



**OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE**

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TO: File through Bryan Conway ^{mc} and Bruce Hellebuyck 

FROM: Stephen Hayes 

SUBJECT: United Telephone Company of the Northwest (Company), Advice No. OR16-004-PL Compliance with Order No. 16-363 in UM 1786, Abandonment of Busy Line Verification and Busy Line Interrupt

I have reviewed this filing and recommend that an acknowledgement letter be sent.

This Price List filing is being made in compliance with Order No. 16-363 in docket UM 1786, which was issued on September 27, 2016. This Price List filing dated September 30, 2016 went into effect on October 1, 2016, and was received on September 29, 2016. The Price List filing is located in Docket, PL 48.

Qwest Corporation (Qwest), United Telephone Company of the Northwest (United), CenturyTel of Eastern Oregon, Inc. and CenturyTel of Oregon, Inc. (CenturyTel) all four dba CenturyLink, filed a *joint petition* to abandon Busy Line Verify (BLV) and Busy Line Interrupt (BLI) pursuant to OAR 860-032-0020. The Company's petition was filed July, 1, 2016 and came before the Commission at its September 27, 2016, public meeting. The disposition of UM 1786 is that the petition is granted. CenturyLink companies used slightly different service designations for BLV and BLI. These differences are explained on the first page of the Company's petition. For ease of reference and consistency they are referred here and the staff report as shown above. The Staff Report filed in Docket UM 1786 provides a description of the services.

The required customer notice indicated that the change would take effect on October 1, 2016. United could have made the Price List changes effective on September 30th which would have been 90 days from the filing date, plus one day, but opts to make the Price List changes effective on October 1, 2016 to match their customer notices. The order sets no conditions. This filing complies with the approved motion which directed the company to file tariff changes.