OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

- DATE: December 21, 2021
- **TO:** File through John Crider and Bruce Hellebuyck
- **FROM:** Scott Shearer
- **SUBJECT:** <u>QWEST CORPORATION</u>: (Docket No. ADV 1360/Advice No. 2162) Increases the monthly rate for Nonpublished Telephone Number Service.

I have reviewed this filing and recommend that an acknowledgement letter be sent. With this filing, Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC (Qwest) proposes to increase the rate for residential non-published telephone service.

<u>Issue</u>

Whether the rate changes proposed by Qwest should be allowed to become effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2022.

Applicable Rule or Law

Telecommunications utilities are required under ORS 759.175 to submit filings to the Commission whenever they intend to change their rates, terms, or conditions of service.

Qwest is regulated under a Price Plan pursuant to ORS 759.255 and Order No. 18-359 in Docket No. UM 1908. Section 8.a.i of the Price Plan requires Qwest to file all tariff changes with the Commission at least 30 days prior to the effective date of the change. Section 8.b of the Price Plan requires Qwest to provide customers with 30-day notice of price changes.

Pursuant to Section 4.j of the Price Plan, rates for nonpublished numbers and business unlisted numbers may not increase by more than \$1.00 in any Plan year or \$3.00 over a four-year Plan term.

<u>Analysis</u>

Nonpublished Telephone Number Service represents an arrangement in which a customer's telephone number does not appear in either the telephone directory or the Directory Assistance records.

The rate changes proposed with the present filing are summarized below.

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		Pre- Plan	Current	Proposed	Current Year	4-Year
Service	Class	Rate	Rate	Rate	Change	Change
Nonpublished Number	Res & Business	\$0.65	\$2.65	\$3.65	\$1.00	\$3.00

As stated above, the maximum allowed increase for this service over the term of the price plan is \$3.00. With this change, the price for this service is at the cap allowed under the duration of the current Price Plan.

The Company states that customers were notified of the proposed changes.

Conclusion

This filing complies with applicable laws and the provisions of Qwest's Price Plan and should be allowed to become effective.

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