

**OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE**

**DATE:** August 26, 2020

**TO:** File through Michael Dougherty and Bruce Hellebuyck

**FROM:** Russ Beitzel

**SUBJECT:** FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS NORTHWEST, LLC.: (Docket No. PL 154/Advice No. 068SPL)  
Change of corporate name.

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 Price List filings to the Commission whenever they intend to change their rates, terms, or conditions of service.

On August 17, 2018, with Order No. 18-303 (Docket No. UM 1895), the Commission approved a Price Plan applicable to both Frontier Communications Northwest Inc. and its affiliate, Citizens Telecommunications Company of Oregon, as allowed by ORS 759.255.

Section 9.a.ii of the Price Plan requires Price List Changes be provided to the Commission at least one day prior to the effective date of the change.

Analysis

Both Frontier Communications Northwest Inc. and Citizens Telecommunications Company of Oregon were purchased by Northwest Fiber LLC and approved with Commission Order No. 20-026 on January 27, 2020 as a result of Docket No. UM 2028. Subsequently, Frontier Communications Northwest Inc. is now registered as Frontier Communications Northwest, LLC (Frontier or Company).

Frontier attempted to file on July 28, 2020, but the filing was rejected due to file size. The Company received an automated acceptance reply from the Filing Center of the PUC. When notified by Staff that the filing had not occurred, The Company refiled on Aug 6, 2020. Frontier's July 28, 2020 filing proposes to replace its Price List filed under Frontier Communications Northwest Inc. as the new company, Frontier Communications Northwest, LLC. This filing was made to conform Frontier's new Price List language to reflect Frontier's new ownership.

Staff finds it appropriate to approve the Price List effective August 28, 2020.

Conclusion

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