and after notice and hearing, the Public Utility Com-  
 41 mission may authorize the utility to set rates for toll and other telecommunications services by filing  
 42 a price list containing the price and terms for the service. The price list or any [revisions thereof,  
 43 shall not be] **revision of the price list is not** subject to the provisions of ORS 759.180 to 759.190  
 44 and shall become effective as determined by the commission. The commission may prescribe condi-  
 45 tions on an authorization to establish rates by price list, including conditions relating to the sharing

1 of revenues received by the utility *[which]* **that** are in excess of allowances provided for in the order  
2 of authorization.

3 (2) Telecommunications utilities *[which]* **that** provide telecommunications services only between  
4 exchanges and are not affiliated with a utility *[which]* **that** provides local exchange service[, *may*  
5 *price list services*] **may establish rates by price list** without special authorization *[of]* **from** the  
6 commission.

7 (3) Prior to granting a petition to set rates by price list under this section, the commission shall  
8 find that pricing flexibility:

9 (a) Is reasonably necessary to enable the utility to respond to current and future competitive  
10 conditions for any or all telecommunications services;

11 (b) Will maintain the appropriate balance between the need for price flexibility and the pro-  
12 tection of consumers;

13 (c) Is likely to benefit the consumers of fixed rate services; and

14 (d) Is unlikely to cause any undue harm to any customer class.

15 (4) A rate set for a service by a utility *[shall]* **may** not be lower than the long run incremental  
16 cost of providing the service.

17 (5) Upon its own motion the commission may fix maximum rate levels and terms of service for  
18 price listed services and for toll services on noncompetitive routes. Upon request of any affected  
19 person, the commission shall fix maximum rate levels and terms of service for price listed services  
20 not subject to competition and for toll services on noncompetitive routes.

21 (6) By rule, the commission shall designate local exchange services *[which]* **that** it deems es-  
22 sential, and rates for such services shall be prescribed under ORS 759.180 to 759.190. *[Rates for es-*  
23 *essential services need not be designed to recover the cost of service of such services, but may be*  
24 *supported by revenues from other regulated telecommunication services of the utility or its affiliates.*  
25 *Such support is in addition to any subsidy which may be provided under ORS 759.030 (9).]* The com-  
26 mission also may authorize automatic adjustment clauses which reflect increases, decreases, or both,  
27 in particular costs incurred by the utility. For the purposes of this subsection, “essential  
28 services” need not be essential for all classes of customers.

29 (7) The commission may, at any time, order a telecommunications utility to appear and establish  
30 that any[, *or all,*] of its price listed rates are just and reasonable and in conformity with the re-  
31 quirements of this section and the authorization to price list issued by the commission. *[Such]* **Price**  
32 **listed** rates shall also be subject to complaint under ORS 756.500.

33 **SECTION 13b.** ORS 759.255 is amended to read:

34 759.255. (1) In addition to powers vested in the Public Utility Commission under ORS 759.195,  
35 and subject to the limitations contained in subsections (2) to (4) of this section, upon petition of a  
36 telecommunications utility that provides local exchange service directly, or is affiliated with a util-  
37 ity that provides local exchange service, the commission, after notice and hearing, may approve a  
38 plan under which the commission regulates prices charged by the utility, without regard to the re-  
39 turn on investment of the utility. Prices approved under the plan *[shall not be]* **are not** subject to  
40 the provisions of ORS 759.180 to 759.190 and shall become effective as stated in the plan.

41 (2) Prior to granting a petition to approve a plan under subsection (1) of this section, the com-  
42 mission must find that the plan is in the public interest. In making its determination the commission  
43 shall consider, among other matters, whether the plan:

44 (a) Ensures prices for telecommunications services that are just and reasonable;

45 (b) Ensures high quality of existing telecommunications services and makes new services avail-



1 able;

2 (c) Maintains the appropriate balance between the need for regulation and competition; and

3 (d) Simplifies regulation.

4 (3) If the commission approves a plan under subsection (1) of this section, *[it]* **the commission**  
5 shall establish objectives of the plan and conditions for review of the plan during *[its]* **the operation**  
6 **of the plan**. The commission *[shall]* **may** not consider return on investment of the utility when *[it]*  
7 **the commission** establishes objectives of the plan and conditions for review of the plan during  
8 *[its]* **the operation of the plan**.

9 (4) A rate for any service in the plan authorized under subsection (1) of this section may not  
10 be lower than the total service long run incremental cost, for nonessential functions, of providing  
11 the service and the charges of essential functions used in providing the service. However, the com-  
12 mission may allow a telecommunications utility to establish rates for residential local exchange  
13 service at any level necessary to achieve the commission's universal service objectives.

14 (5) If the commission approves a plan under subsection (1) of this section, the commission may  
15 waive, in whole or in part, compliance by the telecommunications utility with ORS *[759.100, 759.110*  
16 *to]* **759.120, 759.125, 759.130, 759.135, 759.180 to 759.205, 759.215, 759.220, 759.285 and 759.300 to**  
17 **759.393**.

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19 **ACCOUNTS AND RECORDS**

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21 **SECTION 14. ORS 759.100, 759.110 and 759.115 are repealed.**

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23 **RATE REGULATION AND PROCEDURES**

24  
25 **SECTION 15.** ORS 759.175 is amended to read:

26 759.175. (1) Every telecommunications utility shall file with the Public Utility Commission,  
27 within a time to be fixed by the commission, schedules *[which shall be open to public inspection,]*  
28 showing all rates, tolls and charges *[which it]* **that the utility** has established and *[which]* **that** are  
29 in force at the time for any service performed by *[it]* **the utility** within the state, or for any service  
30 in connection *[therewith]* **with** or performed by any *[telecommunications]* utility controlled or oper-  
31 ated by *[it]* **the utility**. **Schedules filed with the commission shall be open to public inspection.**

32 (2) Every telecommunications utility shall file, with and as part of every *[such]* schedule **filed**  
33 **under subsection (1) of this section**, all rules and regulations that in any manner affect the rates  
34 charged or to be charged for any service. *[Every telecommunications utility shall also file with the*  
35 *commission copies of interstate rate schedules and rules and regulations issued by it or to which it is*  
36 *a party.]*

37 (3) Where a schedule of joint rates or charges is or may be in force between two or more tele-  
38 communications utilities, *[such schedules]* **the schedule** shall in like manner be printed and filed  
39 with the commission.

40 **SECTION 16.** ORS 759.180 is amended to read:

41 759.180. (1)**(a)** Except as provided in ORS *[759.030 and]* 759.195 **and 759.410 and section 8, 9**  
42 **or 10 of this 2005 Act**, whenever any telecommunications utility files with the Public Utility Com-  
43 mission any rate or schedule of rates stating or establishing a new rate or schedule of rates or in-  
44 creasing an existing rate or schedule of rates, the commission may, either upon written complaint  
45 or upon the commission's own initiative, after reasonable notice, conduct a hearing to determine the

1 propriety and reasonableness of [*such*] **the** rate or schedule. The commission shall conduct [*such a*]  
 2 **the** hearing upon written complaint filed by the telecommunications utility, its customer or cus-  
 3 tomers, or any other proper party within 60 days of the telecommunications utility's filing[; *provided*  
 4 *that no*]. A hearing need **not** be held if the particular rate change is the result of an automatic ad-  
 5 justment clause. At [*such*] **the** hearing the telecommunications utility shall bear the burden of  
 6 showing that the rate or schedule of rates proposed to be established or increased or changed is just  
 7 and reasonable.

8 **(b) As used in this subsection,** [*The term*] "automatic adjustment clause" means a provision  
 9 of a rate schedule, authorized pursuant to ORS 759.195 (6), [*which*] **that** provides for rate increases,  
 10 [*or*] decreases or both, without prior hearing, reflecting increases, decreases or both in costs in-  
 11 curred by a telecommunications utility and [*which*] **that** is subject to review by the commission at  
 12 least once every two years.

13 (2) The commission and staff may consult at any time with, and provide technical assistance to,  
 14 telecommunications utilities, their customers, and other interested parties on matters relevant to  
 15 utility rates and charges. If a hearing is held with respect to a rate change, the [*commission's*] de-  
 16 cisions **of the commission** shall be based on the record made at the hearing.

17 **NOTE:** Section 17 was deleted by amendment. Subsequent sections were not renumbered.

18 **SECTION 18.** ORS 759.210 is amended to read:

19 759.210. (1) The Public Utility Commission shall provide for a comprehensive classification of  
 20 service for each telecommunications utility [*and such*]. **The** classification may take into account the  
 21 quantity used, the time when used, the purpose for which used, the existence of price competition  
 22 or a service alternative, the services being provided, the conditions of service and any other rea-  
 23 sonable consideration. Based on [*such*] **these** considerations the commission may authorize classi-  
 24 fications or schedules of rates applicable to individual customers or groups of customers. [*The*  
 25 *service classifications and schedule forms shall be designed consistently with the requirements of ORS*  
 26 *469.010.*] Each telecommunications utility is required to conform its schedules of rates to such clas-  
 27 sification. If the commission determines that a tariff filing under ORS 759.175 results in a rate  
 28 classification primarily related to price competition or a service alternative, the commission, at a  
 29 minimum, shall consider the following:

30 (a) Whether the rate generates revenues at least sufficient to cover relevant short and long run  
 31 costs of the utility during the term of the rates; and

32 (b) Whether the rate generates revenues sufficient to insure that just and reasonable rates are  
 33 established for remaining customers of the telecommunications utility.

34 (2) The commission may prescribe [*such*] **any** changes in the form in which the schedules are  
 35 issued by any telecommunications utility as [*may be found*] **the commission finds** to be expedient.  
 36 The commission shall adopt rules [*which*] **that** allow any person who requests notice of tariff filings  
 37 described under subsection (1) of this section to receive such notice.

38 **SECTION 19.** ORS 759.215 is amended to read:

39 759.215. (1) A copy of so much of all schedules, including schedules of joint rates and charges,  
 40 as the Public Utility Commission deems necessary for the use of the public, shall be [*printed in plain*  
 41 *type and kept on file in every business office of such telecommunications utility, open to the public, and*  
 42 *in such form and place as to be readily accessible to the public for convenient inspection*] **made**  
 43 **available to the public.**

44 (2) **Except as provided in ORS 759.410 (8),** copies of all new schedules shall be [*filed in every*  
 45 *business office of such telecommunications utility*] **made readily accessible to the public as re-**

1 **quired by the commission** 30 days prior to the time the schedules are to take effect, unless the  
2 commission prescribes a shorter time.

3 **NOTE:** Section 20 was deleted by amendment. Subsequent sections were not renumbered.

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5 **TRANSACTIONS OF UTILITIES**

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7 **SECTION 21.** ORS 759.385 is amended to read:

8 759.385. (1) When any telecommunications utility doing business in this state, **except a tele-**  
9 **communications carrier that has elected to be subject to ORS 759.405 and 759.410**, enters into  
10 a contract with another corporation with relation to the construction, operation, maintenance or  
11 use of the property of *[said]* **the** telecommunications utility in Oregon, or the use of the property  
12 of the other contracting party, or any part *[thereof]* **of the property**, or for service, advice, engi-  
13 neering, financing, rentals, leasing or for any construction or management charges *[in respect of any*  
14 *such]* **with respect to any of the** property, or for the purchase of property, materials or supplies,  
15 the proposed contract shall be filed with the Public Utility Commission for the investigation and  
16 approval when the telecommunications utility owns a majority of or controls directly or indirectly  
17 the voting stock of the other contracting corporations.

18 (2) Any *[such]* proposed contract **described in subsection (1) of this section** shall be filed with  
19 the commission within 90 days of execution of the contract. The contract shall be deemed to be  
20 executed on the date the parties sign a written contract or on the date the parties begin to transact  
21 business under the contract, whichever date is earlier. The commission shall promptly investigate  
22 and act upon the contract in accordance with ORS 759.390 *[(3) and (6)]* **(4) and (7)**.

23 (3) In making *[such]* **an investigation of the contract**, the commission and accountants, exam-  
24 iners and agents, appointed by the commission for the purpose, shall be given free access to all  
25 books, books of account, documents, data and records of the telecommunications utility, as well as  
26 of the corporation with which it is proposing to contract, *[which]* **that** the commission may deem  
27 material to the investigation. The failure or refusal of either of the parties to the proposed contract  
28 to comply with this subsection is prima facie evidence that *[such]* **the** contract is unfair, unreason-  
29 able and contrary to public interest, and is sufficient to justify a determination and finding of the  
30 commission to that effect, *[which]*. **A determination and finding by the commission under this**  
31 **subsection** has the same force and effect as any other determination or order of the commission.

32 (4) This section applies only to transactions in which the telecommunications utility's Oregon  
33 intrastate expenditure to the affiliate is more than \$100,000.

34 **SECTION 22.** ORS 759.390 is amended to read:

35 759.390. (1) **As used in this section, "affiliated interest" with a telecommunications utility**  
36 **means:**

37 (a) **Every person owning or holding directly or indirectly five percent or more of the**  
38 **voting securities of the telecommunications utility.**

39 (b) **Every person in any chain of successive ownership of five percent or more of the**  
40 **voting securities of the telecommunications utility.**

41 (c) **Every corporation five percent or more of whose voting securities are owned by any**  
42 **person owning five percent or more of the voting securities of the telecommunications utility**  
43 **or by any person in any chain of successive ownership of five percent or more of the voting**  
44 **securities of the telecommunications utility.**

45 (d) **Every individual who is an officer or director of the telecommunications utility or of**

1 **any person in any chain of successive ownership of five percent or more of the voting secu-**  
 2 **rities of the telecommunications utility.**

3 **(e) Every corporation that has two or more officers or two or more directors in common**  
 4 **with the telecommunications utility.**

5 **(f) Every entity, five percent or more of which is directly or indirectly owned by a tele-**  
 6 **communications utility.**

7 **(g) Every person that the Public Utility Commission determines as a matter of fact, after**  
 8 **investigation and hearing, actually is exercising any substantial influence over the policies**  
 9 **and actions of the telecommunications utility, even though the influence is not based upon**  
 10 **stockholdings, stockholders, directors or officers to the extent specified in this section.**

11 **(h) Every person that the commission determines as a matter of fact, after investigation**  
 12 **and hearing, actually is exercising such substantial influence over the policies and actions**  
 13 **of the telecommunications utility in conjunction with one or more other persons with whom**  
 14 **they are related by ownership or blood or by action in concert that together they are affil-**  
 15 **iated with the telecommunications utility within the meaning of this section even though no**  
 16 **one of them alone is so affiliated.**

17 **[(1)] (2) When any telecommunications utility doing business in this state, except a telecom-**  
 18 **munications carrier that has elected to be subject to ORS 759.405 and 759.410, enters into any**  
 19 **contract to make any payment, directly or indirectly, to any person [or corporation] having an af-**  
 20 **filiated interest, for service, advice, auditing, accounting, sponsoring, engineering, managing, oper-**  
 21 **ating, financing, legal or other services, or [enter] enters any [charges therefor on its books, which**  
 22 **shall] charge on the books of the utility, and the contract is to be recognized as an operating**  
 23 **expense or capital expenditure in any rate valuation or any other hearing or proceeding, the con-**  
 24 **tract shall be filed with the [Public Utility] commission within 90 days of execution of the contract.**  
 25 **The contract shall be deemed to be executed on the date the parties sign a written contract or on**  
 26 **the date the parties begin to transact business under the contract, whichever date is earlier.**

27 **[(2)] (3) When any telecommunications utility doing business in this state [shall enter] enters**  
 28 **into any contract, oral or written, with any person [or corporation] having an affiliated interest re-**  
 29 **lating to the construction, operation, maintenance, leasing or use of the property of [such] the**  
 30 **telecommunications utility in Oregon, or the purchase of property, materials or supplies[, which**  
 31 **shall] that is to be recognized as the basis of an operating expense or capital expenditure in any**  
 32 **rate valuation or any other hearing or proceeding, the contract shall be filed with the commission**  
 33 **within 90 days of execution of the contract. The contract shall be deemed to be executed on the**  
 34 **date the parties sign a written contract or on the date the parties begin to transact business under**  
 35 **the contract, whichever date is earlier.**

36 **[(3)] (4) [When any such contract has been submitted to the commission,] The commission promptly**  
 37 **shall examine and investigate [it] any contract submitted to the commission under subsection**  
 38 **(2) or (3) of this section. If, after [such] the investigation, the commission determines that it is fair**  
 39 **and reasonable and not contrary to the public interest, the commission shall enter findings and or-**  
 40 **der [to this effect] approving the contract and serve a copy [thereof] of the findings and order**  
 41 **upon the telecommunications utility.[, whereupon] Following the commission's determination of**  
 42 **fairness and reasonableness, any expenses and capital expenditures incurred by the telecommu-**  
 43 **nications utility under the contract may be recognized in any rate valuation or other hearing or**  
 44 **proceeding. If, after [such] the investigation, the commission determines that the contract is not fair**  
 45 **and reasonable in all its terms and is contrary to the public interest, the commission shall enter**

1 findings and order [accordingly] **disapproving the contract** and serve a copy [thereof] **of the**  
2 **findings and order** upon the telecommunications utility[, and,]. Except as provided in subsection  
3 [(4)] **(5)** of this section, it [shall be] **is** unlawful to recognize [the] **a disapproved** contract for the  
4 purposes specified in this section.

5 [(4)] **(5)** When any [such] contract **described in subsection (2) or (3) of this section** has been  
6 filed with the commission within 90 days of execution and the commission has not entered an order  
7 disapproving the contract under subsection [(3)] **(4)** of this section, the commission [shall] **may** not  
8 base its refusal to recognize any expenses or capital expenditures incurred under the contract in  
9 any rate valuation or other hearing or proceeding solely on the basis that [such] **the** contract has  
10 not been approved under subsection [(3)] **(4)** of this section.

11 [(5)] **(6)** [No telecommunications utility shall] **A telecommunications utility may not** issue notes  
12 or loan its funds or give credit on its books or otherwise to any person [or corporation] having an  
13 affiliated interest, either directly or indirectly, without the approval of the commission.

14 [(6)] **(7)** The action of the commission with respect to all the matters described in this section  
15 [when submitted to the commission,] shall be by findings and order to be entered within 90 days after  
16 the matter has been submitted to the commission for consideration[, and,]. The findings and order  
17 of the commission with respect to any [of such matters] **matter described in this section** shall [be  
18 and] remain in full force and effect[, unless and] until set aside [by suit brought and prosecuted, as  
19 provided in] **in a suit under ORS 756.580 to 756.610**[, and,]. The telecommunications utility, or any  
20 other person [or corporation] affected by [any such] **a findings and order by the commission under**  
21 **this section**, may bring [and prosecute such suit] **a suit against the commission contesting the**  
22 **findings and order under ORS 756.580 to 756.610.**

23 [(7)] **(8)** This section applies only to transactions in which the telecommunications utility's  
24 Oregon intrastate expenditure to the affiliate is more than \$100,000.

25  
26 **ALTERNATIVE PRICE CAP REGULATION**  
27

28 **SECTION 23.** ORS 759.410 is amended to read:

29 759.410. (1) It is the intent of the Legislative Assembly that:

30 (a) The State of Oregon cease regulation of telecommunications carriers on a rate of return  
31 basis;

32 (b) Telecommunications carriers subject to rate of return regulation have the ability to opt out  
33 of rate of return regulation;

34 (c) A telecommunications carrier that opts out of rate of return regulation under this section  
35 and ORS 759.405 shall be subject to price cap regulation and the carrier under price cap regulation  
36 shall continue to meet service quality requirements; and

37 (d) Telecommunications carriers that opt out of rate of return regulation under this section and  
38 ORS 759.405 shall make payments to the state to support the use of advanced telecommunications  
39 services and to support deployment of advanced telecommunications services.

40 (2) A telecommunications carrier that elects to be subject to this section and ORS 759.405 shall  
41 be subject to price regulation as provided in this section and shall not be subject to any other retail  
42 rate regulation, including but not limited to any form of earnings-based, rate-based or rate of return  
43 regulation.

44 (3) The price a telecommunications utility that elects to be subject to this section and ORS  
45 759.405 may charge for basic telephone service shall be established by the Public Utility Commission

1 under ORS 759.425. Subject to ORS 759.415, the regular tariff rate of intrastate switched access and  
2 retail telecommunications services regulated by the commission, other than basic telephone service,  
3 in effect on the date the carrier elects to be subject to this section and ORS 759.405 shall be the  
4 maximum price the telecommunications carrier may charge for that service.

5 (4) A telecommunications carrier that elects to be subject to this section and ORS 759.405 may  
6 adjust the price for intrastate switched access or a regulated retail telecommunications service be-  
7 tween the maximum price established under this section and a price floor equal to the sum of the  
8 total service long run incremental cost of providing the service for the nonessential functions of the  
9 service and the price that is charged to other telecommunications carriers for the essential func-  
10 tions. Basic telephone service shall not be subject to a price floor.

11 (5) The price for a new regulated retail telecommunications service introduced by a telecom-  
12 munications carrier within four years after the date the carrier elects to be subject to this section  
13 and ORS 759.405 shall be subject to a price floor test by the commission to ensure that the service  
14 is not priced below the sum of the total service long run incremental cost of providing the service  
15 for the nonessential functions of the service and the price that is charged to other telecommuni-  
16 cations carriers for the essential functions. Beginning on the date four years after September 1,  
17 1999, the price of a new telecommunications service shall be subject to a price floor test by the  
18 commission to ensure that the service is not priced below the total service long run incremental cost  
19 of providing the service, without regard to whether the service is considered essential or nones-  
20 sential.

21 (6) A telecommunications carrier that elects to be subject to this section and ORS 759.405 may  
22 package and offer any of its retail telecommunications services with any other service at any price,  
23 provided the following conditions apply:

24 (a) Any regulated telecommunications service may be purchased separately at or below the  
25 maximum price.

26 (b) The price of the package is not less than the sum of the price floors of each regulated retail  
27 telecommunications service included in the package.

28 (c) The price of a package that is comprised entirely of regulated retail telecommunications  
29 services does not exceed the sum of the maximum prices for each of the services.

30 (d) The price of a package comprised of regulated and unregulated retail telecommunications  
31 services does not exceed the sum of the maximum prices established under this section for regulated  
32 services and the retail price charged by the carrier for the individual unregulated services in the  
33 package. A telecommunications carrier subject to regulation under this section shall provide notice  
34 to the commission within 30 days of a change in the price of an unregulated telecommunications  
35 service contained in the package.

36 (7) Nothing in this section or ORS 759.405 is intended to limit the ability of a telecommuni-  
37 cations carrier to seek deregulation of telecommunications services under [ORS 759.030] **section 8**  
38 **of this 2005 Act.**

39 (8)(a) Notice of a price change authorized under subsection (4) of this section, of the introduc-  
40 tion of a new regulated telecommunications service or of the packaging of services, must be given  
41 to the commission within 30 days following the effective date of the price change, new service or  
42 packaged service. Notice of a new regulated telecommunications service shall indicate the retail  
43 price charged by the carrier for the service.

44 (b) The commission may investigate any price change authorized under subsection (4) of this  
45 section, the price of a new regulated telecommunications service or the price of a package of ser-

1 vices to determine that the price complies with the provisions of this section and any other appli-  
2 cable law. If the commission determines that the price of the service or package of services does  
3 not comply with the provisions of this section or other applicable law, the commission may order  
4 the telecommunications carrier to take such action as the commission determines necessary to bring  
5 the price into compliance with this section or other applicable law.

6 (9) Nothing in this section affects the authority of a city or municipality to manage the public  
7 rights of way or to require fair and reasonable compensation from a telecommunications carrier, on  
8 a competitively neutral and nondiscriminatory basis, under ORS 221.420, 221.450, 221.510 and  
9 221.515.

10 (10) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the commission shall establish prices  
11 for extended area service in a manner that allows a telecommunications carrier that elects to be  
12 subject to this section and ORS 759.405 to recover all costs and lost net revenues attributable to  
13 implementing new extended area service routes. The provisions of this subsection apply to telecom-  
14 munications service provided on a flat or measured basis between exchanges defined by exchange  
15 maps filed with and approved by the commission.

16  
17 **ALLOCATION OF TERRITORIES**

18  
19 **SECTION 24.** ORS 759.500 is amended to read:

20 759.500. As used in ORS 759.500 to 579.570, unless the context requires otherwise:

21 (1) "Allocated territory" means *[an area with boundaries established by a contract between per-*  
22 *sons furnishing a similar utility service and approved by the Public Utility Commission or established*  
23 *by an order of the commission approving an application for the allocation of territory]* **a geographic**  
24 **area for which the Public Utility Commission has allocated to no more than one person the**  
25 **authority to provide local exchange telecommunications service, the boundaries of which are**  
26 **set forth on an exchange map filed with and approved by the commission.**

27 (2) "Person" includes:

28 (a) *[individuals, firms, partnerships, corporations, associations, cooperatives and municipalities,*  
29 *or]* **An individual, firm, partnership, corporation, association, cooperative or municipality; or**

30 (b) **The** *[their]* agent, lessee, trustee or referee **of an individual or entity listed in paragraph**  
31 **(a) of this subsection.**

32 (3) "**Local exchange** telecommunications *[utility]* service" *[means service provided by any equip-*  
33 *ment, plant or facility for the provision of local exchange telecommunications service as defined]* **has**  
34 **the meaning given that term** in ORS 759.005 (2)(c)[.], **except that** "**local exchange** telecommuni-  
35 cations *[utility]* service" does not include service provided through or by the use of any equipment,  
36 plant or facilities:

37 (a) For the provision of telecommunications *[service, which]* **services that** pass through or over  
38 but are not used to provide service in or do not terminate in an area allocated to another person  
39 providing a similar *[utility]* **telecommunications** service;

40 (b) For the provision of local exchange telecommunications service, as defined in ORS 759.005  
41 (2)(c), commonly known as "private lines" or "farmer lines"; *[nor]* **or**

42 (c) For the provision of shared telecommunications service *[as defined in ORS 759.005 (2)(f)].*

43 **SECTION 25. Sections 26 and 27 of this 2005 Act are added to and made a part of ORS**  
44 **759.500 to 759.570.**

45 **SECTION 26. (1) The purpose of establishing allocated territories under ORS 759.500 to**

1 **759.570 is to ensure that telecommunications utilities, cooperative corporations and municipi-**  
2 **palities certified by the Public Utility Commission to provide local exchange telecommuni-**  
3 **cations service:**

4 (a) **Provide adequate and safe service to the customers of this state; and**

5 (b) **Serve all customers in an adequate and nondiscriminatory manner.**

6 (2) **The obligations described in this section may be referenced as carrier of last resort**  
7 **obligations.**

8 **SECTION 27. As of January 1, 2006, the Public Utility Commission shall:**

9 (1) **Reallocate every allocated local exchange telecommunications service territory to a**  
10 **telecommunications utility, cooperative corporation or municipality to whom the commission**  
11 **had previously allocated local exchange telecommunications service territory. Allocations**  
12 **granted by the commission pursuant to this subsection shall replace all allocations to tele-**  
13 **communications utilities, cooperative corporations or municipalities granted by the com-**  
14 **mission prior to January 1, 2006. An allocation made pursuant to this subsection is not**  
15 **subject to ORS 759.535 or 759.560. The commission has authority under ORS 756.500 to 756.610**  
16 **to resolve a dispute arising from a reallocation made under this subsection.**

17 (2) **Upon request, allocate every local exchange telecommunications service territory that**  
18 **is shown on a map approved by the commission and that is unallocated as of December 31,**  
19 **2005, to the telecommunications utility, cooperative corporation or municipality that filed the**  
20 **map. An allocation made pursuant to this subsection is not subject to ORS 759.535 or 759.560.**  
21 **The commission has authority under ORS 756.500 to 756.610 to resolve a dispute arising from**  
22 **an allocation made under this subsection.**

23 **SECTION 28.** ORS 759.535 is amended to read:

24 759.535. (1) *[Any person providing a telecommunications utility ]* **A telecommunications utility,**  
25 **cooperative corporation or municipality that desires to provide local exchange telecommuni-**  
26 **cations service in a territory that is not served by another person providing a similar local ex-**  
27 **change telecommunications [utility] service may [make application] apply to the Public Utility**  
28 **Commission for an order allocating [such] the territory to [it] the applicant. The application [may**  
29 **include any adjacent area that it is more economical and feasible to serve by an extension of the ap-**  
30 **applicant's existing facilities than by an extension of the facilities of another person] shall include an**  
31 **exchange map that shows the unserved territory that the applicant is requesting to serve.**

32 (2) The commission shall within 30 days after the filing of *[such]* **the** application give notice of  
33 the filing. If the commission chooses, or if a customer requests a hearing on the matter within 30  
34 days of the notice, the commission shall hold a hearing by telephone or in person. The commission  
35 shall give notice of the hearing within 30 days of the request *[which]*. **The** notice shall set the date  
36 and place of hearing. The hearing shall be held at a place within or conveniently accessible to the  
37 territory covered by the application. Notice of the filing shall be by publication in a newspaper or  
38 newspapers of general circulation in the territory covered by the application and shall be published  
39 at least once weekly for two successive weeks. Written notice of the filing shall be given to pro-  
40 viders of similar **local exchange** telecommunications *[utility]* service in adjacent territory.

41 *[(3) Territory within the limits of a city, as fixed on May 31, 1961, shall not be deemed to be served*  
42 *exclusively by any person, if such city is, on such date, served by more than one person having neces-*  
43 *sary municipal or franchise authority to serve within the entire city.]*

44 **SECTION 29.** ORS 759.560 is amended to read:

45 759.560. (1) The rights acquired by an allocation of territory may only be assigned or transferred



1 with the approval of the Public Utility Commission after a finding that *[such]* **the** assignment or  
 2 transfer is not contrary to the public interest. *[However, no hearing is required if all affected cus-*  
 3 *tomers agree to the proposed assignment or transfer.]*

4 **(2) The commission may approve a transfer of territory previously allocated only upon**  
 5 **receipt of an application for allocation that is jointly filed by the transferor and the**  
 6 **transferee. The application shall include exchange maps that show how the applicants want**  
 7 **the commission to allocate the territory. The commission shall enter an order either ap-**  
 8 **proving or disapproving the application as filed, or as amended, together with findings of fact**  
 9 **supporting the order.**

10 *[(2)] (3)(a) [No approved contract or]* **An** order approving an allocation of territory *[shall]* **may**  
 11 **not** be construed to confer any property right<sup>1</sup>; *providing, however,*].

12 **(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subsection,** upon the death of an individual *[who*  
 13 *is a party to an approved contract]* **to whom territory was allocated** or *[the]* **who was an** applicant  
 14 under an approved order, the executor or administrator **of the estate of the individual** shall con-  
 15 tinue the operation **of local exchange telecommunications service** *[thereunder]* for the purpose  
 16 of transferring *[such]* **territorial allocation rights. The executor or administrator shall continue**  
 17 **the operation** for a period *[of]* not to exceed two years from the date of death.

18 *[(3)] (4)* In the event the property of a person serving an allocated territory is condemned, no  
 19 value shall be claimed or awarded by reason of the contract or order making *[such]* **the** allocation.

20 **(5) The commission may by rule establish requirements for notice to affected persons of**  
 21 **the assignment or transfer of allocated territory.**

22 **SECTION 30.** ORS 759.565 is amended to read:

23 759.565. *[In the event a contract approved by the Public Utility Commission is breached or]* In the  
 24 event an allocated territory is served by a person **that is** not authorized by *[such contract or order*  
 25 *of]* the **Public Utility Commission to provide local exchange telecommunications service in the**  
 26 **territory,** *[the]* **an** aggrieved person or the commission may file an action in the circuit court for  
 27 any county in which is located some or all of the allocated territory allegedly involved in *[said*  
 28 *breach or invasion]* **the unauthorized provision of service,** for an injunction against *[said alleged*  
 29 *breach or invasion]* **the alleged unauthorized provision of service.** The trial of *[such]* **the** action  
 30 shall proceed as in an action not triable by right to a jury. Any party may appeal to the Court of  
 31 Appeals from the **circuit** court's judgment, as in other equity cases. The remedy provided in this  
 32 section shall be in addition to any other remedy provided by law.

33 **SECTION 31.** ORS 759.570 is amended to read:

34 759.570. (1) ORS 759.500 to 759.570 *[shall]* **may** not be construed or applied to restrict the pow-  
 35 ers granted to cities to issue franchises or to restrict the exercise of the power of condemnation by  
 36 a municipality<sup>2</sup>; *and when*. **If** a municipality *[has condemned or otherwise acquired another*  
 37 *person's]* **condemns or otherwise acquires** equipment, plant or facilities **from another person** for  
 38 rendering **local exchange** telecommunications *[utility]* service, *[it shall acquire]* **the municipality**  
 39 **acquires** all of the rights of the person whose property is condemned to serve the territory served  
 40 by the acquired properties.

41 (2) ORS 759.500 to 759.570 *[shall]* **may** not be construed to restrict the right of a municipality  
 42 to provide **local exchange** telecommunications *[utility]* service for street lights, fire alarm systems,  
 43 airports, buildings and other municipal installations regardless of their location.

44 (3) ORS 759.500 to 759.570 *[shall]* **may** not be construed to confer upon the Public Utility Com-  
 45 mission any regulatory authority over rates, service or financing of cooperatives or municipalities.



1 in ORS 442.015 to the state for purposes of reimbursement of expenses or determining fees for pa-  
2 tient care. Nothing in this subsection shall limit the use which can be made of such information for  
3 regulatory purposes or its admissibility in any enforcement proceeding;

4 (6) Information relating to the appraisal of real estate prior to its acquisition;

5 (7) The names and signatures of employees who sign authorization cards or petitions for the  
6 purpose of requesting representation or decertification elections;

7 (8) Investigatory information relating to any complaint filed under ORS 659A.820 or 659A.825,  
8 until such time as the complaint is resolved under ORS 659A.835, or a final order is issued under  
9 ORS 659A.850;

10 (9) Investigatory information relating to any complaint or charge filed under ORS 243.676 and  
11 663.180;

12 (10) Records, reports and other information received or compiled by the Director of the De-  
13 partment of Consumer and Business Services under ORS 697.732;

14 (11) Information concerning the location of archaeological sites or objects as those terms are  
15 defined in ORS 358.905, except if the governing body of an Indian tribe requests the information and  
16 the need for the information is related to that Indian tribe's cultural or religious activities. This  
17 exemption does not include information relating to a site that is all or part of an existing, commonly  
18 known and publicized tourist facility or attraction;

19 (12) A personnel discipline action, or materials or documents supporting that action;

20 (13) Information developed pursuant to ORS 496.004, 496.172 and 498.026 or ORS 496.192 and  
21 564.100, regarding the habitat, location or population of any threatened species or endangered spe-  
22 cies;

23 (14) Writings prepared by or under the direction of faculty of public educational institutions, in  
24 connection with research, until publicly released, copyrighted or patented;

25 (15) Computer programs developed or purchased by or for any public body for its own use. As  
26 used in this subsection, "computer program" means a series of instructions or statements which  
27 permit the functioning of a computer system in a manner designed to provide storage, retrieval and  
28 manipulation of data from such computer system, and any associated documentation and source  
29 material that explain how to operate the computer program. "Computer program" does not include:

30 (a) The original data, including but not limited to numbers, text, voice, graphics and images;

31 (b) Analyses, compilations and other manipulated forms of the original data produced by use of  
32 the program; or

33 (c) The mathematical and statistical formulas which would be used if the manipulated forms of  
34 the original data were to be produced manually;

35 (16) Data and information provided by participants to mediation under ORS 36.256;

36 (17) Investigatory information relating to any complaint or charge filed under ORS chapter 654,  
37 until a final administrative determination is made or, if a citation is issued, until an employer re-  
38 ceives notice of any citation;

39 (18) Specific operational plans in connection with an anticipated threat to individual or public  
40 safety for deployment and use of personnel and equipment, prepared or used by a public body, if  
41 public disclosure of the plans would endanger an individual's life or physical safety or jeopardize a  
42 law enforcement activity;

43 (19)(a) Audits or audit reports required of a telecommunications carrier. As used in this para-  
44 graph, "audit or audit report" means any external or internal audit or audit report pertaining to a  
45 telecommunications carrier, as defined in ORS 133.721, or pertaining to a corporation having an af-

1 filiated interest, as defined in ORS [759.010] **759.390**, with a telecommunications carrier that is in-  
2 tended to make the operations of the entity more efficient, accurate or compliant with applicable  
3 rules, procedures or standards, that may include self-criticism and that has been filed by the tele-  
4 communications carrier or affiliate under compulsion of state law. “Audit or audit report” does not  
5 mean an audit of a cost study that would be discoverable in a contested case proceeding and that  
6 is not subject to a protective order; and

7 (b) Financial statements. As used in this paragraph, “financial statement” means a financial  
8 statement of a nonregulated corporation having an affiliated interest, as defined in ORS [759.010]  
9 **759.390**, with a telecommunications carrier, as defined in ORS 133.721;

10 (20) The residence address of an elector if authorized under ORS 247.965 and subject to ORS  
11 247.967;

12 (21) The following records, communications and information submitted to a housing authority  
13 as defined in ORS 456.005, or to an urban renewal agency as defined in ORS 457.010, by applicants  
14 for and recipients of loans, grants and tax credits:

15 (a) Personal and corporate financial statements and information, including tax returns;

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17 (c) Project appraisals;

18 (d) Market studies and analyses;

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20 (f) Commitment letters;

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23 (i) Audits;

24 (j) Project tenant correspondence requested to be confidential;

25 (k) Tenant files relating to certification; and

26 (L) Housing assistance payment requests;

27 (22) Records or information that, if disclosed, would allow a person to:

28 (a) Gain unauthorized access to buildings or other property;

29 (b) Identify those areas of structural or operational vulnerability that would permit unlawful  
30 disruption to, or interference with, services; or

31 (c) Disrupt, interfere with or gain unauthorized access to public funds or to information pro-  
32 cessing, communication or telecommunication systems, including the information contained in the  
33 systems, that are used or operated by a public body;

34 (23) Records or information that would reveal or otherwise identify security measures, or  
35 weaknesses or potential weaknesses in security measures, taken or recommended to be taken to  
36 protect:

37 (a) An individual;

38 (b) Buildings or other property;

39 (c) Information processing, communication or telecommunication systems, including the infor-  
40 mation contained in the systems; or

41 (d) Those operations of the Oregon State Lottery the security of which are subject to study and  
42 evaluation under ORS 461.180 (6);

43 (24) Writings prepared by or under the direction of officials of Oregon Health and Science Uni-  
44 versity about a person and the person’s potential interest in donating money or property to the  
45 university or about the person’s actual donation unless disclosure is authorized by the person;

1 (25) Personal information held by or under the direction of officials of the Oregon University  
2 System about a person who has or who is interested in donating money or property to the system  
3 or to a state institution of higher education, if the information is related to the family of the person,  
4 personal assets of the person or is incidental information not related to the donation;

5 (26) The home address, professional address and telephone number of a person who has or who  
6 is interested in donating money or property to the Oregon University System;

7 (27) Records of the name and address of a person who files a report with or pays an assessment  
8 to a commodity commission established under ORS 576.051 to 576.455, the Oregon Beef Council  
9 created under ORS 577.210 or the Oregon Wheat Commission created under ORS 578.030;

10 (28) Information provided to, obtained by or used by a public body to authorize, originate, re-  
11 ceive or authenticate a transfer of funds, including but not limited to a credit card number, payment  
12 card expiration date, password, financial institution account number and financial institution routing  
13 number;

14 (29) Social Security numbers as provided in ORS 107.840;

15 (30) The electronic mail address of a student who attends a state institution of higher education  
16 listed in ORS 352.002 or Oregon Health and Science University; and

17 (31) The name, home address, professional address or location of a person that is engaged in,  
18 or that provides goods or services for, medical research at Oregon Health and Science University  
19 that is conducted using animals other than rodents.

20 **SECTION 34.** ORS 192.501, as amended by section 3, chapter 807, Oregon Laws 2003, is  
21 amended to read:

22 192.501. The following public records are exempt from disclosure under ORS 192.410 to 192.505  
23 unless the public interest requires disclosure in the particular instance:

24 (1) Records of a public body pertaining to litigation to which the public body is a party if the  
25 complaint has been filed, or if the complaint has not been filed, if the public body shows that such  
26 litigation is reasonably likely to occur. This exemption does not apply to litigation which has been  
27 concluded, and nothing in this subsection shall limit any right or opportunity granted by discovery  
28 or deposition statutes to a party to litigation or potential litigation;

29 (2) Trade secrets. "Trade secrets," as used in this section, may include, but are not limited to,  
30 any formula, plan, pattern, process, tool, mechanism, compound, procedure, production data, or  
31 compilation of information which is not patented, which is known only to certain individuals within  
32 an organization and which is used in a business it conducts, having actual or potential commercial  
33 value, and which gives its user an opportunity to obtain a business advantage over competitors who  
34 do not know or use it;

35 (3) Investigatory information compiled for criminal law purposes. The record of an arrest or the  
36 report of a crime shall be disclosed unless and only for so long as there is a clear need to delay  
37 disclosure in the course of a specific investigation, including the need to protect the complaining  
38 party or the victim. Nothing in this subsection shall limit any right constitutionally guaranteed, or  
39 granted by statute, to disclosure or discovery in criminal cases. For purposes of this subsection, the  
40 record of an arrest or the report of a crime includes, but is not limited to:

41 (a) The arrested person's name, age, residence, employment, marital status and similar bi-  
42 ographical information;

43 (b) The offense with which the arrested person is charged;

44 (c) The conditions of release pursuant to ORS 135.230 to 135.290;

45 (d) The identity of and biographical information concerning both complaining party and victim;

- 1 (e) The identity of the investigating and arresting agency and the length of the investigation;
- 2 (f) The circumstances of arrest, including time, place, resistance, pursuit and weapons used; and
- 3 (g) Such information as may be necessary to enlist public assistance in apprehending fugitives
- 4 from justice;
- 5 (4) Test questions, scoring keys, and other data used to administer a licensing examination,
- 6 employment, academic or other examination or testing procedure before the examination is given
- 7 and if the examination is to be used again. Records establishing procedures for and instructing
- 8 persons administering, grading or evaluating an examination or testing procedure are included in
- 9 this exemption, to the extent that disclosure would create a risk that the result might be affected;
- 10 (5) Information consisting of production records, sale or purchase records or catch records, or
- 11 similar business records of a private concern or enterprise, required by law to be submitted to or
- 12 inspected by a governmental body to allow it to determine fees or assessments payable or to estab-
- 13 lish production quotas, and the amounts of such fees or assessments payable or paid, to the extent
- 14 that such information is in a form which would permit identification of the individual concern or
- 15 enterprise. This exemption does not include records submitted by long term care facilities as defined
- 16 in ORS 442.015 to the state for purposes of reimbursement of expenses or determining fees for pa-
- 17 tient care. Nothing in this subsection shall limit the use which can be made of such information for
- 18 regulatory purposes or its admissibility in any enforcement proceeding;
- 19 (6) Information relating to the appraisal of real estate prior to its acquisition;
- 20 (7) The names and signatures of employees who sign authorization cards or petitions for the
- 21 purpose of requesting representation or decertification elections;
- 22 (8) Investigatory information relating to any complaint filed under ORS 659A.820 or 659A.825,
- 23 until such time as the complaint is resolved under ORS 659A.835, or a final order is issued under
- 24 ORS 659A.850;
- 25 (9) Investigatory information relating to any complaint or charge filed under ORS 243.676 and
- 26 663.180;
- 27 (10) Records, reports and other information received or compiled by the Director of the De-
- 28 partment of Consumer and Business Services under ORS 697.732;
- 29 (11) Information concerning the location of archaeological sites or objects as those terms are
- 30 defined in ORS 358.905, except if the governing body of an Indian tribe requests the information and
- 31 the need for the information is related to that Indian tribe's cultural or religious activities. This
- 32 exemption does not include information relating to a site that is all or part of an existing, commonly
- 33 known and publicized tourist facility or attraction;
- 34 (12) A personnel discipline action, or materials or documents supporting that action;
- 35 (13) Information developed pursuant to ORS 496.004, 496.172 and 498.026 or ORS 496.192 and
- 36 564.100, regarding the habitat, location or population of any threatened species or endangered spe-
- 37 cies;
- 38 (14) Writings prepared by or under the direction of faculty of public educational institutions, in
- 39 connection with research, until publicly released, copyrighted or patented;
- 40 (15) Computer programs developed or purchased by or for any public body for its own use. As
- 41 used in this subsection, "computer program" means a series of instructions or statements which
- 42 permit the functioning of a computer system in a manner designed to provide storage, retrieval and
- 43 manipulation of data from such computer system, and any associated documentation and source
- 44 material that explain how to operate the computer program. "Computer program" does not include:
- 45 (a) The original data, including but not limited to numbers, text, voice, graphics and images;

1 (b) Analyses, compilations and other manipulated forms of the original data produced by use of  
2 the program; or

3 (c) The mathematical and statistical formulas which would be used if the manipulated forms of  
4 the original data were to be produced manually;

5 (16) Data and information provided by participants to mediation under ORS 36.256;

6 (17) Investigatory information relating to any complaint or charge filed under ORS chapter 654,  
7 until a final administrative determination is made or, if a citation is issued, until an employer re-  
8 ceives notice of any citation;

9 (18) Specific operational plans in connection with an anticipated threat to individual or public  
10 safety for deployment and use of personnel and equipment, prepared or used by a public body, if  
11 public disclosure of the plans would endanger an individual's life or physical safety or jeopardize a  
12 law enforcement activity;

13 (19)(a) Audits or audit reports required of a telecommunications carrier. As used in this para-  
14 graph, "audit or audit report" means any external or internal audit or audit report pertaining to a  
15 telecommunications carrier, as defined in ORS 133.721, or pertaining to a corporation having an af-  
16 filiated interest, as defined in ORS [759.010] **759.390**, with a telecommunications carrier that is in-  
17 tended to make the operations of the entity more efficient, accurate or compliant with applicable  
18 rules, procedures or standards, that may include self-criticism and that has been filed by the tele-  
19 communications carrier or affiliate under compulsion of state law. "Audit or audit report" does not  
20 mean an audit of a cost study that would be discoverable in a contested case proceeding and that  
21 is not subject to a protective order; and

22 (b) Financial statements. As used in this paragraph, "financial statement" means a financial  
23 statement of a nonregulated corporation having an affiliated interest, as defined in ORS [759.010]  
24 **759.390**, with a telecommunications carrier, as defined in ORS 133.721;

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33 **CAPTIONS**

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35 **SECTION 35. The unit captions used in this 2005 Act are provided only for the conven-**  
36 **ience of the reader and do not become part of the statutory law of this state or express any**  
37 **legislative intent in the enactment of this 2005 Act.**