

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Exempting)
Contracts for Purchase of)
T-1 Line Services from Qwest)
Corporation from Competitive)
Bidding and Authorizing)
General Services Director)
to Sign)
_____)

ORDER NO. 83-00

WHEREAS, OAR 125-310-040, adopted by reference by Ordinance No. 88-3, provides that public contracting agencies may, without competitive bidding, contract for the direct purchase of goods or services where the rate or price for the goods or services being purchased is established by federal, state, or local regulatory authority; and

WHEREAS, OAR 125-310-120 and 125-340-030, also adopted by reference by Ordinance No. 88-3, provides that public contracting agencies may purchase without competitive bidding if there is only one seller of a product of the quality required; and

WHEREAS, the Columbia County is interested in acquiring T-1 line services connecting the new Columbia County Jail, which is under construction, with the Courthouse, so that callers to the Jail, Sheriff's Office and Community Corrections Department can be routed through the County's PBX system, and so that jail computers can be networked with the County's other computers; and

WHEREAS, the County is also interested in acquiring T-1 line services connecting the Jail with the local telephone switching office; and

WHEREAS, Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") has purchased US West Communications, Inc., and is the sole provider of local telephone service and interstate access service in St. Helens by the authority of the Oregon Public Utility Commission; and

WHEREAS, Qwest provides T-1 line services subject to the "Regulations, Rates, and Charges of Interstate Access Tariff F.C.C. No. 1" which governs interstate access service, and other tariffs as approved by the Oregon Public Utility Commission; and

WHEREAS, Qwest has offered to provide point-to-point T-1 line service between the Jail and the Courthouse for \$216.00 per month for 60 months, and T-1 dialtone service for the Jail for \$844.98

per month for 60 months, as provided by the applicable tariffs; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. The contracts with Qwest Corporation for point-to-point T-1 line service between the Jail and the Courthouse and for T-1 dialtone service for the Jail are exempted from competitive bidding.

2. The General Services Director is authorized to sign the contracts with Qwest Corporation for T-1 line services, subject to approval of the contracts by County Counsel.

DATED this 23rd day of August, 2000.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: Jack R. Peterson
Chair

By: William M. Strehard
Commissioner

By: [Signature]
Commissioner

Approved as to form

By: Sarah T. [Signature]
Office of County Counsel
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