


PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON  
STAFF REPORT  
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: September 22, 2015

REGULAR \_\_\_\_\_ CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE September 23, 2015

DATE: September 9, 2015

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Jim Stanage 

THROUGH: Jason Eisdorfer, Bryan Conway, and Bruce Hellebuyck 

SUBJECT: CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY OF OREGON:  
(Docket No. ADV 95/Advice No. OR-15-04) Establishes a new package, Frontier OneVoice Bundled Service, and requests waiver of statutory notice.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the filed tariff be allowed to go into effect and that the request for a waiver of statutory notice be granted.

**DISCUSSION:**

Citizens Telecommunications Company of Oregon, dba Frontier Communications of Oregon, (Citizens) proposes to establish a new package for business customers, Frontier OneVoice Bundled Service. The proposed bundle includes one flat rate business access line, a group of standard custom calling features, Voice-mail, flat rate Extended Area Service (EAS)<sup>1</sup>, and a group of optional add-on features.

The proposed monthly rate for the OneVoice Bundled Service is \$44.99, and the group of optional add-on features would have a monthly rate of \$9.99. The company also proposes a monthly rate for the OneVoice Bundled Service of \$29.99 when it is subscribed under a term agreement of one, two, or three years.

Staff has reviewed the filing and determined that each of the component services in this bundle may be purchased separately in the company's tariff. The price of the bundle does not exceed the sum of the tariff rates for the bundle's component services, which complies with the Commission's policy on packages and bundles.

<sup>1</sup> The monthly business flat rate EAS charges range from \$6.74 to \$24.08.

The company submitted an analysis that shows the proposed rates cover their respective costs of service. Although Citizens has not completed a general cost study docket and had its results adopted by the Commission, the proposed rates do cover Qwest Corporation's (dba CenturyLink) adopted long-run, incremental costs (LRIC) for the same regulated services, which staff is using as a surrogate.

The filing was submitted on September 9, 2015, which is less than 30 days prior to the effective date. ORS 759.190 requires tariff filings to be made at least 30 days prior to their effective dates. However, the company has filed a request for a waiver of the statutory notice requirement so that the tariff filing can be allowed to go into effect with less than the statutory notice of 30 days (i.e., a request sometimes referred to as an LSN).

This filing would have a negligible effect on annual revenues.

**PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:**

Citizens Advice No. OR-15-04 be allowed to go into effect with less than statutory notice.