OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
(INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE)

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TO: File through Bryan Conway and Bruce Hellebuyck

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SUBJECT: CENTURYTEL OF OREGON INC.: (Docket No. PL 14/Advice No. 15-006-PL) Increases the Non-Telecom Services Surcharge by $1.00.

CenturyTel of Oregon dba CenturyLink (CenturyTel) proposes to increase the Non-Telecom Services Surcharge in six packages/bundles by $1.00, from $1.99 to $2.99. The Non-Telecom Services Surcharge applies in conjunction with the company's Voicemail service, which is a deregulated service that is included in certain packages. Because Voicemail is included in the regulated packages, it must be shown as such in the tariff and price list along with a notation regarding its deregulated status.

CenturyTel first introduced the Non-Telecom Services Surcharge in June of 2013 with Advice No. 13-006. The company shows the Non-Telecom Services Surcharge in the tariff and price list as an additional charge for Voicemail rather than simply increasing the overall price of the affected packages by $2.99. This is because customers are not required to take the Voicemail feature when subscribing to the regulated packages. Customers who ask the company to remove Voicemail service from their package would not be charged the additional $2.99.

This filing was made pursuant to the price plan that the Commission approved in Order No. 14-347, effective October 7, 2014. Under the price plan, CenturyTel is permitted to file price list changes one day prior to a filing's effective date. This filing was submitted on July 7, 2015, with an effective date of July 8, 2015, and therefore complies with the requirement in the price plan.

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