

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: September 22, 2015

REGULAR _____ CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE September 23, 2015

DATE: September 9, 2015

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Jim Stanage *JS*

THROUGH: Jason Eisdorfer, Bryan Conway, and Bruce Hellebuyck *BE*

SUBJECT: UNITED TELEPHONE COMPANY OF THE NORTHWEST: (Docket No. ADV 86/Advice No. OR 15-07) Changes a condition of service for Business Bundle.

DISCUSSION:

United Telephone Company of the Northwest

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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

DISCUSSION:

United Telephone Company of the Northwest dba CenturyLink (United) proposes to change a condition of service for Business Bundle, a package of services for business customers. Business Bundle was established through Docket No. 67/Advice No. OR 15-06, which was allowed at the Commission's July 21, 2015, public meeting. Counsel has advised staff that a condition of service for Business Bundle that counts units of service provided by other entities does not comply with Oregon law. United's filing is in response to staff's request for a revision of the condition in question.

The filing was submitted on August 21, 2015, and thus, complies with United *Price Plan*, Section P, which requires tariff changes to be filed 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 make changes to their service offerings, including their rates, terms, or conditions of service.

Business Bundle is an optional enrollment plan available to business customers and is available for a maximum of 10 business lines at each customer location. The monthly rate for the Business Bundle is \$45.00 for the first bundle and \$34.99 for the second through tenth bundles.

In order to qualify for the Business Bundle, customers must also subscribe to the CenturyLink Business Bundle Unlimited long distance plan provided by CenturyLink Communications, LLC, as well as the company's High-speed Internet service on a month-to-month or two-year term basis. There is no minimum service period required for the local exchange service and features when customers subscribe to the Business Bundle. If a customer removes any of the qualifying services, the remaining components of the Business Bundle will be billed at their individual rates.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

The United tariff proposed in Advice No. OR 15-07 be allowed to go into effect.