

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE SUBCOMMITTEE ON BUSINESS

February 17, 1993

Hearing Room 50 8:30 a.m.

Tapes 3~36

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Bob Repine, Chair Rep. Hedy Rijken, Vice Chair
Rep. Lisa Naito Rep. Liz VanLeeuwen Rep. Cynthia Wooten STAFF
PRESENT: Janet McComb, Committee Administrator Debbie Schieno,
Committee Clerk MEASURES CONSIDERED: Informational Meeting
Telecommunications Overview

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statements made during this session. Only text enclosed in quotation
marks report a speaker's exact words. For complete contents of the
proceedings, please refer to the tapes.

TAPE 34, SIDE A

002 CHAIR REPINE: Calls the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. 022 RON
EACHUS, COMMISSIONER, PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION: Submits and reviews
(page by page) an overview of the telecommunications regulations
(EXHIBIT A).

TAPE 3S, SIDE A 005 REP. WOOTEN: Questions the infrastructure
development?

013 EACHUS: Speaks to the advantages and disadvantages with local
exchange companies.

155 EACHUS: Outlines Electric Lightwave fiberoptic loop (blackboard
presentation).

271 REP. NAITO: What is the effect on rural rates and the high cost
fund?

EACHUS: They are not meant to be exclusive of each other. Competition is
in the more metropolitan areas. 400 CHAIR REPINE: Recesses the meeting
at 9:35 a.m.

- Reconvenes the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

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004 GARY BAUER, OREGON INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION: Submits and
reviews testimony (EXHIBIT B).

081 CHUCK LENARD, ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT FOR US WEST
COMMUNICATIONS: Outlines the US West program. -Process of setting up
business within telecommunications. -Statewide average pricing.

190 REP. WOOTEN: Urban pricing vs. metropolitan pricing? LENARD:
Responds. -Forecasts are dependent upon the relationship of the
competitor's prices to our own. 285 REP. WOOTEN: Questions upgrading
and/or creating a more sophisticated carrier system against rate of
return? LENARD: Expresses the importance of balance between rural and
urban areas. 348 REP. NAITO: Technology for rural areas. LENARD:
Cellular phones are not accessible in the rural areas, although there
are many services giving access to the data bases needed. 383 RANDY
OSLER, UNITED TELEPHONE NORTHWEST: Submits and outlines an overview of
United Telephone (EXHIBIT C).

TAPE 35, SIDE B

001 OSLER: Continues testimony.

153 REP. VANLEEUWAN: Companies are regulated as to pricing, but the competitors are not?

OSLER: Correct.

192 DALE RONGEY, COLTON TELEPHONE COMPANY: Outlines the Colton Telephone Company. -Concern with competition and equal opportunity/equal regulation.

359 SUSAN McADAMS, DIRECTOR OF REGULATORY AFFAIRS, ELECTRIC LIGHTWAVE, INC.: Submits and reviews material regarding Electric Lightwave (EXHIBIT D). -History of the company.

TAPE 36, SIDE A

001 McADAMS: Continues testimony.

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199 REP. WOOTEN: Do you lower prices in negotiations for major customers? Views on competition and rate differentials? 218 McADAMS: Absolutely. Competition is a positive development. 247 WOOTEN: Intentions within the state and the tri-county area? McADAMS: Will provide information. 307 PAUL ROMAIN, MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS: Outlines the history of MCI. -Competition is better than regulation. -HB 2203 needs to be general, allowing for flexibility of particular needs. 389 CHAIR REPINE: Adjourns the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

Submitted by: Reviewed by:

Debbie Schieno Janet McComb Clerk Administrator

EXHIBIT LOG:

A - Overview of Telecommunications Regulations - Eachus - 18 pages B -
Testimony on Oregon Independent Telephone - Bauer - 6 pages C -
Testimony on United Telephone Co. - Osler - 39 pages D - Testimony on
Electric Lightwave, Inc. - McAdams - 6 pages

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