

**OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE**

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TO: File through Michael Dougherty and Bruce Hellebuyck

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SUBJECT: CenturyTel of Oregon and CenturyTel of Eastern Oregon: (Docket No. ADV 1258/Advice No. 373). Adds tariff language pursuant to 47 CFR §9.16(b)(3), pertaining to Ray Baum's Act.

I have reviewed this filing and recommend that an acknowledgement letter be sent. With this filing, CenturyTel of Oregon and CenturyTel of Eastern Oregon dba CenturyLink (CenturyTel or Company) proposes to add tariff language related to customer obligations and indemnification provisions of CenturyTel.

Issue

Whether the tariff changes proposed by CenturyTel should be allowed to become effective for service rendered on and after June 1, 2021.

Applicable Rule or Law

Telecommunications utilities are required under ORS 759.175 to submit filings to the Commission whenever they intend to change their rates, terms, or conditions of service.

CenturyTel is regulated under a Price Plan pursuant to ORS 759.255 and Order No. 18-359 in Docket No. UM 1908. Section 8.a.i of the Price Plan requires CenturyTel to file all tariff changes with the Commission at least 30 days prior to the effective date of the change. Section 8.b of the Price Plan requires CenturyTel to provide customers with 30-day notice of price changes.

Analysis

This filing was submitted on April 14, 2021, with a proposed effective date of June 1, 2021, in compliance with the filing requirements stated in CenturyTel's Price Plan. The language changes proposed with the present filing are summarized below.

This filing adds language pursuant to 47 CFR §9.16(b)(3), pertaining to Ray Baum's Act. Specifically, these revisions add language related to requiring that 'multiline telephone systems (MLTS) and fixed and non-fixed voice services must be capable of conveying the dispatchable location of a 911 caller to a public safety answering point. In

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recognition of customer obligations related to Ray Baum's Act, these revisions include indemnification provisions to which customers connecting to MLTS to Company facilities and/or providing fixed or non-fixed services must adhere.'

The Company states that Business customers were notified of the proposed language changes.

Conclusion

This filing complies with applicable laws and the provisions of CenturyTel's Price Plan. The filed tariff sheets should be allowed to become effective, and an acknowledgement letter should be sent.

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