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September 30, 2014

#### VIA E-MAIL AND OVERNIGHT MAIL

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

Re:

Nehalem Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a RTI-Nehalem Telecom - Third Revised Sheet No. 3.2 Canceling Second Revised Sheet No. 3.2; Second Revised Sheet No. 3.1 Canceling First Revised Sheet No. 3.1; Advice Nos. 15 and 6

#### Dear Sir/Madam:

Attached you will find the above-referenced tariff sheet. This filing increases the residential rate from \$14.00 per month to \$14.80 per month effective November 30, 2014. This filing also increases the business rate from \$16.00 to \$16.80 per month.

The filing affects 1,800 residential customers and 493 business customers and will provide additional annual revenue of approximately \$22,013.

The purpose of this filing is to conform to FCC Order No. 11-161. In the course of that Order, the Federal Communications Commission adopted new rules concerning the universal service program. The effect of those rules is to penalize any company whose total residential rate plus certain state fees is less than \$16.00 on December 1, 2014. The penalty is a dollar-for-dollar reduction in universal service support for the Company's operations. The business rate is being increased to maintain its differential with the residential rate.

The Notice to customers is attached and includes additional information concerning the filing.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

RICHARD A. FINNIGAN

RAF/cs Enclosures

cc: Client (via e-mail)

Nehalem Telecommunications, Inc.

## LOCAL ACCESS (Continued)

#### RESIDENCE SERVICE

#### **RATES**

One Party Service \$14.80 (I)

The above rates do not include customer premises inside wire, the telephone instrument or other terminal equipment, except with semi-public service, one coin telephone instrument is included.

### Oregon Telephone Assistance Program (OTAP) Credit

The above rates do not include the Oregon Telephone Assistance Program (OTAP) Credit.

Advice No. 15

Issued: September 30, 2014 Effective: November 30, 2014

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Nehalem Telecommunications, Inc.

LOCAL SERVICE

# LOCAL ACCESS LINE RATES BUSINESS SERVICE

**RATES** 

One Party 16.80 (I)

Trunk hunting 15.00

<u>Centrex</u> <u>monthly</u>

Multiline Variety Package (MVP)

in addition to one party rate 6.00 per line in addition to trunk hunting rate 4.00 per line

The above rates do not include premise inside wire, the telephone instrument or other terminal equipment.

Advice No. 6

Issued: September 30, 2014 Effective: November 30, 2014

Issued by: Nehalem Telecommunications, Inc.



September 23, 2014

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#### IMPORTANT NOTICE

Nehalem Telecommunications, Inc. is filing with the Oregon Public Utility Commission ("Commission") to increase its residential monthly service rate from \$14.00 to \$14.80 per month, a change of \$0.80 per month or 5.71% and to increase its business monthly service rate from \$16.00 to \$16.80 per month, a change of \$0.80 per month or 5.0%. These increases will take effect November 30, 2014.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) 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 federal universal service support. Universal service support helps the Company provide high quality service to you. The Company has historically opposed raising its local rates, but after due consideration, the Company believes it has no choice but to follow the FCC's requirement.

This is not something that the Company is taking lightly. However, in considering the options available to it, the Company believes it has no choice but to follow the FCC's requirement in order to continue to receive federal universal service support at approximately the same levels it has in the past. The business rate is being increased to maintain the differential from the residential rate.

If you have any questions about the proposed filing and how it will affect you, please call the Company at (503) 368-5116.

Customers may petition the Public Utility Commission of Oregon to investigate the rate increase. The Commission will investigate the rate increase if it receives petitions signed by customers (10 percent of customers or 500, whichever is the lesser), on or before November 2, 2014. If the Commission does not receive sufficient petitions by November 2, 2014, the proposed rates will become effective on November 30, 2014, without Commission review. Petitions should be sent to the Commission's Consumer Services Division. The Company will provide a current copy of the local exchange directory and its service territory map within ten days of a request from any customer.

The Commission's toll free telephone number is 1-800-522-2404
The Commission's address is
3930 Fairview Industrial Dr. SE
Post Office Box 1088
Salem, OR 97308-1088

Sincerely,

Nehalem Telecommunications, Inc.