

**OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE**

DATE: June 22, 2016

TO: File through Bryan Conway and Bruce Hellebuyck

FROM: Stephen Hayes

SUBJECT: QWEST CORPORATION: (Docket No. ADV 326/Advice No. 2129)
Reduces certain Business EAS rates and Corrects Tariff Pages

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, dba CenturyLink QC, (Qwest) proposes to reduce the monthly flat rate for business Extended Area Service (EAS) Rate Bands B and C. The effects of the proposed EAS price reductions are shown in the table below.

| <u>Business EAS Rate Band</u> | <u>Pre-Plan Price</u> | <u>Current Price</u> | <u>Proposed Reduction</u> | <u>New Price</u> |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| B | \$3.27 | \$3.27 | -\$0.27 | \$3.00 |
| C | \$7.49 | \$7.49 | -\$1.49 | \$6.00 |

The EAS rate reductions are in compliance with the pricing flexibility allowed under Section B.1.c. of Qwest's Price Plan approved by the Commission in Order No. 14-346 in Docket UM 1354. The company has filed a Price Plan Control List with the Commission's electronic filing center that shows the effects of the rate changes. There were no previous reductions or increases under the Price Plan for these services. Further, the rate reductions for EAS services do not render the proposed rates to be below the cost of service, and therefore, they comply with the price floor requirement of ORS 759.255(4).

In addition, this filing requests the removal of nonrecurring and monthly rates for flat rate Business lines from Tariff No. 33 that were previously moved to the Price List under Advice Nos. 2124 and 2015-002-PL. The related text was inadvertently left in Tariff No. 33 and this Advice Letter transmits the corrected tariff pages.