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III. Schedule 300 Customer Charges

In response to Commission Staff Data Request No. 9, the Company provided its current customer charges in the states of California, Idaho, Oregon, Utah and Wyoming for the tasks of connection, disconnection and reconnection during various times of day and days of the week as set forth in the table below.

	CA Schedule 300	Idaho Schedule 300	Oregon Schedule 300	Utah Schedule 300	Wyoming Schedule 300
Connect Charge – Wknd/Hol Hours	\$175	\$50	\$175	\$100	\$60
Connect Charge – After Hours	\$75	\$50	\$75	\$100	\$60
Reconnect Charge – Wknd/Hol Hours	\$75	\$50	\$175	\$100	\$100
Reconnect Charge – After Hours	\$60	\$50	\$75	\$100	\$100
Reconnect Charge – Office Hours	\$30	\$25	\$30	\$30	\$20

With respect to your response to Staff DR 9, the Company is currently proposing increases to its Washington customer service charges that, if included as a sixth column to the table above and in the same descending categories as contained in the table, top to bottom, would constitute: \$295, \$160, \$310, \$175, and \$50, respectively. Please explain why the Company's proposed Washington charges would be considerably higher (e.g., roughly 600% when comparing the \$50 Idaho, weekend/holiday connection charge to the proposed Washington charge of \$295) in Washington than in all the other five jurisdictions in every category listed.

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The Company's proposal seeks to more closely align its current Washington Schedule 300 fees with the actual cost for performing the work. The Schedule 300 fees in the Company's other five jurisdictions do not reflect the actual cost for performing the work. In response to the economic downturn, the Company made the decision to refrain from modifying its Schedule 300. While this decision has resulted in no changes to the fees the Company charges customers for several years, it also means that there is a larger disparity between the fee and the current actual cost to perform the work.

The Company filed to increase several Schedule 300 fees in Washington in Docket No. UE-130043, however, the Company withdrew its filing to allow for further tracking and additional review of its costs. The Company has already filed

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changes to Schedule 300 in its Wyoming jurisdiction and intends to file changes
in its other jurisdictions concurrent with general rate case filings.

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