


**OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
(INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE)**

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TO: File through Bryan Conway and Bruce Hellebuyck 

FROM: Stephanie Yamada 

SUBJECT: FRONTIER TELECOMMUNICATIONS NORTHWEST INC.:
(Docket No. PL 125/Advice No. 061SPL) Establishes a promotional offering for new Digital Phone customers who purchase qualifying broadband services.

I have reviewed this filing and recommend that an acknowledgement letter be sent. With this filing, Frontier Communications Northwest Inc. (Frontier NW) proposes to establish a promotional offering for new Digital Phone customers who purchase qualifying broadband services. This filing was submitted on May 16, 2019, with a proposed effective date of May 19, 2019.

Applicable Law

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.

On August 17, 2018, with Order No. 18-303 (Docket No. UM 1895), the Commission approved a Price Plan applicable to both Frontier NW and its affiliate, Citizens Telecommunications Company of Oregon (Citizens), as allowed by ORS 759.255.¹ Section 9.a.ii of Citizens' and Frontier NW's (collectively, Frontier) Price Plan requires price list changes to be filed with the Commission at least one day prior to the effective date of the change.

Section 10 of Frontier's Price Plan provides that Frontier may offer promotions for regulated services pursuant to ORS 759.182 and 759.267. ORS 759.267 allows a telecommunications utility to promote its services by offering a waiver of all or part of a nonrecurring charge. Pursuant to 759.182, service promotion rate schedules become effective upon filing with the Commission.

While OAR 860-026-0025(b) prohibits telecommunications utilities from promoting a regulated service for more than 180 days in any 12-month period, Frontier has received a partial waiver of this rule pursuant to Section 14 of its Price Plan and may run promotions for up to nine months in any 12-month period.

¹ Order No. 18-303 was amended on February 14, 2019, with Order No. 19-038.

Analysis

The promotion is proposed to run from May 19, 2019, through August 16, 2019, and would provide a waiver of standard nonrecurring charges for new Digital Phone customers who also subscribe to qualifying broadband services. The duration of the promotion is 89 days, which complies with the nine-month limit specified in Section 14 of Frontier's Price Plan.

Frontier NW currently offers four Digital Phone packages: Frontier Digital Phone Essentials, Frontier Digital Phone Unlimited, Frontier Digital Phone Unlimited (Challenger), and Frontier Digital Phone Unlimited Plus (Challenger). These packages are available to residential customers and include at least one residential local exchange network access line, Extended Area Service, and calling features.

This filing complies with the applicable filing requirements discussed above.

Conclusion

This filing complies with all applicable laws and Commission orders. The filing should be allowed to go into effect, and an acknowledgement letter should be sent. No further action is necessary.