ORDER NO. 21-004

ENTERED JAN 12 2021

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

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In the Matter of FLEX NETWORKS LLC (ID #8766)
Assessment of RSPF Late
Fees/Penalties/Interest

ORDER

DISPOSITION: CHARGES ASSESSED

In this order, the Public Utility Commission of Oregon assesses \$100.00 against FLEX NETWORKS LLC for failure to make required remittances. The Commission designates its files on the subject of this matter as the record in this case and makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

FLEX NETWORKS LLC is a telecommunications provider required to submit monthly Residential Service Protection Fund (RSPF) surcharge remittance reports and payments to the Commission.¹ These amounts can include any or all of the following: RSPF surcharge remittance(s), late payment penalties, interest (calculated to the date of this Order), and late report fee(s) for October 2020².

FLEX NETWORKS LLC failed to meet all or part of the requirements specified above by the due date(s) as follows: the October 2020 RSPF Surcharge Remittance Form 751 was due on November 23, 2020, but has not yet been filed.

The Commission served a Notice of Proposed Assessment on 12/10/2020 on FLEX NETWORKS LLC did not respond with full payment, and all current amounts owing have not been paid.

CONCLUSIONS

FLEX NETWORKS LLC failed to meet its filing obligations required by law. FLEX NETWORKS LLC owes the current balance of \$100.00. These charges are for October 2020.

The amount set forth above should be assessed, with the applicable interest to accrue at 9 percent per annum until the Commission receives full payment.³ Please note that specific amounts for each assessed charge are not included in this Order to protect the confidentiality of FLEX NETWORKS LLC underlying records. For an itemization of

¹ See OAR 860-033-0006.

² See OAR 860-033-0006 and OAR 860-001-0050

³ See OAR 860-033-0006(8).

the specific amount for each assessed charge, the provider may contact Frank Lackey at <u>frank.lackey@state.or.us</u>, (503) 378-4927.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

- 1. FLEX NETWORKS LLC is assessed \$100.00 immediately due and payable by 5:00 p.m. on the 10th day after the service date of this order to the Oregon Public Utility Commission, Residential Service Protection Fund, PO Box 2153, Salem OR 97308-2153, or online at https://apps.rspf.org.
- 2. Where applicable, interest will continue to accrue at 9 percent per annum until the Commission receives full payment.
- 3. Under ORS 293.231, the Commission must refer your account to collection if it receives no payment on the amount due and payable in this Order for more than ninety days. If the Commission does not receive a payment from you by April 12, 2021, or for more than ninety days thereafter, then the Commission will assign your account to the Oregon Department of Revenue or a private collection agency for collection. At the time your account is assigned for collection, you also will become responsible for the payment of a minimum of 20 percent collection fee added to the amount you owe.

Made, entered and effective	JAN 12, 2021	PUBLIC CONTRACTOR OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPE
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A party may request rehearing or reconsideration of this order under 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 860-001-0720. A copy of the request must also be served on each party to the proceedings as provided in OAR 860-001-0180(2). A party may appeal this order by filing a petition for review with the Court of Appeals in compliance with ORS 183.480 through 183.484.

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