

**OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE**

**DATE:** June 16, 2023

**TO:** File through Marc Hellman

**FROM:** Joseph Bartholomew

**SUBJECT:** CENTURYTEL OF OREGON d/b/a CENTURYLINK, CENTURYTEL OF EASTERN OREGON d/b/a CENTURYLINK:  
(Docket No. ADV 1495/Advice No. 378) CenturyLink OR PUC No. 6 Tariff Change.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the filed revised tariff be allowed to go into effect for service on and after May 17, 2023.

**DISCUSSION:**

Issue

Whether to allow the revised tariff filed by CenturyTel of Oregon dba CenturyLink and CenturyTel of Eastern Oregon dba CenturyLink (CenturyLink) to go into effect with service on and after May 17, 2023.

Applicable 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. On September 28, 2018, with Order No. 18-359, the Commission approved a Price Plan applicable to CenturyLink, as allowed by ORS 759.255.

Section (8)(a)(i) of CenturyLink's Price Plan requires tariff changes to be filed at least thirty days prior to their effective dates.

Filings that propose any change in rates, tolls, charges, rules, or regulations must be filed with the Commission at least 30 days before the effective date of the change. ORS 759.190.

### Analysis

CenturyLink filed a revised Tariff on April 11, 2023, to propose revisions to the table of context and section 6 page 4 of the CenturyLink OR PUC No. 6 Tariff.

This filing proposes to remove the “Copy of Bill/Duplicate Bill Charge” from OR PUC No. 6. This non-telecom charge is not a tariffed or price listed charge for Qwest Corporation or United Telephone of the Northwest, and the proposed removal from this tariff will result in uniformity and standardization across CenturyLink’s ILECs.

Staff finds that this change will also benefit the consumer as it removes a \$5.00 residential fee and a \$7.00 business fee in the event the consumer would like a duplicate copy of their bill.

### Conclusion

Staff finds that the filing complies with the requirements of the CenturyLink Price Plan and Oregon statutes. Therefore, Staff finds that the CenturyLink Advice No. 378 should go into effect for service rendered on and after May 17, 2023.