

ITEM NO. CA7

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON  
STAFF REPORT  
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: March 23, 2021**

REGULAR  CONSENT  EFFECTIVE DATE March 26, 2021

DATE: March 11, 2021

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Stephanie Yamada

THROUGH: Bryan Conway, Michael Dougherty, and Bruce Hellebuyck **SIGNED**

SUBJECT: QWEST CORPORATION:  
(Docket No. ADV 1248/Advice No. 2160)  
Updates trade names.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

The Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) should allow the tariff changes proposed by Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC (Qwest or Company) to become effective for service rendered on and after March 26, 2021.

**DISCUSSION:**

Issue

Whether the tariff changes proposed by Qwest should be allowed to become effective for service rendered on and after March 26, 2021.

Applicable Rule or Law

Telecommunications utilities are required under ORS 759.175 to submit filings to the Commission whenever they intend to change their rates, terms, or conditions of service.

Qwest is regulated under a Price Plan pursuant to ORS 759.255 and Order No. 18-359 in Docket No. UM 1908. Section 8.a.i of the Price Plan requires Qwest to file all tariff changes with the Commission at least 30 days prior to the effective date of the change.

### Analysis

This filing was submitted on February 19, 2021, with a proposed effective date of March 26, 2021, in compliance with the filing requirements stated in Qwest's Price Plan.

The initial filing included language describing the process for applying to the National Lifeline Program through the National Lifeline Eligibility Verifier (National Verifier). However, because Oregon applicants do not use the National Verifier,<sup>1</sup> this language was withdrawn at Staff's request on February 26, 2021.

The remaining changes in this filing replace the name "CenturyLink, Inc." with "Lumen Technologies, Inc." This change applies only to the "Trademarks, Service Marks and Trade Names" section, shown in Section 1, Sheet 30 of Qwest's tariff. References to the name CenturyLink remain elsewhere throughout the Company's tariff.

### Conclusion

This filing complies with applicable laws and the provisions of Qwest's Price Plan, and the filed tariff sheet should be allowed to become effective.

### **PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:**

Allow the tariff changes proposed by Qwest to become effective for service rendered on and after March 26, 2021.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DA-20-1237A1.pdf>.