

**OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE**

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SUBJECT: Frontier Communications Northwest Inc. (Docket No. PL 56/Advice No. 049SPL) Increases rate for Additional Directory Listings.

I have reviewed this filing and recommend that an acknowledgement letter be sent. The filing went into effect on March 19, 2017, and it was filed on March 16, 2017. Frontier Communications Northwest Inc. (Frontier) proposes to increase the rates for Directory Listings by fifty cents from two dollars and fifty cents to three dollars.

Frontier is regulated under a price plan pursuant to ORS 759.255 and Order No. 14-290, issued August 18, 2014. 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 service affected by this filing is in the company's current price list. 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. This requirement does not apply to price-listed services. Section Q of the price plan requires Frontier to submit price list changes at least one day prior to their effective dates.

Section H of Frontier's price plan states that monthly rates for Other Services may be increased by up to 25 percent or \$0.50 annually, whichever is greater. Section H further states that within 60 days of receiving notice of price increase to "Other Services," Customers who request removal of any service contained in "Other Services" will not incur a non-recurring charge for the removal of the service. Additional listings are specifically identified in Commission Order No. 14-290(B)(2) as Other Services. Here it also indicates that the first directory listing for a single address is included as part of the service.

Based upon the foregoing Staff considers the affected service to be *Other Services* as defined in the Price Plan. The proposed rate increase complies with the requirements of the company's Price Plan described above.