




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

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TO: File through Bryan Conway and Bruce Hellebuyck  

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SUBJECT: UNITED TELEPHONE COMPANY OF THE NORTHWEST: (Docket No. PL 15/Advice No. 15-011-PL) Increases the Non-Telecom Services Surcharge by \$1.00.

United Telephone Company of the Northwest dba CenturyLink (United) proposes to increase the Non-Telecom Services Surcharge in 12 packages/bundles by \$1.00, from \$1.99 to \$2.99. The Non-Telecom Services Surcharge applies in conjunction with the company's Voicemail and LineGuard services, which are deregulated services that are included in certain packages. Because these services are included in regulated packages, they must be shown as such in the tariff and price list along with a notation regarding their deregulated status.

United first introduced the Non-Telecom Services Surcharge in June of 2013 with Advice No. 13-004. The company shows the Non-Telecom Services Surcharge in the tariff and price list as an additional charge for Voicemail and LineGuard rather than simply increasing the overall price of the affected packages by \$2.99. This is because customers are not required to take the deregulated services when subscribing to regulated packages. Customers who ask the company to remove the deregulated service from their package would not be charged the additional \$2.99.

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, United is permitted to file price list changes one day prior to a filing's effective date. This filing was submitted on July 7, 2015, with an effective date of July 8, 2015, and therefore complies with the requirement in the price plan.