ITEM NO. CA15

## PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON STAFF REPORT PUBLIC MEETING DATE: June 23, 2015

REGULAR CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE July 1, 2015

DATE: June 9, 2015

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Stephanie Yamada 4

THROUGH: Jason Eisdorfer, Bryan Conway, and Bruce Hellebuyck

**SUBJECT:** <u>CENTURYTEL OF OREGON INC.</u>: (Docket No. ADV 51/Advice No. 341) Revises the Home Phone II package to include an additional qualifying long distance plan.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the filed tariff be allowed to go into effect.

## **DISCUSSION:**

CenturyTel of Oregon, Inc., dba CenturyLink (CenturyTel) proposes to add the CenturyLink Communications, LLC Home Phone II Plus Long Distance Plan to the group of non-regulated items that a customer can subscribe to in order to qualify for the Home Phone II package. This filing also proposes to offer a discount off the monthly rate for Home Phone II when customers subscribe to CenturyLink Communications, LLC Home Phone II Plus Long Distance Plan in conjunction with Home Phone II.

Home Phone II was first introduced with Advice No. 337, effective December 5, 2014. The monthly rate for Home Phone II includes one flat rate access line, flat rate EAS, and a choice of 17 calling features. Voice Messaging can also be added to the bundle for an additional monthly charge of \$1.99. In order to be eligible to subscribe to Home Phone II, a customer must also subscribe to a qualifying long distance plan. The monthly rate for Home Phone II does not include the recurring charges for the qualifying long distance plan.

Currently, the available qualifying long distance plans are CenturyLink Communications, LLC, Home Phone II Per Minute Long Distance Plan and Home Phone II Unlimited Long Distance Plan. This filing adds the CenturyLink Communications, LLC Home Phone II

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Plus Long Distance Plan to the group of plans that enable a customer to subscribe to Home Phone II. The current filing also proposes to give a discount of \$3.90 off the monthly rate for 12 months to Home Phone II customers who select the CenturyLink Communications, LLC Home Phone II Plus Long Distance Plan option. All of these long distance plans are non-regulated services and require additional charges.

This filing was made pursuant to the Price Plan that the Commission approved in Order No. 14-347, effective October 7, 2014. Under the Price Plan, CenturyTel is required to file tariff changes with the Commission at least 30 days prior to a filing's effective date. This filing complies with this requirement.

## **PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:**

The CenturyTel tariff proposed in Advice No. 341 be allowed to go into effect.

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