



**OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE**

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TO: File through Bryan Conway ^{BKC} and Bruce Hellebuyck 

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SUBJECT: QWEST CORPORATION: (Docket No. PL 95/Advice No. 2018-004-PL)
Changes certain rates for the grandfathered Centrex 21 service.

I have reviewed this filing and recommend that an acknowledgement letter be sent. This filing changes certain rates for the grandfathered Centrex 21 service. This filing was submitted on May 30, 2018, and became effective on June 1, 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. Qwest Corporation (Qwest) is also regulated under a Price Plan pursuant to ORS 759.255 and Order No. 14-346, issued October 3, 2014.

Pursuant to Section H of Qwest's Price Plan, rates for services that fall into the "Other Services" category for business customers are not subject to price caps.

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

Analysis

Centrex 21 service is a flat rate, business service for customers with 2 to 50 station lines. Centrex 21 is furnished only from a Stored Program Controlled central office offered subject to the availability of facilities and applicable generic feature programs and will not be available in a 2BESS Central Office. Centrex 21 consists of standard features which are available to all station lines in the shared customer group where available. A Centrex 21 customer has a choice of having the features delivered via analog lines and/or 2B+S, (digital, voice only) ISDN lines. Optional features are also available.

Centrex 21 service was previously grandfathered with Advice Nos. 1994 and 2005-003-PL, effective April 11, 2005.

The various Centrex 21 service offerings and their corresponding rate changes are summarized in the table below.

Term	Rate Group	Previous Rate	New Rate	Change (\$)	Change (%)
Month-to-Month	1	\$46.95	\$49.95	\$3.00	6.39%
Month-to-Month	2	\$46.95	\$49.95	\$3.00	6.39%
Month-to-Month	3	\$65.13	\$49.95	\$(15.18)	-23.31%
12 to 36 Months	1	\$24.70	\$26.95	\$2.25	9.11%
12 to 36 Months	2	\$31.35	\$26.95	\$(4.40)	-14.04%
12 to 36 Months	3	\$56.44	\$26.95	\$(29.49)	-52.25%
37 to 60 Months	1	\$23.40	\$26.95	\$3.55	15.17%
37 to 60 Months	2	\$29.93	\$26.95	\$(2.98)	-9.96%
37 to 60 Months	3	\$54.70	\$26.95	\$(27.75)	-50.73%

Pursuant to Qwest's Price Plan, any services that are not explicitly listed in the Price Plan fall under the "Other Services" rate cap (Section H of Qwest's Price Plan). Furthermore, business services that fall under Section H of Qwest's Price Plan are not subject to price caps. As Centrex 21 is a business service that is not explicitly addressed in the Price Plan, this service is not subject to price caps.

Qwest states that customers were notified of these rate changes 30 days prior to the effective date, as required by Section P of Qwest's Price Plan.

Conclusion

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