

SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

February 5, 1991                      Hearing Room B  
1:00 p.m.                                Tapes 6-7  
· MEMBERS PRESENT:                    Senator Jolin, Chair  
    Senator Otto, Vice-Chair  
    Senator Kennemer  
    Senator Bunn  
    Senator Shoemaker  
STAFF PRESENT: Cherie Copeland, Committee Administrator  
    Apryl Poff, Committee Assistant  
WITNESSES:                              Ron Eachus, Public Utility Commissioner  
    George Beard, Executive Department  
    Dave Booth, Public Utility Commission Staff

These minutes contain materials which paraphrase and/or summarize 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.

INFORMATIONAL HEARING

TAPE 6, SIDE A

005 CHAIR JOLIN: Calls the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

007 CHAIR JOLIN: Introduces Ron Eachus, Public Utility Commissioner.

009 RON EACHUS: Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT A) summarizing the following points:

023 Senator Shoemaker arrives at 1:07 p.m.

078 > Background on the nature of Extended Area Service (EAS). 101 > Where the PUC is at this point in time with the concept of EAS. 142 > Results of order in setting parameters for EAS. 241 > Explains reasons for establishing a Portland area region EAS.

175 SENATOR BUNN: Did you identify the additional costs of implementing the dual system versus just one system of billing

181 RON EACHUS: Yes.

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216 RON EACHUS: Depends, each company has its own tariff.

243 RON EACHUS: Because Portland has more lines, the additive to Portland is only about twelve cents as opposed to the smaller communities which have fewer lines therefore having higher rates.

279 SENATOR SHOEMAKER: On the equipment upgrades, once a community is at the point where it can offer measured service, do you envision all of the region having the option of measured service?

285 RON EACHUS: Yes, our order required this.

288 SENATOR SHOEMAKER: So basically, all the customers will be treated

the same?

291 RON EACHUS: Yes.

295 DAVID BOOTH: Banks is the only communiq that will not have the measured option.

318 RON EACHUS: Speaks about the concept of communiq of interest which is how EAS was started. 326 > EAS routes are not able to keep up with growth.

327 > There are really know consistent patterns.

328 RON EACHUS: The PUC set minimum requirements for the establishment of EAS. 336 > Communiq of interest phase. 365 > Tariff stage.

380 RON EACHUS: Refers to the maps located in exhibit A.

470 SENATOR KENNEMER: Is there an annexation process, to the boundaries of EAS?

475 RON EACHUS: Yes. That is why we have those criteria for establishing a community of interest. This would allow people to petition us to create a new EAS route.

TAPE 7 SIDE A

038 RON EACHUS AND DAVID BOOTH: Continue reviewing the maps of the boundaries of EAS.

225 SENATOR JOLIN: Where does Oregon stand as far as opening up of opportunities of EAS?

228 DAVID BOOTH: We haven't really done a survey but have shared notes with other states and Oregon is doing very well. Refers to Exhibit A for the remainder of the PUC presentation.

TAPE C SIDE B

089 RON EACHUS AND DAVID BOOTH: Conclude presentation.

110 SENATOR JOLIN: Introduces George Beard of the Executive Department.

122 GEORGE BEARD: Provides background on Executive Department, in context to what state and

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government is now doing. Submits written testimony and booklet (EXHIBITS B & C).

239 GEORGE BEARD: Discusses significant technology and trends, and how it affects people and businesses.

389 GEORGE BEARD: Reviews policy choices (EXHIBIT B). 413 > Develop a technology platform that serves all of the state government. 435 >

Formulate a statewide approach to telecommunications and network management.

GEORGE BEARD: Discusses Governor's Task Force on Telecommunications. The following are

the issues discussed:

455 > Are we using the resources as effectively as we might inside the state government?

463 > What is state government's role if any in seeing that all of Oregon has advanced

telecommunications infrastructure for the next century?

TAPE 7 SIDE B

087 GEORGE BEARD: Concludes presentation.  
096 SENATOR JOLIN: Adjourns meeting at 1:38 p.m.

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EXHIBIT LOG:

- A - Ron Eachus submits written testimony, 25 pages.
- B - George Beard submits written testimony, 2 pages.
- C - George Beard submits booklet, 22 pages.