



**OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE**

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TO: File through Bruce Hellebuyck 

FROM: Jim Stanage 

SUBJECT: Qwest Corporation, Transmittal No. 2014-005-PL
Grandfathers Core Connect Professional.

I have reviewed this filing and recommend that an acknowledgement letter be sent. The filing would go into effect on December 5, 2014, and was received by the Commission on November 19, 2014. The company proposes to grandfather its Core Connect Professional.

Core Connect Professional consists of the following:

- Minimum three business lines included with Choice Business Plus packages;
- Minimum three Core Connect Professional Unlimited Long Distance (LD); and
- CenturyLink High Speed Internet Service with Core Service Pack up to 12Mbps.

A Core Connect Professional customer must subscribe to a qualifying CenturyLink Long Distance calling plan and qualifying CenturyLink High Speed Internet (HSI) Service in conjunction with each of the three Choice Business Plus packages. Both CenturyLink LD calling plan(s) and CenturyLink HSI Service are non-regulated services and involve additional charges.

Choice Business Plus is a package of features available to business customers in conjunction with a simple flat rate access line. Business customers subscribing to the package are entitled to unlimited use of *all* of the 15 package features (e.g., Call Forwarding, Three-Way Calling, and Call Waiting ID).

The grandfathered service would no longer be offered to new customers, although current customers may retain it as long as they remain at the same service location.

The Core Connect Professional package is classified in the *Other Services* group and is price listed pursuant Qwest's Price Plan. This filing is timely pursuant

to Section P of the Price Plan, which, in pertinent part, says that the company: "...will make price list changes for New Services, Other Services, and Packages and Bundles at least one day prior to the effective date."

This filing would not change the rates, terms, or service conditions for customers currently subscribed to the services affected by the grandfathering. No sunset date is proposed in this filing for the grandfathered service, and therefore, this filing does not constitute an abandonment of service under the Commission's rules.

A telecommunications utility is allowed, under Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) 860-032-0020(15), to grandfather a service without a sunset date by filing a tariff which designates the filing as grandfathered. Grandfathering a service without a sunset date is not considered abandonment of service under the rule.

Qwest estimates that the filing will have a negligible effect on annual revenues.