



August 4, 2016

Oregon Public Utility Commission
201 High St SE
Salem, Oregon 97301-3612

RE: Advice No. 2131 for Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC P.U.C. Oregon No. 33
Exchange and Network Services Tariff

Dear Commissioners:

Attached for electronic filing are revised sheets for the Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC P.U.C. Oregon No. 33 Exchange and Network Services Tariff. This filing is being submitted with a proposed effective date of September 14, 2016.

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Pursuant to FCC 15-71, adopted June 18, 2015, Lifeline rule changes became effective on February 17, 2016. Under the revised rules, as of August 15, 2016, Carriers will no longer receive Lifeline reimbursement for any wholesale services to resellers, and incumbent LEC's are no longer required to offer their Lifeline services to resellers. This filing proposes changes to tariff provisions, compliant with these rule changes.

This filing also clarifies and corrects references, and standardizes language regarding eligibility of Lifeline applicants who reside on federally recognized Tribal Lands. These revisions are administrative only and do not reflect changes in eligibility or benefits available to Tribal Lands applicants. The revised language is for the purpose of consistently presenting the conditions of Tribal Land eligibility across all CenturyLink tariffs.

Additional administrative changes are proposed to facilitate concurrence by CenturyTel of Oregon, Inc. and United Telephone Company of the Northwest, both d/b/a CenturyLink, with the provisions of Section 5.2.6, Telephone Assistance Programs. These changes do not impact customers and are for clarification and simplification only.

Questions concerning this filing may be directed to me or to Phil Grate at (206) 345-6224.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

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EXCHANGE AND
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5. EXCHANGE SERVICES

5.2 LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE (Cont'd)

5.2.6 TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

A. Oregon Telephone Assistance Program (OTAP)

1. Description

The Oregon Telephone Assistance Program (OTAP) is the state counterpart to the Federal Communications Commission's Lifeline program and provides reduced local exchange rates to low-income residential customers who meet eligibility requirements in Oregon Administrative Rule 860-033-0030. The OTAP and Lifeline discount applies to the single line that serves the customer's principal residence. OTAP and Lifeline customers may purchase any available grade of service that includes voice with access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent, including access to emergency and toll limitation services. OTAP and Lifeline customers may subscribe to toll limitation service at no additional charge. OTAP and Lifeline customers who subscribe to toll limitation service will not be required to pay a service deposit to initiate service. OTAP and Lifeline customers will not be disconnected for nonpayment of toll charges. Partial payments received from OTAP and Lifeline customers will first be applied to local service before toll charges. Residents living on Tribal Lands can also qualify for the federal portion of the Lifeline program based on terms and conditions for Tribal Lifeline.

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2. Terms and Conditions

- a. Billing will reflect the OTAP credit effective with the date specified by the Oregon Public Utility Commission for each recipient. The OTAP credit will be prorated on the basis of a 30-day month from the effective date of the customer's eligibility.
- b. A monthly Residential Service Protection Fund surcharge will be billed per access line. Customers receiving OTAP and Lifeline benefits are not subject to The interstate Access Recovery Charge (ARC), Local Number Portability End User Charge, and Federal Universal Service Fund Charge
- c. OTAP became effective April 1, 1989 by authority of the P.U.C. of Oregon Order No. 89-269.
- d. Pursuant to FCC order 15-71, adopted June 18, 2015, the Company does not provide Lifeline discounted service to resellers as of August 15, 2016.

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(M) Material previously appearing on this sheet now appears on Sheet 56.1.

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SECTION 5
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5.2.6 TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

A. Oregon Telephone Assistance Program (OTAP) (CONT'D)

3. Monthly Credit

Credit	Credit USOC	Monthly Credit
State OTAP Credit	ASGSX	\$3.50
Federal Lifeline Credit	See Note ^[1]	9.25 ^[2]

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^[1] **Federal Credit amount is applied as follows:
ASGFR (\$6.50 Federal Credit for FCC End User Common Line (EUCL) Charge) +
ASGF2 (\$2.75) = \$9.25**

^[2] **The FCC Lifeline support amount cannot exceed \$9.25. See Tribal Lifeline for expanded federal lifeline benefits available to residents living on Tribal Lands.**

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(M) Material previously appeared on 4th Revised Sheet 56.

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B. Tribal Lifeline

1. Description

Tribal Lifeline provides additional lifeline support of up to \$25.00, in addition to the baseline Federal Lifeline support for qualifying low-income individuals living on Tribal Lands as defined by **Title 47 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 54.400, paragraph (e)**.

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2. Eligibility Requirements

- a. Tribal Lifeline support is provided to applicants who meet the eligibility requirements established by the FCC.
- b. Residents living on reservations are eligible for the Tribal Lifeline benefit if they participate in one or more of the following programs as identified by the FCC:
- Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) general assistance program,
 - Tribally administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families,
 - Head Start programs (under income-qualifying eligibility provision only),
 - National School Lunch Program's free lunch program,
 - Medicaid,
 - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)(fka Food Stamps),
 - Supplemental Security Income (SSI),
 - Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8),
 - Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP),
 - Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations
 - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families,
- c. The Lifeline Program is also available when the household income of the applicant is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

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3. Terms and Conditions

- a. The Company must obtain the customers signature on a document in which the eligible customer certifies, under penalty of perjury, that such customer receives benefits from at least one of the programs above **or has an annual household income at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines**, and lives on **federally recognized Tribal Lands**. In addition to identifying the program or programs from which that customer receives benefits, the customer must also agree to notify the Company if that customer ceases to participate in the qualifying program or programs.

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B. Tribal Lifeline (Cont'd)

- b. Tribal Lifeline benefits apply to the primary flat local residential access line, including Extended Area Service (EAS), mileage charges, zone charges, or other non-discretionary charges associated with basic residential service. The benefit may not bring the basic local residential access line rate below \$1.00 per month.
- c. A customer is not eligible for Lifeline from the Company if he/she is currently receiving Lifeline credit for service provided by another Eligible Telecommunications Carrier. The program is limited to one federal benefit per household which includes both wireline and wireless service.

4. Monthly Credit ^[1]

	CREDIT USOC	CREDIT AMOUNT	(T)
• Flat individual line (1FR)	ASGFT	See Note ^[2]	(T) (M)

^[1] The **\$9.25 Federal Lifeline credit (ASGFR + ASGF2)** applies in addition to the Tribal Lifeline credit. (T)

^[2] The Tribal Lifeline Credit is up to \$25.00, but no more than necessary to reduce the Tribal Lifeline rate to \$1.00. The credit amount is calculated by adding the 1FR rate and any applicable EAS charges, plus the \$6.50 subscriber line charge together. The **\$9.25 Federal Lifeline credit** is subtracted from the total and the remaining difference less \$1.00 which is the minimum Tribal Lifeline rate allowed, is the credit amount. For example: Tribal Lifeline customer in Klamath Falls, (\$15.80 + 1.28 + \$6.50 = \$23.58 - \$9.25 = \$14.33 - \$1.00) = \$13.33 credit. (T)

The Tribal Lifeline credit amount (ASGFT) for CenturyLink QC customers is as follows: (N)

- Athena	\$15.33	(M)
- Camp Sherman	16.25	
- Culver	15.25	
- Klamath Falls	13.33	
- Pendleton	13.33	
- Siletz	15.78	
- Warm Springs	16.25	(M)

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