OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE:

July 19, 2017

TO:

File through Bryan Conway and Bruce Hellebuych

FROM:

Stephen Hayes

SUBJECT:

UNITED TELEPHONE COMPANY OF THE NORTHWEST, INC.: (Docket

No. PL68/Advice No. PL 17-003) Grandfathers Home Phone II Packaged

Service.

I have reviewed this filing and recommend that an acknowledgement letter be sent. The filing was submitted on June 28, 2017, and will go into effect on June 29, 2017. United Telephone Company of the Northwest, Inc. (United) proposes to grandfather the Home Phone II Packaged Service.

While packages will no longer be available to new customers United indicates there is no change to the rates or to the service for existing customers. As long as United offers the service and the customer makes no changes and remains at the same location the service will be available.

The services being grandfathered are in United's Oregon Price List EXCHANGE SERVICES, Section 5, 1st Revised Page 49.1.

A telecommunications utility is allowed, under Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) 860-032-0020(15), to grandfather a service without a sunset date by filing a tariff which designates the filing as grandfathered. Grandfathering a service without a sunset date is not considered abandonment of service under the rule. No sunset date is proposed in this filing for the grandfathered package, and therefore, this filing does not constitute an abandonment of service under the Commission's rules.

This filing will have little or no effect on annual revenues.

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