

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON  
STAFF REPORT  
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: November 4, 2008**

**REGULAR** \_\_\_\_\_ **CONSENT**  X  **EFFECTIVE DATE**  November 5, 2008

**DATE:** October 23, 2008

**TO:** Public Utility Commission

**FROM:** Jim Stanage

**THROUGH:** Lee Sparling, Bryan Conway, and Lance Ball

**SUBJECT:** UNITED TELEPHONE COMPANY OF THE NORTHWEST/EMBARQ:  
(Advice No. OR08-13) Revises the application of the termination liability charge for Hosted Multiline Bundle.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the filed tariff be allowed to go into effect.

**DISCUSSION:**

United Telephone Company of the Northwest, dba Embarq (Embarq), proposes to change the application of the termination liability charge for Hosted MultiLine Bundle. The termination liability charge calculation would be revised from a flat rate calculation of \$1.00 per bundle to a one-time charge equal to the sum of fifty percent of the payments that would apply for the remainder of the term discount plan. There would be no impact on current customers since this offering has not been sold to any customers.

Under Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 759.190, telecommunications utilities are required to submit tariff filings to the Commission whenever they intend to change their rates, terms, or conditions of service. This filing was submitted on October 3, 2008, and thus, complies with the statute, which requires tariff filings to be made at least thirty days prior to their effective date.

Hosted MultiLine Bundle is an optional business service enrollment plan that permits customers to receive Local Exchange Service and additional features and services for a flat monthly rate, for each Hosted MultiLine Bundle provided. Each Hosted MultiLine Bundle includes one Centrex access line. Customers must subscribe to a minimum of

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two and a maximum of nine Hosted MultiLine Bundles per location, which must be billed under a single invoice.

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

**PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:**

The Embarq tariff proposed in Advice No. OR08-13 be allowed to go into effect.