



**OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
(INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE)**

DATE: September 24, 2014

TO: File through Bruce Hellebuyck 

FROM: Jim Stange 

SUBJECT: Trans-Cascade Telephone Company, dba Reliance Connects, Advice No. 99, Increases rates for residential and business one-party local access line service

I have reviewed this filing and recommend that an acknowledgement letter be sent. The filing will go into effect on October 1, 2014. It was filed on August 14, 2014. The filing proposes to increase rates for one-party residential and business local access line service. The customer notice was sent to customers and the Commission on August 14, 2014.

The proposed local access line services rate increases are as follows:

<u>Service</u>	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>Proposed Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent</u>
One-Party Residential	\$14.80	\$16.80	\$2.00	13.5%
One -Party Business	\$29.95	\$31.95	\$2.00	6.7%

The filing would affect 190 residential and business local access lines.

The filing complies with Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 759.175, which requires telecommunications utilities to submit tariff filings to the Commission whenever a telecommunications utility intends to change its rates, terms, or conditions of service. The filing is exempt under ORS 759.040 from the requirement under ORS 759.190 that tariff filings to be made at least thirty days prior to their effective dates. However, under ORS 759.040, the company is required to provide notice to its customers at least 45 days prior to the effective date of any rate increases. The Commission requires that a copy of the customer notice be filed at the same time that customers are sent notice, under OAR 860-034-0310.

The company states that it has notified its customers in compliance with the statute and has filed a copy of the customer notification letter with the Commission. The Commission did not receive any petitions in opposition to

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the rate increases. The Commission would have had to have received petitions from 19 customers to have triggered a rate investigation under the statute.

The company estimates that this filing will increase annual gross revenues by approximately \$5,000.

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