

**OREGON UTILITY NOTIFICATION CENTER
SERVICE TARIFF RATE ADJUSTMENTS**

NOTICE:

The Oregon Utility Notification Center Board of Directors will discuss proposed adjustments to the Schedule 1 Service Tariff at its **April 4, 2024** meeting at the Best Western Hotel, 1108 E Marina Dr, Hood River, OR 97031. If approved, the initial adjustments will be implemented on July 1, 2024.

Listed below are the proposed changes related to the Schedule 1 Service Tariff.

- Change the per ticket rate from \$1.40 to \$1.49 on July 1, 2024.
- Change the Voice transmitted ticket rate from \$7.58 to \$8.07 on July 1, 2024.
- Implement an annual review process for service tariff rate adjustment of either two and a half percent (2.5%) or the actual percentage of increase in the consumer price index (CPI-U) up to five percent (5%). This will be implemented on the first of the following year, starting in January 2025.

A portion of the meeting will allow public testimony related to these proposed changes. Subscribers can also provide feedback to the OUNC Board of Directors via its website at <https://digsafelyoregon.com> or via email at info@digsafelyoregon.com. Written/electronic testimony should be submitted by April 1, 2024.

APPLICABLE:

All subscribers of the Oregon Utility Notification Center.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this schedule is to establish an equitable per ticket rate. These charges compensate the Oregon Utility Notification Center for the expenses it incurs in notifying subscribers of requests for the location of underground facilities at specified sites and preventing damage to facilities in Oregon.

The scheduled increase is intended to keep pace with contractual obligations while ensuring a stable, balanced budget. The scheduled increase also provides better predictability for operators/subscribers by eliminating the need for larger, infrequent increases.

PROPOSED RATES AS OF JULY 1, 2024:

Subscribers will be invoiced, on a monthly basis, at the rate of \$1.49 per ticket transmitted starting on July 1, 2024.

Locate requests transmitted to subscribers by Voice will be billed at the rate of \$8.07 per ticket starting on July 1, 2024.

Starting in 2025, the Oregon Utility Notification Center will implement an annual service tariff rate increase tied to the Consumer Price Index, not to exceed 5%. This process will include full transparency and notification of review at future OUNC Board Meetings.

For more information, visit digsafelyoregon.com/tariff.