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VIA E-MAIL

Filing Center
Oregon Public Utility Commission
PO Box 1088
Salem OR 97308-1088

Re: Nehalem Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a RTI-Nehalem Telecom - Fourth
Revised Sheet No. 3.2 Canceling Third Revised Sheet No. 3.2; Advice No. 16

Dear Sir/Madam:

Attached you will find the above-referenced tariff sheet. This filing increases the residential rate from \$14.80 per month to \$16.80 per month effective May 1, 2016.

The filing affects 1,800 residential customers and will provide additional annual revenue of approximately \$43,200.

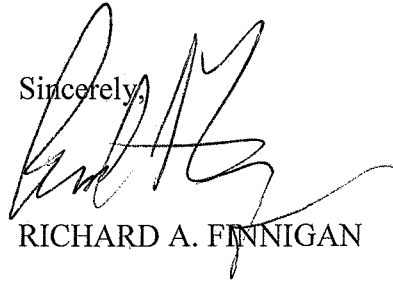
The purpose of this filing is to conform to FCC Order No. 11-161 and subsequent rules. In the course of that Order, the Federal Communications Commission adopted new rules concerning the universal service program. The effect of those rules is to penalize any company whose total residential rate plus certain state fees is less than \$18.00 on June 1, 2016. The penalty is a dollar-for-dollar reduction in universal service support for the Company's operations.

The Notice to customers is attached and includes additional information concerning the filing.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'RAF', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

RICHARD A. FINNIGAN

RAF/cs
Enclosures

cc: Client (via e-mail)

Nehalem Telecommunications, Inc.

LOCAL ACCESS (Continued)

RESIDENCE SERVICE

RATES

| | | |
|-------------------|---------|-----|
| One Party Service | \$16.80 | (I) |
|-------------------|---------|-----|

The above rates do not include customer premises inside wire, the telephone instrument or other terminal equipment, except with semi-public service, one coin telephone instrument is included.

Oregon Telephone Assistance Program (OTAP) Credit

The above rates do not include the Oregon Telephone Assistance Program (OTAP) Credit.

Advice No. 16

Issued: March 11, 2016

Effective: May 1, 2016

Issued by: Nehalem Telecommunications, Inc.



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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Nehalem Telecommunications, Inc. is filing with the Oregon Public Utility Commission ("Commission") to increase its residential monthly service rate from \$14.80 to \$16.60 per month. The rate change is in response to regulatory reforms issued by the Federal Communications Commission including reduction in inter-carrier compensation. In addition, without a rate change, Nehalem will lose some of its federal Universal Service Support. Federal Universal Service Support helps keep the network serving you as affordable as possible.

| <u>Service</u> | <u>Existing Rate</u> | <u>New Rate</u> | <u>Change</u> | <u>Percentage of Change</u> |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| One-Party Residential Access Line | \$14.80 | \$16.60 | \$1.80 | 12.16% |

Customers may petition the Public Utility Commission of Oregon to investigate the rate increase. The Commission will investigate the rate increase if it receives petitions signed by 10 percent of customers, on or before April 21, 2016. If the Commission does not receive sufficient petitions by April 21, 2016, the proposed rates will become effective on May 1, 2016, without Commission review. Petitions should be sent to the Commission's Consumer Services Division. The Company will provide a current copy of the local exchange directory and its service territory map within ten days of a request from any customer.

The Commission's toll-free telephone number is 1-800-522-2404
The Commission's address is
Oregon Public Utility Commission
Consumer Services Section
Post Office Box 1088
Salem, OR 97308-1088

If you have any questions about the proposed filing and how it will affect you, please call us at (503) 368-5116.

Sincerely,

Nehalem Telecommunications, Inc.