

**OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
(INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE)**

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**TO:** File through Bryan Conway and Bruce Hellebuyck *BMC*

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**SUBJECT:** Frontier Communications Northwest Inc., Docket No. PL 106/Advice No. 057SPL. Increases the monthly rate for the Digital Phone Feature Package.

I have reviewed this filing and recommend that an acknowledgement letter be sent. With this filing, Frontier Communications Northwest Inc. (Frontier NW) proposes to increase the monthly rate for the Digital Phone Feature Package. The filing was submitted on December 13, 2018, with an effective date of December 16, 2018.

Applicable 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. Frontier NW is also regulated under a Price Plan pursuant to ORS 759.255. The Price Plan applies to both Frontier NW and its affiliate, Citizens Telecommunications Company of Oregon (Citizens). The Commission approved the joint Price Plan for Frontier NW and Citizens (collectively, Frontier) with Order No. 18-303 in Docket No. UM 1895.

Section 9.a.ii of Frontier's Price Plan requires price list changes to be filed at least one day prior to the effective date of the change. Section 9.b.i of the Price Plan requires Frontier to provide affected customers with at least 30 days' prior notice of increases to monthly recurring charges. Section 4.q of Frontier's Price Plan requires that any regulated services included in a package or bundle be separately available for purchase and prohibits the price of the package from exceeding the sum of the retail prices of all services included in the package.

Analysis

With this filing, Frontier NW proposes to increase the monthly rate for the Feature Package by \$1.00, from \$3.49 to \$4.49. The Feature Package includes 3 Way Calling, \*66 Busy Number Redial, \*69 Call Return, Anonymous Call Block/Rejection, Call Forward No Answer, Selective Call Forward, Selective Call Acceptance, Basic Call forward, Speed Call 8 or 30, Distinctive Ring, Call Forward Busy, Selective Call Rejection, and Priority Call. The Feature Package can be purchased in conjunction with

several of the Company's residential bundled services, including Frontier Digital Phone Essentials, Frontier Digital Phone Unlimited, and Frontier Digital Phone Unlimited Plus.

Section 1.d of Frontier's Price Plan defines "Packages and Bundles" as "any combination of services, which may include residential or business basic local exchange service as well as other services at a combined price." The Feature Package meets this description. As such, Staff has analyzed the proposed rate increase according to Section 4.q of Frontier's Price Plan (reproduced below).

Packages and Bundles. Frontier may combine any regulated telecommunications service with any other service(s) to offer Packages and Bundles of services, which may include residential Primary Line Basic Service and EAS, at any price, subject to the below conditions:

1. All regulated telecommunications services offered as part of a package or bundle shall remain separately available for purchase from Frontier's Rate Schedules.
2. The package or bundle price shall not exceed the sum of the stand-alone retail prices of all available services in the package or bundle.

Frontier's proposed rate increase complies with the pricing restrictions shown in Section 4.q of the Price Plan.

Frontier states that affected customers were notified of the rate increase at least 30 days prior to the effective date. This filing complies with all requirements shown above and became effective on December 16, 2018.