

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of	)	
	)	
QWEST CORPORATION	)	
	)	ORDER
Proposed Tariff for Telecommunications	)	
Service.	)	
Advice No. 2075	)	

**DISPOSITION: TARIFF SHEETS SUSPENDED**

On November 25, 2008, QWEST CORPORATION filed tariff sheets in Advice No. 2075 to be effective January 7, 2009. The terms of the proposed tariff sheets are set forth in the Staff Report dated December 24, 2008, attached as the Appendix to this order.

At its January 6, 2009, public meeting, the Public Utility Commission of Oregon found good and sufficient cause exists to investigate the propriety and reasonableness of the tariff sheets pursuant to ORS 759.180 and 759.185. The Commission ordered suspension of the advice pending that investigation.

IT IS ORDERED that Advice No. 2075 filed by QWEST CORPORATION is suspended for a period of time not to exceed six months from January 7, 2009, the effective date of the tariff sheets.

Made, entered, and effective JAN 07 2009.



BY THE COMMISSION:

Becky L. Beier  
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Commission Secretary

A party may request rehearing or reconsideration of this order pursuant to ORS 756.561. A request for rehearing or reconsideration must be filed with the Commission within 60 days of the date of service of this order. The request must comply with the requirements in OAR 860-014-0095. A copy of any such request must also be served on each party to the proceeding as provided by OAR 860-013-0070(2). A party may appeal this order by filing a petition for review with the Court of Appeals in compliance with ORS 183.480-183.484.

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON  
STAFF REPORT  
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: January 6, 2009**

REGULAR  CONSENT \_\_\_\_\_ EFFECTIVE DATE January 7, 2009

DATE: December 24, 2008

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Suzanne Smith *SS*

THROUGH: *AA* Lee Sparling through *BC* Bryan Conway and *RW* Roger White

SUBJECT: QWEST CORPORATION: (Advice No. 2075) Establishes a Percent Interstate Usage (PIU) floor for unidentified Feature Group D (FGD) terminating traffic.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Commission suspend Qwest Corporation's proposed tariff revisions of the PIU floor in Advice No. 2075.

**DISCUSSION:**

On November 25, 2008, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed Advice No. 2075 in PUC OR No. 32 with an effective date of January 1, 2009. On December 15, 2008, Qwest filed an extension of the effective date to January 7, 2009. This extension was filed in response to an objection to the proposed tariff changes by MCI Communications Services, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Business Services (Verizon Business). In this filing, Qwest proposes to establish a PIU floor for unidentified FGD<sup>1</sup> terminating traffic.

The Verizon Business objection states that Qwest's proposed revisions would result in a higher percentage of traffic being billed at intrastate rates, which it says are higher than the interstate access rates and thereby would increase the amounts billed to Verizon Business and other access purchasers.

<sup>1</sup> Feature Group D (FGD) traffic is a class of service associated with equal access arrangements. Interexchange carriers (IXCs) and larger carriers pay extra for FGD traffic terminations, which is a trunk side connection provided by an ILEC (Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier). FGD is what makes it possible for a customer to dial a long distance 1+ number using a preselected long distance carrier. Without this, the customer must dial a 7 or 10 digit number, a calling card number and PIN and then the desired number.

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ORS 759.185 allows the Commission to suspend rates pending hearing. Staff recommends that the Commission suspend the filing for investigation. Suspending the tariff will allow the Commission time to review and address Verizon Business's objection.

**PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:**

Qwest's revised Advice No. 2075, which establishes a PIU floor for unidentified FGD terminating traffic, be suspended for further investigation.

Qwest Advice No. 2075