

**OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE**

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TO: File through Bryan Conway and Bruce Hellebuyck

FROM: Stephen Hayes

SUBJECT: QWEST CORPORATION (Docket No. PL 44/Advice No. 16-006-PL)
Increases rates for business flat rate service and business measured rate services.

I have reviewed this filing and recommend that an acknowledgement letter be sent. The filing will go into effect on July 17, 2016, and it was filed on June 15, 2016. Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC (Qwest or company) proposes to increase the rates for business flat rate service and business measured rate service.

On October 3, 2014, the Commission issued its Order No. 14-346, in docket UM 1354, approving a *Price Plan* for Qwest under ORS 759.255. This filing was submitted on June 15, 2016, and thus, complies with the Qwest Price Plan, Section P, which requires price list changes to be filed with the Commission at least one day prior to their effective dates and that customers be provided at least 30 days prior notice of rate increases for currently subscribed services. All of the services affected by this filing are in the company's current price list. The company states that it has provided the required notice to its customers. 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.

The Price Plan, Section B.1.c., *Recurring and non-recurring charges for business primary line basic services*, states:

Rates for these services will not be subject to price caps. If CenturyLink QC increases the recurring charge by more than \$4 over the term of the plan, CenturyLink QC must provide customers 90 day notice prior to 1) making the change that causes the cumulative price increase over the term of the Price Plan to exceed \$4.00 and 2) making any subsequent price changes.

The proposed rate increases for business primary line basic services are as follows:

<u>Service</u>	<u>Pre-Plan Rate</u>	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>Proposed Rate</u>	<u>Cumulative Change</u>
Business Flat Rate Service				
Rate Group 1	\$26.00	\$26.00	\$28.00	\$2.00
Rate Group 2	\$28.50	\$28.50	\$30.00	\$1.50
Rate Group 3	\$30.50	\$30.50	\$32.00	\$1.50
Business Measured Service Individual Line				
Rate Group 1	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$20.00	\$2.00
Rate Group 2	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$20.00	\$2.00
Rate Group 3	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$20.00	\$2.00

The proposed rate increases comply with the above described requirements and the company's Price Plan. The company has filed a Price Plan Control List with the Commission's electronic filing center that shows the percentage of the proposed rate increases on both an *annual* and a *cumulative over price plan* basis.