

**OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE**

DATE: December 28, 2023

TO: File Marc Hellman

FROM: Joseph Bartholomew

SUBJECT: ZIPLY FIBER NORTHWEST, LLC dba ZIPLY FIBER:
(Docket No. PL 225/Advice No. 2023-06) Increases monthly rates for certain residential telephone bundles in Statewide Pricelist No. 2.

I have reviewed this filing and recommend that an acknowledgement letter be sent. With this filing, Ziplly Fiber Northwest, LLC (Ziplly NW or Company) increases the monthly rate for certain residential telephone bundles. The bundle prices will be increased to reflect the increase in the access line rate. This filing also increases rates on certain Grandfathered bundled services.

Applicable Rule or 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. Ziplly NW is also regulated under a Price Plan pursuant to ORS 759.255.¹

Section 9.b of the Price Plan requires Ziplly NW to provide 30-day notice of price increases to customers subscribing to the service. Retail customer notices may be made by bill message, including notice to customers receiving electronic bills. Section 9.a also requires price list changes to be filed with the Commission at least one day prior to the effective date of the change.

Analysis

With this filing, Ziplly NW implements the following rate increases.

Name	Section	Sheet	Revised/Original	Original Price	New Price	Increase
Packaged/Bundled Services - Regional Calling Value	2	2	5th Revised	\$38.04	\$41.04	\$3.00
Packaged/Bundled Services - Regional Essentials	2	2	5th Revised	\$40.04	\$43.04	\$3.00
Packaged/Bundled Services - Digital Phone Essentials	2	28	4th Revised	\$29.99	\$32.99	\$3.00
Packaged/Bundled Services - Digital Phone Unlimited	2	31	4th Revised	\$39.99	\$42.99	\$3.00
Packaged/Bundled Services - Digital Phone Unlimited (Challenger)	2	33	4th Revised	\$29.99	\$32.99	\$3.00
Packaged/Bundled Services - Digital Phone Unlimited Plus (Challenger)	2	35	4th Revised	\$29.99	\$32.99	\$3.00
Grandfathered Services - Digital Phone Essentials 3-2010 Package	16	70	3rd Revised	\$27.99	\$30.99	\$3.00
Grandfathered Services - Digital Phone State Unlimited with Essentials 3-2010	16	72	3rd Revised	\$29.99	\$32.99	\$3.00
Grandfathered Services - Digital Phone State Unlimited with Essentials 3-2010	16	73	3rd Revised	\$35.99	\$38.99	\$3.00
Grandfathered Services - Digital Phone Nationwide Unlimited Plus with Essentials 3-20:	16	75	3rd Revised	\$35.99	\$38.99	\$3.00

¹ See Order Nos. 18-303 and 19-038 in Docket No. UM 1895.

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The filing was submitted on December 13, 2023 with an effective date of January 2, 2024. Per the Advice filing, the customers began receiving notification of the price increase on November 20, 2023 via bill message and will continue to receive notifications thru January 2024 bringing ZiPLY NW in compliance with the 30 day notice requirement for price increases as stated in section 9.b of the price plan. Staff has reviewed the price of all individual components for the Packaged/Bundled Services and has found that the Packaged/Bundled price does not exceed the combined total of each component per section 4.q of the Price Plan.

Conclusion

This filing complies with applicable laws and Commission orders. The filing should be allowed to become effective, and an acknowledgement letter should be sent. No further action is necessary.

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