

BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE  
METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPORTING JOINT)  
EFFORTS WITH THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL )  
RESOURCE CENTER TO [PURSUE] )  
RESEARCH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF )  
EXTENDED AREA SERVICE (TOLL-FREE )  
TELEPHONE SERVICE) WITHIN THE )  
PORTLAND-VANCOUVER METROPOLITAN )  
AREA )

RESOLUTION NO. 90-1272A

Introduced by Councilor  
Lawrence Bauer, Co-Chair  
Bi-State Policy Advisory  
Committee

WHEREAS, The Bi-State Policy Advisory Committee, co-chaired by the Intergovernmental Resource Center in Clark County, Washington and the Metropolitan Service District in Multnomah County, Oregon, on May 11, 1990, unanimously adopted Resolution No. 05-01-1990 (Exhibit A hereto) recommending the Intergovernmental Resource Center and Metropolitan Service District pursue the establishment of Extended Area Service (EAS, toll-free telephone service) within the Portland-Vancouver Metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS, The Public Utility Commission of Oregon, through Order No. 89-815 of June 19, 1989, ordered that Extended Area Service (EAS) be offered, when approved by the Commission, as a mandatory, two-way service, with a seven-digit dialing pattern; and

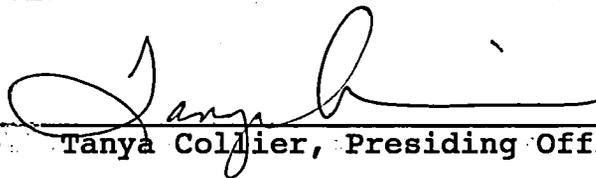
WHEREAS, The Council of the Metropolitan Service District believes that Extended Area Service within the Portland-Vancouver metropolitan area [~~would~~] could support and enhance bi-state economic exchange and be in the public interest; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Council of the Metropolitan Service District supports joint efforts with the Intergovernmental Resource Center (IRC) of

Clark County, Washington to [pursue] research establishment of  
Extended Area Service within the Portland-Vancouver Metropolitan Area.

ADOPTED by the Council of the Metropolitan Service District  
this 12th day of July, 1990.



Tanya Collier, Presiding Officer

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## INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

RESOLUTION NO. 90-1272A, SUPPORTING JOINT EFFORTS WITH THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL RESOURCE CENTER TO RESEARCH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF EXTENDED AREA SERVICE (TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE SERVICE) WITHIN THE PORTLAND VANCOUVER METROPOLITAN AREA

Date: June 28, 1990

Presented by: Councilor Bauer

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: At the June 26, 1990 Intergovernmental Relations Committee meeting, Councilors Devlin, McFarland, Ragsdale and myself voted unanimously to recommend Council adopt Resolution No. 90-1272A as amended. Councilor Gardner was excused.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION/ISSUES: Resolution No. 90-1272A adopts a Bi-State Policy Advisory Committee recommendation, made through their resolution of May 1, 1990, to have the Intergovernmental Resource Center (IRC) and Metro jointly investigate the establishment of Extended Area Service (EAS) -- toll-free telephone service -- within the Portland-Vancouver Metropolitan area.

The Committee supported adopting the amended version of the resolution because language changes clarified the resolution's investigative intent. Councilor Gardner had previously noted concern with original language which seemed to indicate IRC and Metro were ready to pursue establishing bi-state EAS. Resolution No. 90-1272A supports Metro and IRC examining the cost and service impacts of EAS as well as customer beneficiaries.

Council staff noted the Metro FY90-91 Budget includes a new analyst position for the Council and it is intended the new staff would work with Bi-State and IRC on the EAS research.

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**BI-STATE POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**RESOLUTION 05-01-1990**

For the purpose of recommending that Intergovernmental Resource Center and Metropolitan Service District pursue the establishment of Extended Area Service (toll-free telephone service) within the Portland-Vancouver Metropolitan Area.

**WHEREAS**, a number of residential and business telephone customers face high long-distance charges for inter-exchange calling which is really "local" in nature; and

**WHEREAS**, communities have grown beyond their toll-free telephone exchange boundaries and have become interdependent with communities within neighboring exchanges; and

**WHEREAS**, even in rural areas telephone subscribers may be assessed long-distance rates to call nearby towns which they may depend upon for basic services; and

**WHEREAS**, Extended Area Service (EAS) is a form of telephone service which enables a telephone subscriber in one exchange to call a neighboring or nearby exchange without being charged a long-distance rate; and

**WHEREAS**, EAS represents a change in the rate structure, rate design and billing methods for telephone subscribers, depending upon subscriber preference and calling traffic; and

**WHEREAS**, a single Portland EAS region, embracing communities ranging from Corbett on the east, Beaver Creek to the south and Forest Grove on the west, is planned for establishment in the fall of 1991; and

**WHEREAS**, EAS within the Portland-Vancouver metropolitan area would promote interstate commerce within an economically interdependent region.

**NOW THEREFORE** be it resolved that the Bi-State Policy Advisory Committee recommend that:

Intergovernmental Resource Center facilitate an investigation undertaken by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission of the possibility of consolidating the telephone exchanges currently serving the greater Vancouver area and the Camas-Washougal area creating a single Clark County EAS region; and

Intergovernmental Resource Center and Metro Service District facilitate investigations by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, the Oregon Public Utility Commission, and the Federal Communications Commission concerning the possibility of consolidating the proposed Clark County EAS region with the planned Portland EAS region.

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1990.

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**Councilor Larry Bauer**  
**Bi-State Co-Chair**

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**Commissioner John Magnano**  
**Bi-State Co-Chair**

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Rod Orlando**  
**Bi-State Coordinator**

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