OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: October 16, 2024

TO: File through Russell Beitzel

FROM: Joseph Bartholomew

SUBJECT: CENTURYTEL OF OREGON, INC dba CENTURYLINK and CENTURYTEL OF EASTERN OREGON dba CENTURYLINK:
(Docket No. PL 239/Advice No. 24-002)
Grandfather Directory Assistance Call Completion Service.

I have reviewed this filing and recommend that an acknowledgement letter be sent. With this filing, CenturyTel of Oregon, Inc dba CenturyLink (CenturyLink) and CenturyLink of Eastern Oregon dba CenturyLink (CenturyLink) proposes to grandfather Directory Assistance Call Completion Service. The following changes will be made to the CenturyTel of Oregon, Inc. dba CenturyLink and CenturyTel of Eastern Oregon, Inc. dba CenturyLink OR PUC Price List No. 101:

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The filing was submitted on October 2, 2024, with a proposed effective date of October 3, 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 April 30, 2024, with Order No. 24-113 (Docket No. UM 1908), the Commission approved a new 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. After several extension requests from CenturyLink which were granted by the Commission, the new Price Plan went into effect on August 1, 2024, under Docket No. UM 1908, Order No. 24-137. 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.

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 Directory Assistance Call Completion Service effective October 3, 2024, on existing customers at existing locations. Customers will be able to retain their existing services under CenturyLink's grandfathering plan.

Compliance

This filing complies with all applicable laws, rules, and Commission orders and was submitted at least 1 day prior to its effective date therefore complies with the requirements of ORS 759.175 and Section 8aii 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.