OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION (INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE)

DATE:

May 14, 2015

TO:

File through Bruce Hellebuyck

FROM:

Stephanie Yamada Gy

SUBJECT:

UNITED TELEPHONE COMPANY OF THE NORTHWEST:

(Advice No. OR15-007) Removes ATM Service from the company's

price list.

I have reviewed this filing and recommend that an acknowledgement letter be sent. The filing was received on May 8, 2015, and went into effect on May 11, 2015. With this filing, United Telephone Company of the Northwest dba CenturyLink (United) proposes to remove Asynchronous Transfer Mode (ATM) Service from its Price List No. 102.

ATM Service is a network service that permits the transmission of high-speed data, voice, and video traffic utilizing cell-switching technology. ATM Service allows multiple communications applications to be transmitted within multiple paths or channels utilizing common fiber optic or copper facilities. ATM Service is primarily designed for businesses with multiple locations requiring the transport of data, voice, or video traffic among the sites. ATM often provides the customer with a cost-saving alternative to Private Line Service.

Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 860-032-0020(8) permits a telecommunications utility to abandon a regulated service for which there are no current customers by filing a tariff change which deletes the regulated service. The company states that there are no customers subscribing to this service in Oregon and that the deletion of this service will not impact customers.

United's price plan, approved with Order No. 14-347 on October 7, 2014, allows price list filings to become effective upon notice to the Commission. I find that this filing meets the requirements of the Commission's rules as well as United's price plan.

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