



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

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TO: File through Bryan Conway and Bruce Hellebuyck 

FROM: Stephanie Yamada 

SUBJECT: Qwest Corporation, Advice No. 2015-005-PL
Increases the effective rate of packages/bundles that include Voice Messaging or a Wire Maintenance plan by \$1.00.

I have reviewed this filing and recommend that an acknowledgement letter be sent. The purpose of this filing by Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC (Qwest) is to increase the Non-Telecom Service Surcharge by \$1.00, from \$1.99 to \$2.99, thereby increasing the effective rate of affected packages/bundles. The increases are related directly to the company's Voice Messaging and Wire Maintenance services, which are deregulated services. Because these services are included in regulated packages, they must be shown as such in the price list along with a notation regarding their deregulated status.

Qwest first introduced the Non-Telecom Service Surcharge in August of 2013 with Advice No. 2013-005-PL. The company shows the Non-Telecom Service Surcharge in the price list as an additional charge for Voice Messaging and Wire Maintenance services rather than simply increasing the overall price of each affected package by \$2.99. This is because customers are not required to take the Voice Messaging or Wire Maintenance features when subscribing to the regulated packages. Customers who ask the company to remove the Voice Messaging and/or Wire Maintenance service from their package will not be charged the additional \$2.99.

The filing was made pursuant to the price plan that the Commission approved with Order No. 14-346, effective October 3, 2014. Under the price plan, Qwest is permitted to file price list changes one day prior to a filing's effective date. This filing was submitted on July 16, 2015, with an effective date of July 17, 2015, and therefore complies with the requirement in the price plan.

The proposed rates are less than the sum of the tariffed prices of the individual services/features, and therefore, comply with the Commission's policy concerning the maximum rates for packages of services.