

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: October 20, 2015

REGULAR _____ CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE October 23, 2015

DATE: October 7, 2015

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Jim Stanage *JS*

THROUGH: Jason Eisdorfer, Bryan Conway, and Bruce Hellebuyck *BAC* *JS for*

SUBJECT: CENTURYTEL OF OREGON, INC.: (Docket No. ADV 109/Advice No. 346) Deletes (abandons) Emergency Line Service from the tariff that provides a residential local access line with certain limitations.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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

DISCUSSION:

CenturyTel of Oregon, Inc., dba CenturyLink (CenturyTel) proposes to delete (abandon) Emergency Line Service from the tariff that provides a residential local access line with certain limitations. The company states that there are currently no customers subscribing to this service.

OAR 860-032-0020 (8) permits a telecommunications utility to abandon a regulated service for which there are no current customers by filing a tariff change which deletes the regulated service. The filing must clearly and explicitly disclose which regulated service the utility proposes to abandon.

The filing was submitted on September 22, 2015, and thus, complies with CenturyTel *Price Plan*, Section P, which requires tariff changes to be filed at least thirty days prior to their effective dates. Telecommunications utilities are required under ORS 759.175 to submit tariff filings to the Commission whenever they intend to make changes to their service offerings, including their rates, terms, or conditions of service.

Emergency Line provides a residential one-party local access line with certain limitations. The line is toll blocked and does not have a directory listing. The line allows

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outgoing E911 and 711 abbreviated dialing only, but can receive unlimited incoming calls. In addition, during a 180-day introductory period, all applicable nonrecurring charges are waived. The monthly rate for the Emergency Line service is \$7.17.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

The CenturyTel tariff proposed in Docket No. ADV 109/Advice No. 346 be allowed to go into effect.

CenturyTel346. DeletesEmergencyLine