ITEM NO. CA2_CA3

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: March 21, 2017

REGULAR ____ **CONSENT** X **EFFECTIVE DATE** April 1, 2017

DATE: March 7, 2017

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Armando Fimbres

THROUGH: Jason Eisdorfer, Bryan Conway, and Roger White

SUBJECT: CENTURYTEL OF OREGON INC: (Docket No. ADV 524/ Advice No. OR17-01A) Revises Late Payment and Deposit Interest rates and tariff language for Intrastate Access Service.

UNITED TELEPHONE COMPANY OF THE NORTHWEST: (Docket No. ADV 525/Advice No. OR17-02A) Revises Late Payment and Deposit Interest rates and tariff language for Intrastate Access Service.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission allow the February 28, 2017 filings by CenturyTel of Oregon, Inc. (Docket No. ADV 525/Advice No. OR17-01A) and United Telephone Company of the Northwest (Docket No. ADV 525/Advice No. OR17-02A), which revise their Late Payment and Deposit Interest rates and intrastate tariff language for Intrastate Access Service, effective April 1, 2017, to go into effect.

DISCUSSION:

On February 28, 2017, CenturyLink filed advices for its companies' access tariffs to be effective April 1, 2017. The filings propose to change the late payment language and penalty to 0.0407% per day (a 16.01% annual rate). The deposit interest rate language was revised to reference the late payment penalty for the interest rate paid on deposits. The intrastate access tariffs to be revised are CenturyTel of Oregon Inc. Oregon P.U.C. AC4 and United Telephone Company of the Northwest PUC Or. No. 6.

Staff has reviewed the revised tariff sheets and supporting data. The tariff revisions by the CenturyLink companies are consistent with Commission Order No. 16-453. Wholesale customers were sent official notices on February 23, 2017.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Approve CenturyTel of Oregon, Inc.'s Docket No. ADV 524/Advice No. OR17-01A and United Telephone Company of the Northwest's Docket No. ADV 525/ Advice No. OR17-02A), revising Late Payment and Deposit Interest rates and intrastate tariff language for Intrastate Access Service, and allow it to go into effect April 1, 2017.

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