

**OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE**

DATE: July 13, 2022

TO: File through Marc Hellman and Bruce Hellebuyck

FROM: Russ Beitzel

SUBJECT: ZIPLY FIBER NORTHWEST, LLC (Docket No. PL 209/Advice No. 2022-2)
Increase Business Access Line monthly rate.

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 (Citizens), as allowed by ORS 759.255. On January 27, 2020, with Order 20-026, the Commission approved the sale of Frontier Communications Northwest, Inc. and Citizens Telecommunications Company of Oregon to Northwest Fiber, LLC (now Ziplly Fiber of Oregon, LLC and Ziplly Fiber Northwest, LLC).

Section 4.f. of the Price Plan states that business Primary Line Basic Service (PLBS) is not subject to a price cap and the rate charged for this service shall be priced no higher than the rate charged by Ziplly Fiber of Oregon (former Frontier NW) in Rate Group 2. Section 4.q. of the Price Plan allows that any regulated service may be combined into a bundle or package as long as the service remains available as a stand-alone option and the bundle or package cost is not more than the sum of the stand-alone costs separately. Section 4.r. of the Price Plan requires that any existing regulated service that is de-averaged will not be further de-averaged, the dollar difference between rate groups for business PLBS will not be increased, and statewide averages will be maintained for regulated services currently being sold on statewide averages. 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. Section 9.b.i of the Price Plan requires a 30 day notice to affected customers.

Analysis

Ziplly Fiber Northwest changed the pricing related to the Business Access Line and corresponding bundles that include the Business Access Line. Accordingly, revisions were made to the following Price List pages:

Section 2, 1st revised sheets: 15, 19, 21, 23, 25, 26, 37, and 38

Table 1: Business Access Line Bundled Services			
Service	Current Price	Proposed Price	Price Change
Unlimited DTL Basic Pkg 1 yr	\$ 73.00	\$ 76.00	\$ 3.00
Unlimited DTL Basic Pkg 3 yr	\$ 58.00	\$ 61.00	\$ 3.00
Expansion Line with	\$ 35.00	\$ 38.00	\$ 3.00
Expansion Line without	\$ 35.00	\$ 38.00	\$ 3.00
Custom Line Telephone Serv 1 yr	\$ 68.00	\$ 76.00	\$ 8.00
Custom Line Telephone Serv 3 yr	\$ 53.00	\$ 61.00	\$ 8.00
Expansion Line with	\$ 45.00	\$ 48.00	\$ 3.00
Expansion Line without	\$ 32.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 3.00
Single Line Business Pack 3 yr	\$ 48.00	\$ 51.00	\$ 3.00
Single Line Business Pack 1 yr	\$ 48.00	\$ 51.00	\$ 3.00
Simply Unlimited Serv Leader	\$ 48.99	\$ 51.99	\$ 3.00
Additional Pkg	\$ 33.99	\$ 33.99	\$ -
Business All in Feature	\$ 4.99	\$ 4.99	\$ -
Simply Unlimited Serv Challenger	\$ 38.99	\$ 41.99	\$ 3.00
Additional Pkg	\$ 23.99	\$ 23.99	\$ -
Business All in Feature	\$ 4.99	\$ 4.99	\$ -
Business Nationwide Unlim	\$ 52.99	\$ 55.99	\$ 3.00
Additional Pkg	\$ 46.99	\$ 46.99	\$ -
Business All in Feature	\$ 4.99	\$ 4.99	\$ -
Business Local Unlm II	\$ 35.99	\$ 38.99	\$ 3.00
Business All in Feature	\$ 4.99	\$ 4.99	\$ -
Basic Bundle	\$ 44.99	\$ 47.99	\$ 3.00
Term Price	\$ 29.99	\$ 32.99	\$ 3.00
Premium Feature Pkg	\$ 9.99	\$ 9.99	\$ -
Month to Month	\$ 33.00	\$ 36.00	\$ 3.00
1 yr	\$ 28.00	\$ 31.00	\$ 3.00
2 yr	\$ 28.00	\$ 31.00	\$ 3.00

Section 3, 1st revised sheets: 18, 19, and 20

Table 2: Business Access Line			
Service	Current Price	Proposed Price	Price Change
Local Serv Basic Calling Zone 1	\$ 24.00	\$ 27.00	\$ 3.00
Local Serv Basic Calling Zone 2	\$ 24.00	\$ 27.00	\$ 3.00
Local Serv Basic Calling Zone 3	\$ 24.00	\$ 27.00	\$ 3.00
Public Access Line Zone 1	\$ 24.00	\$ 24.00	\$ -
Public Access Line Zone 2	\$ 24.00	\$ 24.00	\$ -
Public Access Line Zone 3	\$ 24.00	\$ 24.00	\$ -
One Party Zone 1	\$ 24.00	\$ 27.00	\$ 3.00
One Party Zone 2	\$ 24.00	\$ 27.00	\$ 3.00
One Party Zone 3	\$ 24.00	\$ 27.00	\$ 3.00
Local Serv Community Call Z1	\$ 28.00	\$ 31.00	\$ 3.00
Local Serv Community Call Z2	\$ 32.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 3.00
Local Serv Community Call Z3	\$ 35.00	\$ 38.00	\$ 3.00
One Party Z1	\$ 25.00	\$ 28.00	\$ 3.00
One Party Z2	\$ 29.00	\$ 32.00	\$ 3.00
One Party Z3	\$ 32.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 3.00
Local Serv Premium Trunk Z1	\$ 28.00	\$ 31.00	\$ 3.00
Local Serv Premium Trunk Z2	\$ 32.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 3.00
Local Serv Premium Trunk Z3	\$ 36.00	\$ 39.00	\$ 3.00
Central Office Trunk Z1	\$ 19.87	\$ 22.87	\$ 3.00
Central Office Trunk Z2	\$ 19.87	\$ 22.87	\$ 3.00
Central Office Trunk Z3	\$ 19.87	\$ 22.87	\$ 3.00
Coin Line Z1	\$ 35.37	\$ 35.37	\$ -
Coin Line Z2	\$ 35.37	\$ 35.37	\$ -
Coin Line Z3	\$ 35.37	\$ 35.37	\$ -
Public Access Line Z1	\$ 25.00	\$ 28.00	\$ 3.00
Public Access Line Z2	\$ 29.00	\$ 32.00	\$ 3.00
Public Access Line Z3	\$ 32.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 3.00
One Party Z1	\$ 25.00	\$ 28.00	\$ 3.00
One Party Z2	\$ 29.00	\$ 32.00	\$ 3.00
One Party Z3	\$ 32.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 3.00
Custom Line Z1	\$ 29.90	\$ 29.90	\$ -
Custom Line Z2	\$ 34.90	\$ 34.90	\$ -
Custom Line Z3	\$ 39.17	\$ 39.17	\$ -

The filing was submitted on June 1, 2022, with an effective date of June 2, 2022, and therefore complies with the applicable filing requirement.

In the application, Ziplly states that all affected customers were notified 30 days in advance, and therefore complies with the filing requirement of 9.b.i described above.

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Staff compared the prices increases in the application to the current Price Plan prices and found that they comply with the filing requirements of 4.f, 4.q and 4.r described above.

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.

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