OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE:

March 14, 2017

TO:

File through Bryan Conway and Bruce Hellebuy

FROM:

Jim Stanage <

SUBJECT:

Qwest Corporation (Docket No. ADV 527/Advice No. 2135) Reduces the

monthly additional line rates for Business Package and for Business

Bundles and corrects the related Table of Contents text.

I have reviewed this filing and recommend that an acknowledgement letter be sent. The filing would go into effect on April 7, 2017, and it was filed on March 2, 2017. Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC (Qwest) proposes to reduce the monthly additional line rates for Business Package and for Business Bundles. The filing also corrects the related Table of Contents text.

On October 3, 2014, the Commission issued its Order No. 14-346, in docket UM 1354, approving a *Price Plan* for Qwest under ORS 759.255. The filing was submitted on March 2, 2017, and thus, complies with Qwest Price Plan, Section P, which requires tariff rate changes to be filed with the Commission at least thirty days prior to their effective dates. 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.

The rates for services regulated under a price plan are required to cover the cost of service under ORS 759.255(4) and the proposed rates comply with that requirement.

The Business Package is a package of features available to business customers in conjunction with an individual flat rate or additional flat rate access line. Extended Area Service rates apply in addition to the package rates. Business customers subscribing to the package are entitled to unlimited use of the twenty-one services/features included in the package. The current rate for additional Business Package lines is the same as the rate for the first line, \$53.00 per month, and this filing would reduce that rate to \$29.99.

The Business Bundle is an optional enrollment plan available to business customers with up to 25 access lines and/or key trunks. The bundle is available for a maximum of 10 business lines at each customer location. The current rate for Business Bundle additional lines is \$29.99 per month, and this filing would reduce that rate to \$19.99.

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