

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON  
STAFF REPORT  
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: December 16, 2014

REGULAR \_\_\_\_\_ CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE December 18, 2014

DATE: December 4, 2014

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Stephanie Yamada *Sy*

THROUGH: Jason Eisdorfer *JF*, Bryan Conway *BC*, and Bruce Hellebuyck *BH*

SUBJECT: UNITED TELEPHONE COMPANY OF THE NORTHWEST:  
(Advice No. OR14-08) Grandfathers the Privacy Identification feature.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the tariff sheets filed be allowed to go into effect.

**DISCUSSION:**

With this filing, United Telephone Company of the Northwest dba CenturyLink (United) proposes to grandfather Privacy Identification (ID).

Privacy ID provides Caller ID subscribers with the ability to identify unavailable, unknown, blocked, and private numbers. The company states that demand for the service continues to decline and that the equipment required to provide the service is no longer supported by the vendor. Although the service will no longer be offered to new customers, current customers may retain it as long as they remain at the same service location. This filing will not change the rates, terms, or service conditions for customers currently subscribed to the service. No sunset date for Privacy ID is proposed in this filing.

Telecommunications utilities are allowed, under Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) 860-032-0020(15), to grandfather a service without a sunset date by filing a tariff which designates the filing as grandfathered. Grandfathering a service without a sunset date is not considered abandonment of service under the rule.

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This filing was made pursuant to the Price Plan that the Commission approved in Order No. 14-347, effective October 7, 2014. Under the Price Plan, United is required to file tariff changes with the Commission at least 30 days prior to a filing's effective date. This filing was made on November 17, 2014, with an effective date of December 18, 2014, which complies with the requirement in the Price Plan. However, the tariff sheet filed at that time contained a typographical error which stated the effective date incorrectly. Therefore, at staff's request, the company submitted a supplemental filing to correct this error on November 20, 2014. In these circumstances, staff recommends that the Commission allow this filing.

**PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:**

The United tariff proposed in Advice No. OR14-08 be allowed to go into effect.

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