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Public Utility Commission of Oregon
Administrative Hearings Division

FROM: Malia Brock ^{MB}

SUBJECT: NEHALEM TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.: (Docket No. ADV 1030)
Federal Lifeline and Oregon Telephone Assistance Program Revisions.

I have reviewed this filing and recommend that an acknowledgement letter be sent.

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. Nehalem Telecommunications Inc. (Nehalem), is a telecommunications utility with less than 50,000 access lines, per ORS 759.040, it is not subject to ORS 759.190 which requires telecommunications utilities to file tariffs 30 days in advance.

Analysis

Nehalem's filing revises its local tariff, P.U.C. No. 5, 3rd Revised Sheet No. 3.2.1. This local tariff filing refers federal reduction amounts and the dates the reductions will occur to voice-only services to the federal statute, 47 CFR Section 54.403, in compliance to the FCC Lifeline Modernization Order, WC Docket No.11-42, issued April 27, 2016.

Nehalem's filing lists \$3.50 for lifeline service support from the Oregon Telephone Assistance Program (OTAP) in their local tariff.

While Nehalem is not subject to ORS 759.190 which requires that utilities file tariff changes 30 days in advance, this filing was timely filed on October 29, 2019. The FCC reduction in voice-only support begins December 1, 2019 per 47 CFR 54.403.

Conclusion

Staff finds that the filing complies with applicable FCC regulations, Oregon statutes and the requirements of ORS 759.175 and therefore, should be allowed to go into effect.