

**OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE**

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TO: File through Bryan Conway and Bruce Hellebuyck

FROM: Stephanie Yamada

SUBJECT: FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS NORTHWEST INC: (Docket No. ADV 102/Advice No. 1046) Increases the monthly rates for business local access line services.

I have reviewed this filing and recommend that an acknowledgement letter be sent. The filing was submitted on September 17, 2015, and will go into effect on October 18, 2015. With this filing, Frontier Communications Northwest Inc. (Frontier) proposes to increase the monthly rates for business local access line services by \$1.25 per line.

On August 18, 2014, the Commission issued its Order No. 14-290, in docket UM 1677, approving a price plan for Frontier under ORS 759.255. Section B of the price plan, *Pricing and Availability of Services under Price Plan*, establishes specific pricing restrictions for certain services.

Section B.1.d of the price plan states: "Frontier may increase recurring charges for business primary line basic service by up to \$4.00 on the effective date of the Price Plan."

The proposed local access line services rate increases are as follows:

<u>Service</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Percent</u>
One-Party Business				
Rate Group 1	\$20.75	\$22.00	\$1.25	6.0%
Rate Group 2	\$25.75	\$27.00	\$1.25	4.9%
Rate Group 3	\$30.02	\$31.27	\$1.25	4.2%
PBX Trunk (Business)				
Rate Group 1	\$23.75	\$25.00	\$1.25	5.3%
Rate Group 2	\$28.75	\$30.00	\$1.25	4.3%
Rate Group 3	\$32.95	\$34.20	\$1.25	3.8%
Measured Business	\$19.75	\$21.00	\$1.25	6.3%

Public Access Line (PAL)

Rate Group 1	\$20.75	\$22.00	\$1.25	6.0%
Rate Group 2	\$25.75	\$27.00	\$1.25	4.9%
Rate Group 3	\$30.02	\$31.27	\$1.25	4.2%

Frontier previously increased business rates by \$1.75 with Advice No. 1042, effective October 19, 2014. The present filing further increases certain business rates by an additional \$1.25, for a total increase to these services of \$3.00 since the approval of Frontier's price plan. This filing complies with the above cited provisions of Section B.1 of the price plan and the rate increases do not exceed the total allowed increase of \$4.00 for business services.

Section Q of Frontier's price plan requires customers to be provided at least 30 days' prior notice of price increases for services they are purchasing. Frontier states that customers were provided proper notice of the rate increases pursuant to the requirements in the price plan.

The filing was submitted on September 17, 2015, and thus complies with Section Q of the price plan, which requires tariff filings to be made at least thirty days prior to their effective dates. Telecommunications utilities are required under ORS 759.175 to submit tariff filings to the Commission whenever they intend to change their rates, terms, or conditions of service.