

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: June 27, 2006**

REGULAR CONSENT EFFECTIVE DATE June 28, 2006

DATE: June 16, 2006

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Jim Stanage

THROUGH: Lee Sparling, Phil Nyegaard, and Lance Ball

SUBJECT: UNITED TELEPHONE CO OF THE NORTHWEST:
(Advice No. OR06-13) Replaces Sprint Communications Company LP with Embarq Communications, Inc., for Embarq's Customer Referral Program.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Allow the filed tariff to go into effect.

DISCUSSION:

Sprint/United Telephone Company of the Northwest Inc. (United) proposes to revise Sprint's tariff to reflect the company's new assumed business name, Embarq, on the list of official trademarks and service marks as well as the names of some service packages. Certification of the new assumed business name, Embarq, was filed with the Secretary of State on May 5, 2006. The company's legal name, United Telephone Company of the Northwest, remains the same. The filing does not affect the rates, terms, or conditions of service for any of United's services.

The filing was submitted on May 26, 2006, and thus, complies with Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 759.190, which requires tariff filings to be made at least thirty days prior to their effective dates. 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.

The company states:

Due to the recent legal separation of Embarq Local Operating Companies and Embarq Communications Inc. from Sprint Corporation, all Sprint products and services referred

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to in this tariff, actually refer to Embarq products and services. A specific service level agreement between Embarq and Sprint allows for the continued use of the Sprint name for a limited time. As such, a reference to a product or service may be preceded with either company name. For example, "Sprint Solutions" is the same service as "Embarq Solutions" in any associated Embarq tariff.

The company estimates that this filing would have a negligible effect on gross annual revenues.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

The Sprint/United tariff proposed in Advice No. OR06-13 be allowed to go into effect.