

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: June 27, 2017

REGULAR X CONSENT EFFECTIVE DATE June 28, 2017

DATE: June 20, 2017

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Stephen Hayes 

THROUGH: Jason Eisdorfer, Bryan Conway, and Bruce Hellebuyck 

SUBJECT: UNITED TELEPHONE COMPANY OF THE NORTHWEST:
(Docket No. ADV 571/Advice No. OR17-01) Establishes the Unlimited Nationwide Calling Package for residential customers.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

I recommend that the tariff sheets filed be allowed to go into effect.

DISCUSSION:

Issue

Whether the Commission should allow the proposed tariff sheets establishing a new package to go into effect.

Applicable Rule or Law

This filing was made pursuant to the Price Plan established according to Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 759.255. The Commission approved the Price Plan in Order No. 14-347, effective October 7, 2014. Under the Price Plan, United is required to file tariff changes with the Commission at least 30 days prior to a filing's effective date. This filing was made on May 26, 2017, and is effective on June 28, 2017.

Analysis

With this filing, United Telephone Company of the Northwest dba CenturyLink (United) proposes to establish the Unlimited Nationwide Calling Package, an optional packaged

service available to residential customers. The proposed monthly rate for this service is \$35.00 per package, per location.

The package includes a flat rate one-party residence line with touch tone, flat rate Extended Area Service (EAS), unlimited expanded local calling (where available) and seventeen specific services and features, including: Call Forwarding; Caller ID; and Voicemail.

The customer must subscribe separately to CenturyLink Communications, LLC Unlimited Nationwide Calling long distance plan provided by CenturyLink Communications, LLC at each Unlimited Nationwide Calling location. The monthly rate for the Unlimited Nationwide Calling Package does not include the recurring charges for these qualifying long distance plans.

Conclusion

Staff has reviewed the filing and determined that each of the regulated items in this package may be purchased separately. The price of the package, which includes both regulated and unregulated services, does not exceed the tariff rates for the regulated services and the retail price for the unregulated services. The company submitted financial analyses showing that the price of the package is not less than the sum of the long run incremental costs of the individual items in the package.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Allow the United tariff proposed in Advice No. OR14-07 to go into effect.