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VIA E-MAIL

Filing Center
Oregon Public Utility Commission
PO Box 1088
Salem OR 97308-1088

Re: Home Telephone Company – Section IV - Ninth Revised Sheet 1 Canceling
Eighth Revised Sheet 1 – Customer Notice - Advice 145

Dear Sir/Madam:

Attached you will find the above-referenced tariff sheet and customer notification regarding a proposed rate increase, which is scheduled to be effective June 1, 2017. This filing increases the residential rate from \$16.55 per month to \$18.60.

The filing affects approximately 352 residential customers. The filing will provide additional annual revenue of approximately \$8,659.20.

The Federal Communications Commission has issued an Order (FCC Order No. 11-161) that requires the Company to increase its rates to the levels set forth in the proposed tariff or face a corresponding reduction in its universal service support.

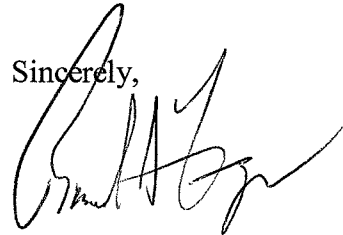
There is a chance that the FCC will reverse its position. Company representatives are asking the FCC to do that. If it happens, the rate will revert to \$16.55 as quickly as possible.

Any communications concerning this filing should include DeeDee Kluser (otcacct@ortelco.net) of Home.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard A. Finnigan', written in a cursive style.

RICHARD A. FINNIGAN

RAF/cs
Enclosures

cc: Client (via e-mail)

LOCAL EXCHANGE ACCESS LINE SERVICE

1. Access Line Rates

A. Applicable to Business and Residence individual and party line service furnished in the Condon exchange.

2. Rates

	<u>Monthly Rates</u>	<u>Trans. Codes</u>	
A. <u>BUSINESS SERVICE</u>			
One-Party	\$25.55	B1	
Key Line	25.55	TKKSB	
PBX Trunk	25.55	TKCS	
B. <u>RESIDENCE SERVICE</u>			
One-Party	18.60	RI	(I)

HOME TELEPHONE CO.



ONE TELEPHONE DRIVE
PO BOX 609
MOUNT VERNON, OREGON 97865
541-932-4411

April 1, 2017

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Home Telephone Co. "Company" is filing with the Oregon Public Utility Commission ("Commission") to increase its residential monthly service rate from \$16.55 to \$18.60 per month for the Condon, OR exchange, a change of \$2.05. The proposed effective date for the filing is June 1, 2017.

The Federal Communications Commission has issued an Order (FCC Order No. 11-161) that requires the Company to increase its rates to the levels set forth in this Notice or face a corresponding reduction in its universal service support. Federal Universal Service support enables the Company to provide high quality service to you.

<u>Service</u>	<u>Existing Rate</u>	<u>New Rate</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Percentage of Change</u>
One-Party Residential Access Line	\$16.55	\$18.60	\$2.05	12.39%

There is a chance that the FCC will reverse its position. Company representatives are asking the FCC to do that. If it happens, the rate will revert to \$16.55 as quickly as possible.

This is not something that the Company is taking lightly. However, in considering options available to it, the Company believes it has no choice but to follow the FCC's requirements in order to continue to receive universal service support at approximately the same level it has in the past, if the FCC does not reverse its position.

Customers may petition the Public Utility Commission of Oregon to investigate the rate increase. The Commission has the authority to set final rates that may be lower or higher than the company's request, depending on the outcome of the investigation. The Commission will investigate the rate increase if it receives petitions signed by 10 percent of customers on or before May 22, 2017. If the Commission does not receive sufficient petitions by May 22, 2017, the proposed rates will become effective on June 1, 2017, without Commission review. Petitions should be sent to the Commission's Consumer Services Division.

Public Utility Commission of Oregon
PO Box 1088
Salem OR 97308-1088
E-mail: puc.consumer@state.or.us
Telephone: 1-800-522-2404 Consumer Services (voice)

If you have any questions about the proposed filing and how it will affect you, please call Home Telephone Co. at 541-384-2211 or 1-844-765-7457

Sincerely,

Home Telephone Co.