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Public Utility Commission of Oregon
201 High Street, SE, Suite 100
Salem, Oregon 97301-3398

RE: Advice No. 21-01 for United Telephone Company of the Northwest d/b/a CenturyLink
PUC Or. No. 6

Dear Commissioners:

Attached for electronic filing are revisions to the United Telephone Company of the Northwest d/b/a CenturyLink PUC Or. No. 6 Access Service Tariff, submitted with a proposed effective date of November 17, 2021. Attachment A includes a list of pages.

This filing grandfathers certain low-bandwidth Private Line Services effective November 17, 2021. Newer technologies and services are available to customers in lieu of these technologically obsolete services. New orders and moves of existing services will be allowed to the extent permitted by existing term contracts. Existing terms will not be renewed upon expiration. Customers currently under a term commitment plan may retain their low-bandwidth services on a month-to-month basis upon expiration of their current term plan.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at the contact information below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robyn Crichton".

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cc: Ms. Peter Gose

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ACCESS SERVICE

7. Special Access Service

7.1 General

Special Access Service provides a transmission path to connect customer designated premises*, either directly or through a Telephone Company Hub where bridging or multiplexing functions are performed, or to connect a customer designated premises and a WATS [1] Serving Office. Special Access Service includes all exchange access not utilizing Telephone Company end office switches. (C)

The connections provided by Special Access Service can be either analog or digital. Analog connections are differentiated by spectrum and bandwidth. Digital connections are differentiated by bit rate.

7.1.1 Channel Types

There are five types of channels used to provide Special Access Services. Each type has its own characteristics. All are subdivided by one or more of the following:

- Transmission specifications,
- Bandwidth,
- Speed (i.e., bit rate),
- Spectrum

Customers can order a basic channel and select, from a list of available transmission parameters and channel interfaces, those that they desire to meet specific communications requirements.

* Telephone Company Centrex CO-like switches are considered to be customer premises for purposes of this tariff.

[1] **Effective November 17, 2021 WATS Access Line (WAL) Services are grandfathered. Availability to current customers is limited to circuits in service at existing locations.** (N)
(N)

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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.1 General (Cont'd)

7.1.1 Channel Types (Cont'd)

For purposes of ordering channels, each has been identified as a type of Special Access Service. However, such identification is not intended to limit a customer's use of the channel nor to imply that the channel is limited to a particular use.

Following is a brief description of each type of channel:

Voice Grade ^[1] - A channel for the transmission of analog signals within an approximate bandwidth of 300-3000 Hz.

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^[1] **Effective November 17, 2021, Voice Grade Services are grandfathered. Availability to current customers is limited to circuits in service at existing locations.**

(N)
(N)

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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.1 General (Cont'd)

7.1.1 Channel Types (Cont'd)

Digital Data ^[1] - a channel for the digital transmission of synchronous serial data at rates of 2.4, 4.8, 9.6, 56.0 or 64.0 kbps. (C)

High Capacity - a channel for the transmission of isochronous serial digital data at a rate of 1.544 or 44.736 Mbps.

Detailed descriptions of each of the channel types are provided in 7.2 following.

The customer also has the option of ordering digital high capacity facilities (e.g. 1.544 and 44.736 Mbps) to a Telephone Company Hub for multiplexing to individual channels of a lower capacity or bandwidth. Descriptions of the types of multiplexing available at the Hubs, as well as the number of individual channels which may be derived from each type of facility are set forth in 7.2 following. Additionally, the customer may specify optional features for the individual channels derived from the facility to further tailor the channel to meet specific communications requirements. Descriptions of the optional features and functions available are also set forth in 7.2 following.

^[1] **Effective November 17, 2021, Digital Data Services are grandfathered. Availability to current customers is limited to circuits in service at existing locations.** (N)
(N)

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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.1 General (Cont'd)

7.1.8 Ordering Options and Conditions

Special Access Service is ordered under the Access Order provisions set forth in 5. preceding. Also included in that section are other charges which may be associated with ordering Special Access Service (e.g., Access Order Charges, Service Date Change Charges, Design Change Charges, etc.).

7.2 Service Descriptions

For the purposes of ordering, there are three categories of Special Access Service. These are:

Voice Grade (VG) ^[1]
Digital Data (DA) ^[1]
High Capacity (HC)

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Each service consists of a basic channel to which a technical specifications package (customized or predefined), channel interface(s) and, when desired, optional features and functions are added to construct the service desired by the customer. Each of the components of the service is described in this section.

Customized technical specifications packages will be provided where technically feasible. If the Telephone Company determines that the requested parameter specifications are not compatible, the customer will be advised and given the opportunity to change the order.

When a customized channel is ordered the customer will be notified whether Additional Engineering Charges apply. In such cases, the customer will be given an estimate of the hours to be billed before any further action is taken on the order.

^[1] **Effective November 17, 2021, this service is grandfathered. Availability to current customers is limited to circuits in service at existing locations.**

(N)
(N)

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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.2 Service Descriptions (Cont'd)

7.2.3 Voice Grade Service

Effective November 17, 2021, Voice Grade Service is grandfathered. Availability to current customers is limited to circuits in service at existing locations.

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(N)

(A) Basic Channel Description

A Voice Grade channel is a channel which provides voice frequency transmission capability in the nominal frequency range of 300 to 3000 Hz and may be terminated two-wire or four-wire. Voice Grade channels are provided between customer designated premises or between a customer designated premises and a Telephone Company Hub.

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7.2 Service Descriptions (Cont'd)

7.2.8 Digital Data Service

Effective November 17, 2021, Digital Data Service is grandfathered. Availability to current customers is limited to circuits in service at existing locations.

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(N)

(A) Basic Channel Description

A Digital Data channel is a channel for duplex four-wire transmission of synchronous serial data at the rate of 2.4, 4.8, 9.6, 56 or 64 kbps. The actual bit rate is a function of the channel interface selected by the customer. The channel provides a synchronous service with timing provided by the Telephone Company through the Telephone Company's facilities to the customer in the received bit stream.

The customer may provide the Channel Service Unit-type equipment or other Network Channel Terminating Equipment associated with the Digital Data channel at the customer premises. The interim program for interconnection of such equipment adheres to generally accepted industry technical standards.

(B) Technical Specifications Packages

<u>Parameter</u>	<u>Package DA-</u>			
	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
Error-Free Seconds	X	X	X	X

The Telephone Company will provide a channel capable of meeting a monthly average performance equal to or greater than 99.875% error-free seconds while the channel is in service, if it is measured through a CSU equivalent.

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7.5 Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

7.5.3 Voice Grade Service - Grandfathered

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Effective November 17, 2021, Voice Grade Service is grandfathered. Availability to current customers is limited to circuits in service at existing locations.

(N)

(N)

(A) Channel Termination

- Without Signaling
(available with all VG packages)
- Per point of Termination

	<u>Monthly Rates</u>	<u>Nonrecurring Charges</u>
- Two-Wire	\$54.00	\$150.00
- Four-Wire	\$74.00	\$150.00

(B) Channel Termination

- With Signaling (available with VGC, VG1, VG2, VG3, VG7, VG8 and VG9)
- Per point of Termination

- Two-Wire	\$54.00	\$150.00
- Four-Wire	\$74.00	\$150.00

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7.5 Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

7.5.3 Voice Grade Service - **Grandfathered** (Cont'd)

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(D) Channel Mileage

Monthly Rates	
<u>Fixed</u>	<u>Per Mile</u>
\$37.00	\$2.00

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7.5.3 Voice Grade Service - Grandfathered (Cont'd)

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(E) Optional Features and Functions

(1) Bridging

(a) Voice Bridging

(available with VGC, VG2, VG5, VG6,
VG10, VG11 and VG12)

Two-Wire/Four-Wire

- Per port

	<u>Monthly Rates</u>	<u>Nonrecurring Charges</u>
- Two-Wire	\$6.00	\$33.00
- Four-Wire	\$6.00	\$45.00

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7.5.3 Voice Grade Service - Grandfathered (Cont'd)

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(E) Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)

(1) Bridging (Cont'd)

(b) Data Bridging

(available with VGC, VG6 and VG10)

Two-Wire/Four-Wire

- Per port

	<u>Monthly Rates</u>	<u>Nonrecurring Charges</u>
- Two-Wire	\$4.00	\$45.00
- Four-Wire	\$4.00	\$67.00

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(E) Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)

(1) Bridging (Cont'd)

(c) Telephoto Bridging

(Available with VGC and VG11)

Two-Wire/Four-Wire

- Per port

	<u>Monthly Rates</u>	<u>Nonrecurring Charges</u>
- Two-Wire	\$14.00	\$33.00
- Four-Wire	\$14.00	\$56.00

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7.5.3 Voice Grade Service - Grandfathered (Cont'd)

(C)

(E) Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)

(2) Conditioning

- Per point of termination

	<u>Monthly Rates</u>	<u>Nonrecurring Charges</u>
(a) C-Type (available with VGC, VG5, VG6, VG7, VG8, VG9 and VG10)	\$3.00	\$89.00
(b) Improved Attenuation Distortion (available with VGC, VG5 VG6, VG7, VG8, VG9, and VG10)	14.00	89.00
(c) Improved Envelope Delay Distortion (available with VGC, VG5, VG6, VG7, VG8, VG9, and VG10)	73.00	89.00
(d) Sealing Current (available with VGC VG5, VG6 and VG10)	None	33.00*

* Applicable only to provision of Sealing Current subsequent to initial installation of a voice grade service.

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7.5.3 Voice Grade Service - Grandfathered (Cont'd)

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(E) Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)

(3) Improved Return Loss for Effective Two-Wire or Four-Wire Transmission

- Per point of termination

	<u>Monthly Rates</u>	<u>Nonrecurring Charges</u>
- Two-Wire (available with VGC, VG2, VG3 and VG7)	\$3.00	\$33.00
- Four-Wire (available with all VG packages)	\$4.00	\$45.00

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7.5.3 Voice Grade Service - Grandfathered (Cont'd)

(C)

(E) Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)

(4) Customer Specified Receive Level
(available with all VG packages)

- Per Two-Wire
point of termination

<u>Monthly Rates</u>	<u>Nonrecurring Charges*</u>
None	\$45.00

(5) Reserved For Future Use

* Applicable only to provision of Customer Specified Receive Level subsequent to initial installation of a voice grade service.

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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.5 Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

7.5.3 Voice Grade Service - Grandfathered (Cont'd)

(C)

(E) Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)

	<u>Monthly Rates</u>	<u>Nonrecurring Charges</u>
(6) <u>Data Capability</u> (available with VGC, VG6, VG7 and VG10)		
- Per point of termination		
	None	\$33.00
(7) <u>Telephoto Capability</u> (available with VGC and VG11)		
- Per point of termination		
	\$12.00	\$22.00

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(E) Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)

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7.5.8 Digital Data Service - Grandfathered

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Effective November 17, 2021, Digital Data Service is grandfathered. Availability to current customers is limited to circuits in service at existing locations.

(N)

(N)

(A) Channel Termination

- Per point of termination

	<u>Monthly Rates</u>	<u>Nonrecurring Charges</u>
- Low Speeds (2.4, 4.8, 9.6 Kbps)	\$74.00	\$200.00
- High Speeds (56.0, 64.0 Kbps)	\$100.00	\$250.00

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7.5 Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

7.5.8 Digital Data Service - Grandfathered (Cont'd)

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(D) Channel Mileage

		<u>Monthly Rates</u>	
		<u>Fixed</u>	<u>Per Mile</u>
(1)	Low Speeds (2.4, 4.8, 9.6 Kbps)	\$37.00	\$2.00
(2)	High Speeds (56.0, 64.0 Kbps)	\$60.00	\$3.00

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(D) Channel Mileage (Cont'd)

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(D) Channel Mileage (Cont'd)

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(D) Channel Mileage (Cont'd)

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(D) Channel Mileage (Cont'd)

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7.5 Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

7.5.8 Digital Data Service - Grandfathered (Cont'd)

(C)

(E) Optional Features and Functions

(1) Bridging (available with all DA packages)

	<u>Monthly Rates</u>	<u>Nonrecurring Charges</u>
- Per port	\$11.30	\$25.00

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7.5.8 Digital Data Service - Grandfathered (Cont'd)

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(E) Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)

	<u>Monthly Rates</u>	<u>Nonrecurring Charges</u>
(3) Data Amplification	\$85.00	\$100.00

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(E) Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)

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7.5.9 High Capacity Service (Cont'd)

(D) Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)

(1) Multiplexing

	<u>Monthly Rates</u>	<u>Nonrecurring Charges</u>	
DS3 to DS1 (available with HC3) - per arrangement	\$501.00	\$200.00	
DS1 to Voice* (available with HC1), DS1 to DS0 ^[1] - per arrangement	\$450.00	\$150.00	(C)

* A channel(s) of this DS1 to the Hub can be used for Digital Data Services.

^[1] **Effective November 17, 2021, Voice Grade and Digital Data Services are grandfathered.** (N)
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7.5 Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

7.5.9 High Capacity Service (Cont'd)

(D) Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)

(4) Multiplexed Access Service Connection (MASC)

		<u>Monthly Rates</u>	<u>Nonrecurring Charges</u>	
(a)	DS0 Level ^[1]	ICB	ICB	(C)
(b)	DS1 Level	\$3.00	\$75.00	

^[1] **Effective November 17, 2021, Voice Grade and Digital Data Services are grandfathered.** (N)
Availability to current customers is limited to circuits in service at existing locations. (N)

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10. Special Federal Government Access Services (Cont'd)

10.7 Service Offerings to the Federal Government (Cont'd)

10.7.1 Type and Description

(A) Voice Grade Special Access Services

Effective November 17, 2021, Voice Grade Service is grandfathered. Availability to current customers is limited to circuits in service at existing locations.

(N)
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(N)

(1) Voice Grade Secure Communications Type I

Approximate bandwidth of 10-50,000 Hertz. Furnished for two-point secure communications on two-wire or four-wire metallic facilities between a customer premises location and an end user's premises. Services are conditioned as follows:

T-3 Conditioning - The absolute loss (referenced to 1 milliwatt) with respect to frequency shall not exceed:

15 dB at 10 Hz
13 dB at 100 Hz
9 dB at 1,000 Hz
20 dB at 10,000 Hz
30 dB at 50,000 Hz

Additional conditioning (available in one or two directions on four-wire facilities only) to provide the following characteristics:

The absolute loss (referenced to one milliwatt) with respect to frequency shall not exceed:

0 dB at 1,000 Hz
+ 1 dB between 1,000 Hz and 40,000 Hz
+ 2 dB between 10 Hz and 50,000 Hz
(+ means more loss)

The net loss of the conditioned service (with or without additional conditioning) shall not vary by more than four dB at 1,000 Hz from the levels specified above. Voice frequency signaling or supervisory tones can be transmitted.

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