

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON  
STAFF REPORT  
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: June 23, 2015

REGULAR \_\_\_\_\_ CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE July 1, 2015

DATE: June 2, 2015

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Armando Fimbres *AF*

THROUGH: Jason Eisdorfer, Bryan Conway, and Roger White *EW*

**SUBJECT:** FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS NORTHWEST INC: (Docket No. ADV 46/Advice No. 1044) Revises tariff language and rates for Intrastate Access Service as required by FCC Order No. 11-161, further orders in FCC WC Docket No. 10-90, FCC Order No. DA 15-368, adopted March 27, 2015, and FCC Order No. DA 15-458, adopted April 14, 2015.

CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY OF OREGON: (Docket No. ADV 45/Advice No. OR-15-03) Revises tariff language and rates for Intrastate Access Service as required by FCC Order No. 11-161, further orders in FCC WC Docket No. 10-90, FCC Order No. DA 15-368, adopted March 27, 2015, and FCC Order No. DA 15-458, adopted April 14, 2015.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Commission allow the May 21, 2015, filings of Frontier Communications Northwest Inc. (Docket No. ADV 46/Advice No. 1044) and Citizens Telecommunications Company of Oregon (Docket No. ADV 45/Advice No. OR-15-03) to revise their intrastate access tariff language and rates, effective July 1, 2015, to go into effect.

**DISCUSSION:**

Background

On May 21, 2015, Frontier Communications filed advices for its companies' access

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tariffs<sup>1</sup> to be effective July 1, 2015.

The intrastate access tariffs to be revised are the following:

Frontier Communications Northwest Inc.: (Docket No. ADV 46/Advice No. 1044)  
Facilities for Intrastate Access Tariff P.U.C. OR No. 12.

Citizens Telecommunications Company of Oregon: (Docket No. ADV 45/Advice  
No. OR-15-03) Access Services Tariff P.U.C. OR No. 2.

These filings revise the tariffs' language and rates as required by FCC Order No. 11-161, released November 18, 2011, further orders in FCC WC Docket No. 10-90, FCC Order No. DA 15-368, adopted March 27, 2015, and FCC Order No. DA 15-458, adopted April 14, 2015. The FCC Orders specify a multiyear program to revamp the nationwide intercarrier compensation (ICC) system. This filing is the fourth step in implementing the FCC's program, and requires the reduction of terminating intrastate switched end office rates by one-third of the difference between end office rates and \$0.0007 as required by 47 C.F.R. §51.907.

Staff has reviewed the revised tariff sheets and supporting data. The submissions conform to the methodology specified by the FCC.

#### Impact on Rates

As required by the FCC, intrastate rates will more closely resemble a company's interstate rates.

#### **PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:**

Frontier Northwest's Docket No. ADV 46/Advice No. 1044 and Citizens Docket No. ADV 45/Advice No. OR-15-03, revising intrastate access tariff language and rates, be allowed to go into effect July 1, 2015.

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<sup>1</sup> Access charges are imposed by a local exchange carrier (LEC) on calls to or from an interexchange carrier (IXC) to compensate the local carrier for the use of its facilities. Access charges recover a portion of the cost of the local loop (from the end user to the Central Office), a portion of the cost of the switching equipment in the Central Office, and the company's portion of the facilities used to transport the call from the end-user's central office to the central office located in the state where the call is terminated. These costs are assigned to the intrastate jurisdiction as defined in Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Separation Rules (47 CFR Part 36) and adopted by the PUC.