OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

- DATE: December 12, 2023
- **TO:** File through Marc Hellman
- **FROM:** Joseph Bartholomew
- **SUBJECT:** <u>ZIPLY FIBER NORTHWEST, LLC</u>: (Docket No. ADV 1544/Advice No. 2023-4 and Docket No. ADV 1578/Advice No. 2023-8) Change Rates for Unbundled Network Elements.

I have reviewed these filings and recommend that acknowledgement letters be sent.

Applicable Rule or Law

On October 27, 2020, the FCC adopted FCC 20-152, which eliminated the need for obsolete regulatory obligations related to Unbundled Network Elements because of competitive markets.

<u>Analysis</u>

Ziply Fiber Northwest (Ziply) increased rates for its Statement of Rates related to the Network Elements, Unbundled Loop, Basic Loop 2-wire Zones 1/2/3, Basic Loop 4-wire Zones 1/2/3, DS1 Loop, and DS3 Loop for Docket No. ADV 1544. Ziply also increased rates for Basic Rate ISDN Loop 2-wire Zones 1/2/3 for Docket No. ADV 1578. Accordingly, revisions were made to the following Statement of Rates pages:

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Docket AI	<u>DV 1544</u>						
Section	Sheet	Revision	Network Elelments, Local Basic Loop (2-Wire), per loop				
2	3	3rd		Current Monthly Rate	New Monthly Rate	Increase	
			Zone 1	\$42.06	\$65.73	\$23.67	
			Zone 2	\$42.06	\$65.73	\$23.67	
			Zone 3	\$50.16	\$65.73	\$15.57	
			Basic Loop (4-wire), per Loop				
			Zone 1	\$28.72	\$101.25	\$72.53	
			Zone 2	\$51.66	\$101.25	\$49.59	
			Zone 3	\$100.32	\$101.25	\$0.93	
			DS1 Loop, Per Loop				
				\$87.37	\$694.34	\$606.97	
			DS3 Loop, Per Loop				
				\$363.42	\$3,196.49	\$2,833.07	
Docket Al	OV 1578						
Section 2	Sheet	Revision	Basic Rate ISDN Loop (2-wire), per loop				
	3	4th		Current Monthly Rate	New Monthly Rate	Increase	
			Zone 1	\$14.36	\$65.73	\$51.37	
			Zone 2	\$25.83	\$65.73	\$39.90	
			Zone 3	\$50.16	\$65.73	\$15.57	

Docket No. ADV 1544 filing was submitted on October 24, 2023, with an effective date of January 2, 2024, and Docket No. ADV 1578 filing was submitted on December 5, 2023, with an effective date of February 8, 2024. Customers were notified of the change on October 31, 2023, for Docket No. ADV 1544 and on December 8, 2023, for Docket No. ADV 1578. While the FCC ruling eliminates the regulatory aspect, Staff notes that Ziply provided ample notice to customers and a delayed effective date that meets all requirements under any applicable regulation.

Conclusion

Staff finds that these filings should be allowed to go into effect due to a removal of regulation and Ziply providing sufficient notice.