

**OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE**

DATE: May 15, 2025

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SUBJECT: UNITED TELEPHONE COMPANY OF THE NORTHWEST:
Docket No. PL 251/Advice No. 25-003
Revises rate structures for grandfathered bundles and makes additional text changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 15, 2025

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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

DISCUSSION:

With this filing, United Telephone Company of the Northwest d/b/a CenturyLink (Company or United) revises certain rate structures and makes text changes.

Issue

Whether the price list sheets filed by United should be allowed to become effective for service rendered on and after May 15, 2025.

Applicable Rule or Law

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

United is regulated under a Price Plan pursuant to ORS 759.255 and the stipulation filed in Docket No. UM 1908 on February 23, 2024, as modified by Order No. 24-041 and the compliance filing adopted in Order No. 24-113. Section 8.a.ii of the Price Plan requires United to file notice of all price list changes with the Commission at least one day prior to the effective date of the change.

Analysis

The filing was submitted on May 14, 2025, with a proposed effective date of May 15, 2025, in compliance with the filing requirements stated in the Company's Price Plan.

With this filing, United makes certain text changes, including modifying the "Trade Names, Trademarks and Service Marks" sheet to align with that of CenturyTel of Eastern Oregon, Inc. and Century Tel of Eastern Oregon, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink; and changing "Embarq Communications, Inc. Easy Talk Simple Choice Unlimited Long Distance Plan" to "CenturyLink Communications, LLC Simple Choice long distance plan."

The filing also changes the pricing structure for the Simple Choice Bundle and Simple Choice Unlimited Bundle by removing separately listed rates for different combinations of services and adding a footnote stating that the "monthly rate for Simple Choice Unlimited will be discounted by \$5.00 when customers also subscribe to the Company's High Speed Internet (1.5Mbps or higher)." The Company states that the reason for this change is "standardization and simplification across states and companies." These bundles were previously grandfathered and are not available to new subscribers.

The Company states that these changes are administrative in nature and do not impact customers.

Conclusion

This filing complies with applicable laws and the provisions of the Company's Price Plan. The filed price list sheets have already gone into effect, and an acknowledgement letter should be sent.