OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE:

March 12, 2018

TO:

File through Bryan Conway and Bruce Hellebuyck

FROM:

Stephanie Yamada 🐐

SUBJECT:

FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS NORTHWEST INC: (Docket

No. PL 89/Advice No. 053SPL) Increases rates for Directory Listings.

I have reviewed this filing and recommend that an acknowledgement letter be sent. With this filing, Frontier Communications Northwest Inc. (Frontier) proposes to increase the rates for Directory Listings. The filing was submitted on February 15, 2018, and went into effect on February 18, 2018.

Applicable Rule or Law

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. Frontier is also regulated under a Price Plan pursuant to ORS 759.255 and Order No. 14-290, issued August 18, 2014.

Pursuant to Section K of Frontier's Price Plan, the first Directory Listing is included with primary line telephone service (including primary lines within Packages and Bundles), and the second and any other additional listings are subject to the "Other Services" rate cap (Section H of Frontier's Price Plan). Section H of the Price Plan states that monthly rates for Other Services may be increased by up to 25 percent or \$0.50 annually, whichever is greater.

Section Q of Frontier's Price Plan requires customers to be provided at least 30 days' prior notice of price increases for services they are purchasing. Section Q of the Price Plan also requires Frontier to submit price list changes at least one day prior to their effective dates.

Analysis

Frontier has implemented the following rate increases:

Service	Old Rate	New Rate	Incr. (\$)	Incr. (%)
Directory Listings - Additional Listing	\$3.00	\$3.50	\$0.50	16.67%
Directory Listings - Foreign Exchange Listing	\$3.00	\$3.50	\$0.50	16.67%
Directory Listings - Extra Lines of Information	\$3.00	\$3.50	\$0.50	16.67%

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Frontier's pricing flexibility for the services shown above is dictated by Section H of the Price Plan. Prior to the present filing, rates for these services were most recently increased in year three of the Price Plan, with Advice No. 049SPL, effective March 19, 2017. The price increases shown above do not exceed \$0.50 during the current (fourth) Price Plan year, and therefore comply with Section H of Frontier's Price Plan.

This filing complies with Section Q of Frontier's Price Plan. Frontier states that customers were provided notice of the rate increases 30 days before the effective date of the increase. Furthermore, the filing was submitted more than one day prior to its effective date.

Conclusion

This filing complies with all applicable laws and Commission orders. The filing has already gone into effect, and an acknowledgement letter should be sent. No further action is necessary.

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