



**OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
(INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE)**

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TO: File through Bruce Hellebuyck 

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SUBJECT: Oregon Telephone Corporation, ADV 293/Advice No. 65
Adds the Harper and Juntura Exchanges to the tariff with no changes to the rates charged to customers.

I have reviewed this filing and recommend that an acknowledgement letter be sent. The filing was submitted on May 6, 2016, and will go into effect on June 7, 2016. The filing proposes to add the Harper and Juntura exchanges to Oregon Telephone Corporation's (OTC) tariff and applies to approximately 200 access lines. This filing does not change the rates charged to customers and results in no annual revenue change for the company.

As a result of discussions between the company and staff during staff's review of a separate filing (ADV 245), it was discovered that the Harper and Juntura exchanges were never added to OTC's tariff because these exchanges were acquired from Midvale Telephone Exchange (Midvale) in 2009.¹ At the time of the acquisition, Midvale was exempt from ORS 759.175, which requires telecommunications utilities to file tariffs with the Commission. Therefore, Midvale had no tariff sheets relating to the Harper or Juntura exchanges on file with the Commission in 2009.

While Order No. 09-494 required the exchanges being acquired from Midvale to be added to OTC's tariff following the Commission's approval of the acquisition, OTC inadvertently failed to submit a filing to add these exchanges. The present filing corrects this error by adding the former Midvale exchanges to OTC's tariff as required by Order No. 09-494, but does not make any changes to the rates or terms by which OTC serves customers in the Harper and Juntura exchanges.

This filing is exempt under ORS 759.040 from the requirement under ORS 759.190 that tariff filings be made at least thirty days prior to their effective dates.

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¹ See Order No. 09-494 in Docket UA 153.