

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

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TO: File through Bryan Conway *BC* and Bruce Hellebuyck *BH*

FROM: Jim Stanage *JS*

SUBJECT: Asotin Telephone Company, Advice No. 116
Increases the rate for Security Line Service (no customers) and
deletes (abandons) Safety Line Service, which also has no
customers.

I have reviewed this filing and recommend that an acknowledgement letter be sent. The filing will go into effect on October 7, 2015. It was filed on August 21, 2015. The filing proposes to increase the rate for Security Line Service, which has no customers, and deletes (abandons) Safety Line Service, which also has no customers.

The filing proposes to increase the rate for the residential package, Security Line Service, and the company states that it has no current customers for the service, and therefore, has not sent any customer notices.

Security Line Service is an optional bundle for residential customers who have their main telephone service with a wireless provider, but require a landline for emergency back-up and high speed data. The bundle includes a residential One-Party local access line and up to 1.0 megabits (Mbps) of high speed data. The current monthly rate for Security Line Service is \$47.20 and would be increased to \$52.45 under this filing.

Customers must also subscribe to the Unlimited TDS Long Distance Corporation calling plan to be eligible for the Security Line Service bundle. Any toll charges are in addition to the monthly bundle rate. The \$10.00 nonrecurring service installation charges do not apply to the Security Line Service bundle.

The filing complies with ORS 759.175, which requires telecommunications utilities to submit tariff filings to the Commission whenever a telecommunications utility intends to change its rates, terms, or conditions of service. Under ORS 759.040(7), the company is required to provide notice to its "affected customers" at least 45 days prior to the effective date of any rate

increases. The company states that it has no customers of this *subscription-type service*, and therefore, no current customers who are affected by this filing. In turn, therefore, there is no notice requirement for this filing and it can take effect on its proposed effective date, October 7, 2015.

Safety Line Service is an optional bundle for residential customers who have their main telephone service with a wireless provider, but require a landline for emergency back-up and high speed data. The bundle includes a residential one-party, flat rate local access line and 1.5 (Mbps) of high speed data and has a monthly rate of \$51.95. The service was grandfathered through Advice No. 93, effective August 1, 2012.

Oregon Administrative Rule (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 company states that there are no customers subscribed to Safety Line Service.

The company estimates that this filing will not affect annual gross revenues.