

**OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE**

**DATE:** January 19, 2022

**TO:** File through John Crider and Bruce Hellebuyck

**FROM:** Stephanie Yamada

**SUBJECT:** QWEST CORPORATION: (Docket No. PL 195/Advice No. 2022-001-PL)  
Grandfathers Stand-By Line Service.

I have reviewed this filing and recommend that an acknowledgement letter be sent. With this filing, Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC (Qwest or Company) grandfathers Stand-By Line Service.

Issue

Whether the price list sheets filed by Qwest should be allowed to become effective for service rendered on and after January 14, 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.ii of the Price Plan requires Qwest to file notice of all price list changes with the Commission at least one day prior to the effective date of the change.

Pursuant to OAR 860-032-0020(1)(d), "grandfather" means "to discontinue or cease offering a service to new customers and to continue offering the service to existing customers." OAR 860-032-0020(1)(k) defines "sunset date" as "the day a telecommunications provider will abandon a grandfathered service being provided to existing customers."

Pursuant to OAR 860-032-0020(15)(a), grandfathering a service without a sunset date is not considered abandonment of service. OAR 860-032-0020(15)(b) allows a telecommunications utility to grandfather a regulated service without a sunset date by filing a tariff which designates the service as grandfathered. Normal tariff filing and review requirements apply to Staff's consideration of such filings, including review for compliance with any applicable Price Plan.

### Analysis

The filing was submitted on January 12, 2022, with a proposed effective date of January 14, 2022, in compliance with the filing requirements stated in Qwest's Price Plan.

Stand-By Line Service is an additional line service that allows business customers to expand their capacity to make outgoing calls on an as-needed basis. The service is designed for customers that experience periodic peaks and valleys in calling volumes to and from their business. In the Advice Letter submitted with this filing, Qwest states that "[d]emand for this service continues to decline as customers are more frequently choosing service options that include unlimited local and long distance calling options."

With this filing, Stand-By Line Service is grandfathered as of January 14, 2022. The service will continue to be provided to existing lines in existing customer locations. The filing proposes no sunset date for the provision of service to existing customers.

### Conclusion

This filing complies with applicable laws and the provisions of Qwest's Price Plan. The filed price list sheets have already gone into effect, and an acknowledgement letter should be sent.