

ITEM NO. CA1

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT**

PUBLIC MEETING DATE: January 29, 2002

REGULAR _____ **CONSENT** X **EFFECTIVE DATE** February 1, 2002

DATE: January 17, 2002

TO: John Savage through Phil Nyegaard and Lance Ball

FROM: David Sloan

SUBJECT: CENTURYTEL OF OREGON, INC.: (Advice No. 231) Establishes a multiple service promotion from February 1, 2002, through March 31, 2002

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the filing be allowed to go into effect.

DISCUSSION:

On December 17, 2001, CenturyTel of Oregon, Inc. (the Company) filed Tariff Advice No. 231, introducing a multiple service promotion for business and residential customers. The promotion dates are February 1 through March 31, 2002. The effective date of the filing is February 1, 2002.

The Company will waive the \$15.55 network access line connection nonrecurring charge, where applicable, and the first month's recurring charge for customers ordering Caller ID, Call Forwarding Don't Answer, Voice Mail or Message Waiting Indicator during the promotion period. In addition, the Company will waive any applicable installation fee for other Custom Calling and Custom Calling II features ordered during the promotion period. The promotion is offered to both new and existing single line residential and business customers. In order to receive the waivers the customer must keep the promotional service(s) for a minimum of one month.

The currently tariffed monthly recurring rate is \$6.00 for Caller ID, \$1.25 for Call Forwarding Don't Answer and \$1.50 for Message Waiting Indicator (Message Notification). For Voice Mail service there are several service options that are eligible for the promotional discounts. The weighted average residential rate for these options is \$3.50.

The Company's net annual revenues will increase by an estimated \$30,000 as a result of this promotion.

The filing is consistent with ORS 759.267, which permits a telecommunications utility to promote the use of its services by offering a waiver of part or all of a recurring or nonrecurring charge, a redemption coupon or a premium with the purchase of a service. The filing is also consistent with OAR 860-022-0025, which permits a utility to make tariff changes and establishes the type of information a utility must submit with a tariff filing.

The filing is not contrary to the public interest.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

The tariff sheets filed with CenturyTel of Oregon, Inc.'s Advice No. 231 be allowed to go into effect for service rendered on or after February 1, 2002.