

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: June 23, 2015**

REGULAR _____ CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE July 1, 2015

DATE: June 2, 2015

TO: Public Utility Commission

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THROUGH: Jason Eisdorfer, Bryan Conway, and Roger White

SUBJECT: QWEST CORPORATION: (Docket No. ADV 43/Advice No. 2126) Revises tariff language and rates for Intrastate Access Service as required by FCC Order No. 11-161, further orders in FCC WC Docket No. 10-90, FCC Order No. DA 15-368, adopted March 27, 2015, and FCC Order No. DA 15-458, adopted April 14, 2015.

CENTURYTEL OF OREGON INC: (Docket No. ADV 42/Advice No. OR15-02A) Revises tariff language and rates for Intrastate Access Service as required by FCC Order No. 11-161, further orders in FCC WC Docket No. 10-90, FCC Order No. DA 15-368, adopted March 27, 2015, and FCC Order No. DA 15-458, adopted April 14, 2015.

UNITED TELEPHONE COMPANY OF THE NORTHWEST: (Docket No. ADV 44/Advice No. OR15-03A) Revises tariff language and rates for Intrastate Access Service as required by FCC Order No. 11-161, further orders in FCC WC Docket No. 10-90, FCC Order No. DA 15-368, adopted March 27, 2015, and FCC Order No. DA 15-458, adopted April 14, 2015.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission allow the May 18, 2015, filings by CenturyTel of Oregon, Inc. (Docket No. ADV 42/Advice No. OR15-02A), United Telephone Company of the Northwest (Docket No. ADV 44/Advice No. OR15-03A), and Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC (Docket No. ADV 43/Advice No. 2126), which revise their intrastate tariff language and access rates, effective July 1, 2015, to go into effect.

Qwest Corporation Docket No. ADV 43/Advice No. 2126
CenturyTel Docket No. ADV 42/Advice No. OR15-02A
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DISCUSSION:

Background

On May 18, 2015, CenturyLink filed advices for its companies' access tariffs¹ to be effective July 1, 2015.

The intrastate access tariffs to be revised are the following:

CenturyTel of Oregon Inc.: (Docket No. ADV 42/Advice No. OR15-02A) Tariff Oregon P.U.C. AC4.

United Telephone Company of the Northwest: (Docket No. ADV 44/Advice No. OR15-03A) Tariff PUC OR. No. 6.

Qwest Corporation: (Docket No. ADV 43/Advice No. 2126) Tariff P.U.C. Oregon No. 32.

These filings revise the tariffs' language and rates as required by FCC Order No. 11-161, released November 18, 2011, further orders in FCC WC Docket No. 10-90, FCC Order No. DA 15-368, adopted March 27, 2015, and FCC Order No. DA 15-458, adopted April 14, 2015. The FCC Orders specify a multiyear program to revamp the nationwide intercarrier compensation (ICC) system. This filing is the fourth step in implementing the FCC's program, and requires the reduction of terminating intrastate switched end office rates by one-third of the difference between end office rates and \$0.0007 as required by 47 C.F.R. §51.907.

Staff has reviewed the revised tariff sheets and supporting data. The submissions conform to the methodology specified by the FCC.

Impact on Rates

As required by the FCC, intrastate rates will more closely resemble a company's interstate rates.

¹ Access charges are imposed by a local exchange carrier (LEC) on calls to or from an interexchange carrier (IXC) to compensate the local carrier for the use of its facilities. Access charges recover a portion of the cost of the local loop (from the end user to the Central Office), a portion of the cost of the switching equipment in the Central Office, and the company's portion of the facilities used to transport the call from the end-user's central office to the central office located in the state where the call is terminated. These costs are assigned to the intrastate jurisdiction as defined in Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Separation Rules (47 CFR Part 36) and adopted by the PUC.

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PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

CenturyTel's Docket No. ADV 42/Advice No. OR15-02A, United's Docket No. ADV 44/Advice No. OR15-03A, and Qwest's Docket No. ADV 43/Advice No. 2126, revising intrastate access tariff language and rates, be allowed to go into effect July 1, 2015.

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