

**OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE**

DATE: September 12, 2024

TO: File thru Russell Beitzel

FROM: Joseph Bartholomew

SUBJECT: CENTURYTEL OF OREGON, INC dba CENTURYLINK:
(Docket No. ADV 1634/Advice No. 24-01A)
Grandfathers Intrastate Private Line DS-1 and DS-3.

I have reviewed this filing and recommend that an acknowledgement letter be sent. With this filing, CenturyTel of Oregon, Inc dba CenturyLink (CenturyLink) proposes to grandfather Intrastate Private Line DS-1 and DS-3 services. The following changes have been made to the Oregon P.U.C. AC4 tariff book:

Section 7, 1st revised page 226
Section 7, 4th revised page 252

The filing was submitted on July 24, 2024, with a proposed effective date of September 1, 2024.

Applicable Law

Telecommunications utilities are required under ORS 759.175 to submit tariff filings to the Commission whenever they intend to change their rates, terms, or conditions of service.

On September 28, 2018, with Order No. 18-359 (Docket No. UM 1908), the Commission approved a Price Plan applicable to both CenturyLink and its affiliates, United Telephone Company of the Northwest d/b/a CenturyLink, CenturyTel of Oregon d/b/a CenturyLink, and CenturyTel of Eastern Oregon d/b/a CenturyLink, as allowed by ORS 759.255. Section 8aii of CenturyLink's Price Plan requires price list changes to be filed with the Commission at least one day prior to the effective date of the change. Section 8.b of the Price Plan requires CenturyLink to provide customers with 30-day notice of changes to terms or conditions of service.

Pursuant to OAR 860-032-0020(1)(d), "grandfather" means "to discontinue or cease offering a service to new customers and to continue offering the service to existing customers." OAR 860-036-0020(1)(k) defines "sunset date" as "the day a telecommunications provider will abandon a grandfathered service being provided to existing customers."

Pursuant to OAR 860-032-0020(15)(a), grandfathering a service without a sunset date is not considered abandonment of service. OAR 860-032-0020(15)(b) allows a telecommunications utility to grandfather a regulated service without a sunset date by filing a tariff which designates the service as grandfathered. Normal tariff filing and

review requirements apply to Staffs consideration of such filings, including review for compliance with any applicable Price Plan.

Analysis

This filing grandfathers Intrastate Private Line DS-1 and DS-3 services effective September 1, 2024, on existing customers at existing locations.

Compliance

This filing complies with all applicable laws, rules, and Commission orders and was submitted at 30 days prior to its effective date therefore complies with the requirements of ORS 759.175 and Section 8ai of CenturyLink's Price Plan.

Conclusion

The filing should be allowed to go into effect, and an acknowledgment letter should be sent. No further action is necessary.