

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON  
STAFF REPORT  
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: December 3, 2014**

REGULAR \_\_\_\_\_ CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE December 5, 2014

DATE: November 19, 2014

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Stephanie Yamada *Sy*

THROUGH: Jason Eisdorfer *JE*, Bryan Conway *BAC*, and Bruce Hellebuyck *BH*

SUBJECT: UNITED TELEPHONE COMPANY OF THE NORTHWEST:  
(Advice No. OR14-07) Establishes the Home Phone II bundle for residential customers.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the tariff sheets filed be allowed to go into effect.

**DISCUSSION:**

With this filing, United Telephone Company of the Northwest dba CenturyLink (United) proposes to establish Home Phone II, a new bundle option available to residential customers. The proposed monthly rate for this service is \$28.95 per line.

Home Phone II is an optional residence service enrollment plan that includes one flat rate access line, flat rate EAS, and a choice of 17 calling features, including Voicemail. If the customer selects Voicemail as a feature, an additional monthly charge of \$1.55 will apply.

The customer must subscribe to either CenturyLink Communications, LLC Home Phone II per Minute long distance plan or CenturyLink Communications, LLC Home Phone II Unlimited long distance plan to qualify for this bundle. The monthly rate for Home Phone II does not include the recurring charges for these qualifying long distance plans.

This filing was made pursuant to the Price Plan that the Commission approved in Order No. 14-347, effective October 7, 2014. Under the Price Plan, CenturyTel is required to file tariff changes with the Commission at least 30 days prior to a filing's effective date.

This filing was made on November 5, 2014, and is effective on December 5, 2014, which is only 29 days. However, the company did file the same service description, rates, terms, and conditions of service through a *price list filing* on November 4, 2014, before they learned that was not the proper form for a filing that establishes a service in the price list. In these circumstances, staff recommends that the Commission allow this filing.

Staff has reviewed the filing and determined that each of the regulated items in this package may be purchased separately. The price of the package, which includes both regulated and unregulated services, does not exceed the tariff rates for the regulated services and the retail price for the unregulated services. The company submitted financial analyses showing that the price of the package is not less than the sum of the long run incremental costs of the individual items in the package.

**PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:**

The United tariff proposed in Advice No. OR14-07 be allowed to go into effect.