

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON  
STAFF REPORT  
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: January 8, 2008**

REGULAR \_\_\_\_\_ CONSENT  X  EFFECTIVE DATE  January 11, 2008

**DATE:** December 18, 2007

**TO:** Public Utility Commission

**FROM:** Suzanne Smith

**THROUGH:** Lee Sparling, Dave Booth and Cynthia Van Landuyt

**SUBJECT:** UNITED TELEPHONE COMPANY OF THE NORTHWEST/EMBARQ:  
(Advice No. OR07-23) Revises tariff language removing obsolete services, reinstating deleted calculation of cancellation charges language and making general housekeeping corrections.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Commission allow the filing to go into effect January 11, 2008.

**DISCUSSION:**

On December 4, 2007, United Telephone Company of the Northwest/Embarq (Embarq) filed Advice No. OR07-23 in PUC Or. No. 6 with an effective date of January 11, 2008. The filing was made under ORS 759.175, *Filing rate schedules and data with commission*. In this filing, Embarq proposes to revise tariff language removing obsolete services, reinstating deleted calculation of cancellation charges language and general housekeeping corrections.

In 1992, critical language and rates dealing with calculation of cancellation charges were deleted in error by the company from the tariff. With this filing, Embarq proposes to reinstate language and rates for cancellation of digital access (DA) and high capacity (HC) service orders. The reinstated language and rates are identical to those deleted in 1992.

Sections 7.2.2 and 7.5.2 of the current Embarq tariff contain language and rates associated with grandfathered Telegraph Service. With no customers remaining on the

service, the company proposes to delete all language and rates associated with the product. The company also proposes to remove Section 17 which addresses collocation services.<sup>1</sup> In a request to abandon a service, the company must comply with OAR 860-032-0020 (8).<sup>2</sup> The company states that there is no further demand for either product and all customers have either discontinued these services or moved to other tariffed services. Both sections will now be reserved for future use.

In addition to the changes listed above, the company also proposes general housekeeping corrections to the table of contents section to support the revisions and numerous section heading revisions as well as removal of obsolete tariff language throughout the various sections.

In accordance with ORS 759.185, *Suspension of rates pending hearing; time limitations; revenue collected subject to refund; interim rates*, the Commission could suspend this filing for further review. The revisions proposed in this filing have no revenue impact for the company and no impact on existing Embarq customers. Staff recommends that the Commission allow the filing to go into effect January 11, 2008.

**PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:**

Embarq's Advice No. OR07-23, which revises tariff language removing obsolete service, reinstating deleted calculation of cancellation charges language and making general housekeeping corrections, be allowed to go into effect January 11, 2008.

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<sup>1</sup> Per the company, there have been no customers on the collocation service offered under Section 17 in Oregon since July 2002. Customers now have this service negotiated in their Interconnection Agreements (ICA) or an alternate tariffed product.

<sup>2</sup> When a company proposes to abandon a service, it must comply with the requirement set forth in OAR 860-032-0020 (8) which states "A telecommunications utility may request to abandon a regulated service for which there are no current customers by filing a tariff change which deletes the regulated service along with a cover letter or advice letter which clearly and explicitly discloses which regulated service the telecommunications utility proposes to abandon."