



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

**DATE:** May 23, 2019

**TO:** File through Bryan Conway <sup>BAC</sup> and Bruce Hellebuyck 

**FROM:** Stephanie Yamada 

**SUBJECT:** QWEST CORPORATION: (Docket No. PL 126/Advice No. 2019-004-PL)  
Decreases the monthly rate for Carrier Access Code Blocking.

I have reviewed this filing and recommend that an acknowledgement letter be sent. With this filing, Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC (Qwest) proposes to decrease the monthly rate for Carrier Access Code Blocking from \$25.00 to \$2.50. The filing was submitted on May 22, 2019, with a proposed effective date of May 23, 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 September 28, 2018, with Order No. 18-359, the Commission approved a Price Plan applicable to Qwest and its affiliates, as allowed by ORS 759.255. Section 8.a.ii of the Price Plan requires price list changes to be filed at least one day prior to their effective dates.

Pursuant to Section 4.k of the Price Plan, monthly rates for Other Services for business customers are not subject to price caps. Section 1.c of the Price Plan defines "Other Services" as "any other residential or business services contained in CenturyLink's Rate Schedules that are not specifically addressed in this Price Plan and does not include Packages and Bundles."

Analysis

Carrier Access Code Blocking is a business service that prevents access to all alternate carrier direct-dialed domestic and international calls. When a customer attempts to dial an alternate carrier from a restricted line, the call is diverted to a provided announcement. This service qualifies as an Other Service as described in Section 1.c of the Price Plan applicable to Qwest.

Qwest previously increased the monthly rate for Carrier Access Code Blocking from \$0.10 to \$25.00 with Advice No. 2019-003-PL, effective March 1, 2019. With the

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present filing, Qwest proposes to decrease the monthly rate for this service from \$25.00 to \$2.50.

The filing was submitted one day prior to its effective date, and Qwest's Price Plan does not impose pricing restrictions on this service. As such, the filing complies with the requirements of the Price Plan.

### Conclusion

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

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