



**OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE**

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TO: File through Bryan Conway and Bruce Hellebuyck 

FROM: Jim Stanage 

SUBJECT: Qwest Corporation (Docket No. PL 41/Advice No. 2016-004-PL) Increases rates for Call Forwarding features, Directory Assistance, and obsolete (Grandfathered) residential packages.

I have reviewed this filing and recommend that an acknowledgement letter be sent. The filing went into effect on June 1, 2016, and it was filed on May 27, 2016. Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC (Qwest) proposes to increase the rates for Call Forwarding features, Directory Assistance, and obsolete (Grandfathered) residential packages.

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 May 27, 2016, and thus, complies with Qwest Price Plan, Section P, which requires price list changes to be filed with the Commission at least one day prior to their effective dates and that customers be provided at least 30 days prior notice of rate increases for currently subscribed services. All of the services affected by this filing are in the company's current price list. The company states that it has provided the required notice to its customers. 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.

Section H, *Other Services*, establishes certain specific pricing restrictions and states in part:

Monthly rates for "Other Services" for business customers will not be subject to price caps. Monthly rates for residential customers may increase up to 50 percent or \$.50, annually, whichever is greater. The cumulative price increase over the term of the Price Plan is not to exceed 200 percent for residential customers.

Section O, *Packages and Bundles*, establishes certain specific pricing restrictions and states in part that:

The package or bundle price is not more than the sum of the retail prices of all services available in the package or bundle.

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Staff considers all of the services that are being affected by this filing to be *Other Services* or *Packages and Bundles* as defined in the Price Plan.

The proposed rate increases comply with the above described requirements and the company's Price Plan. The company has filed a Price Plan Control List with the Commission's electronic filing center that shows the percentage of the proposed rate increases on both an *annual* and a *cumulative over price plan* basis.

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