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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**RE: Verizon Access Transmission Services: Tariff No. 2
 Switched Access Rate Reductions to Comply with FCC's USF/ICC Order
 and Other Associated Tariff Revisions**

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

MCI metro Access Transmission Services LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services ("Verizon Access") hereby files with your office an original and seven (7) copies of revisions to its North Dakota Tariff No. 2. The following revised pages are included in this Transmittal:

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With this filing, Verizon Access is reducing its Direct Connect and Tandem Connect terminating rate elements to comply with the FCC's November 18, 2011 USF/ICC Order. In addition, Verizon Access makes the following revisions associated with these rate reductions to conform the structure of the tariff to the structure of its interstate tariff: 1) changes to the rate category description for Direct Connect and elimination of the Tandem Overflow rate; 2) changes to the rate category description for Tandem Connect and separation of the Tandem Connect rate element into Tandem Connect with switching and without switching; and 3) other textual revisions including the relocation of material in the tariff. The effective date of this tariff filing is July 1, 2012, in accordance with the FCC USF/ICC Order.

Also included are pages from MCI metro Access Transmission Services LLC Tariff FCC No. 1 supporting the interstate rates used in the calculations set forth in Verizon Access' confidential compliance worksheet reflecting its calculation of the July 1, 2012 intrastate access rates, which will be filed under separate cover, marked "Trade Secret - Private."

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Please date stamp and return the enclosed copy of this letter to my attention in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope. If you have any questions, please call me at (312) 260-3245 or send me an email at shannon.brown@verizon.com.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shannon L. Brown". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "S".

Shannon L. Brown
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Enclosure

ACCESS SERVICES

CHECK SHEET

The Title Page and Pages 1 - 66 inclusive of this tariff are effective as of the date shown. Original and revised pages, as named below, comprise all changes from the original tariff in effect on the date indicated.

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5. SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICES (Cont.)

5.2 Provision and Description of Switched Access Service Arrangements (Cont.)

5.2.2 Manner of Provision

Trunks used for Switched Access Service may be configured for one-way (either originating only or terminating only) or for two-way directionality. It is the Customer's responsibility to order a sufficient number of trunks of each type in order to meet its desired grade of service objective. At the Customer's request, the Company will assist the Customer in sizing Switched Access Trunk groups.

5.2.3 Rate Categories

The following rate categories apply to Switched Access Service:

- A. Direct Connect
- B. Tandem Connect
- C. 800 Data Base Access Service
- D. Toll Free 8YY Transit Traffic Service
- E. Optional Features

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Except as stated as follows, Tandem Connect Service is provided in conjunction with the tandem provider serving the area. Charges are computed in accordance with Section 2.5.2.7 preceding (Ordering, Rating, and Billing of Access Services Where More Than One Exchange Carrier is Involved).

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5.2.3.1 Direct Connect: Direct Connect Service is provided using one of the following architectures:

The Company will provide Direct Connect between the Customer's Premises and the Company's Local Switching Center switch(es) when the end office switch serving the end-user customer is fully owned by the Company. The transmission path is dedicated to the use of a single Customer. DS1 and DS3 facilities are available for Direct Connect Service. A DS1 facility is capable of transmitting electrical signals at a nominal rate of 1.544 Mbps, with the capability to channelize up to 24 voice frequency transmission paths.

The Company will provide Direct Connect between the Customers Premises and the ILEC's local switch when the local switch and the facilities are leased by the Company from the ILEC in conjunction with a UNE-P platform service. The Company will bill the Direct Connect rates when the ILEC's Category 11 Daily Usage Feed Records indicate that the call was routed directly from the Customers premises to the ILEC switch serving the end user customer without routing through the tandem.

When a customer purchases Direct Connect, if the number of calls over the direct trunks has reached its maximum level, calls not able to be switched over the direct trunks will overflow/be routed to the customer via an ILEC access tandem. In that event, the customer will be assessed the Tandem Connect rates for such calls.

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The Direct Connect rate is comprised of a per minute of use charge. The Direct Connect rate can be found in Section 7.4.4.1.

5.2.3.2 Tandem Connect: Tandem Connect consists of circuits from the Customer's tandem provider to the Company's Local Switching Center.

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Tandem Connect Charges apply on a per-minute-of-use basis when calls are switched by an ILEC's tandem switch to or from the Company's Local Switching Center or are switched through a tandem switch for which the Company pays the ILEC for the tandem switching capability. The rate will vary based on whether the Company pays the ILEC for leased tandem switching capability on a call.

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Rates for Tandem Connect minutes for which the Company does not lease the tandem switching function from the ILEC do not contain the ILEC's tandem switching charge and are denoted in the Switched Access Rates section as Tandem Connect Without Tandem Switching. Rates for Tandem Connect minutes for which the Company does lease the tandem switching function from the ILEC contain the ILEC's Tandem Switching Charge and are denoted in the Switched Access Rates section as Tandem Connect with Tandem Switching.

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ACCESS SERVICES

7. SWITCHED ACCESS RATES

This section contains the specific regulations governing the rates and charges that apply for Switched Access Services:

7.1 There are two types of rates and charges that apply to Switched Access Service. These are usage rates and Non-Recurring Charges.

7.1.1 Usage Rates: Usage rates are rates that are applied on a per access minute or per query basis. Usage rates are accumulated over a monthly period.

7.1.2 Non-Recurring Charges: Non-Recurring charges are one time charges that apply for a specific work activity (i.e., installation of new service or change to an existing service).

7.1.2.1 Installation of Service: Non-Recurring charges apply to each Switched Access Service installed. The charge is applied per line or Trunk.

7.2 Application of Rates

7.2.1 Direct Connect: The Direct Connect rate is assessed based on a per-minute of use basis. T

Tandem Connect rates will apply for all Direct Connect usage which overflows to the Access Tandem. C

Rates for Direct Connect are set forth in Section 7.4.4.1, following. C

7.2.2 Tandem Connect: The Tandem Connect rate described in Section 5.2.3.2 is assessed on a per minute of use basis and is applicable to all tandem routed Switched Access Service minutes of use. The rate will vary based on whether the traffic is originating or terminating. T

Rates for Tandem Connect are set forth in Section 7.4.4.2, following. T

7.2.3 Toll Free 8YY Transit Traffic Service: The Toll Free 8YY Transit Traffic Service rates are assessed on a per minute of use basis. If the 8YY call is delivered to the IXC over DEOTs, the Toll Free 8YY Direct Transit Minute of Use Rate will apply. If the call is instead delivered to the IXC indirectly via another LEC tandem, Toll Free 8YY Indirect Transit Minute of Use Rate will apply. These charges incorporate only the tandem switching, and appropriate portions of common multiplexing and tandem transport functionalities into the rate. Additionally, the 800 Data Base Basic Query Charge identified in Section 7.2.4 will apply on a per query basis.

7.2.4 800 Data Base Access Service Basic Query Charge: The 800 Data Base Access Service Basic Query Charge applies for the identification of the interexchange carrier to whom a specific 800 number is to be delivered. This charge is assessed on a per query basis.

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7. SWITCHED ACCESS RATES (Cont.)

7.4 Rates and Charges (Cont.)

7.4.4 Switched Access

7.4.4.1 Direct Connect Charges:

Per Access Minute of Originating Use:	\$0.029507	T
Per Access Minute of Terminating Use:	\$0.016487 (R)	T

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7.4.4.2 Tandem Connect Charges:

Tandem Connect Without Tandem Switching		
Per Access Minute of Originating Use:	\$0.039050	
Per Access Minute of Terminating Use:	\$0.021238 (R)	
Tandem Connect With Tandem Switching		
Per Access Minute of Originating Use:	\$0.039050	
Per Access Minute of Terminating Use:	\$0.023495 (R)	

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7.4.4.3 Toll Free 8YY Transit Traffic Service (per minute of use):¹

Per Direct Transit Minute of Use:	\$0.006677
Per Indirect Transit Minute of Use:	\$0.007619

7.4.5 Chargeable Optional Features

7.4.5.1 800 Data Base Access Service Basic Query

Per Query
\$0.003461

7.4.5.2 Signaling Transfer Point Access

Non-Recurring	
<u>Per Port</u>	<u>Via Third Party</u>
ICB	ICB

7.4.6 Nonchargeable Optional Features
Supervisory Signaling \$0.00

7.4.7 Feature Group D Optional Features

7.4.7.1 Common Switching Optional Features

Alternate Traffic Routing	\$0.00
Automatic Number Identification	0.00
Cut-Through	0.00
Service Class Routing	0.00
Feature Group D with 950 Access	0.00
Signaling System Seven (SS7)	0.00
Basic Initial Address Message Delivery	0.00
Called Directory Number Delivery	0.00
Flexible Automatic Number Identification Delivery	0.00

¹This is a blended rate comprised of the following ILEC rate elements at the time of this filing. The Direct Transit Minute of Use rate includes: Tandem Switching, one-half of the Transport Termination rate; one mile of Transport Facility, and one-half of the Common Multiplexer rate. The Indirect Transit Minute of Use rate includes: Tandem Switching, Transport Termination, two miles of Transport Facility, and the Common Multiplexer rate.

MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC, Tariff FCC No. 1

Interstate Tariff Rate Page Nos. 86.1, 87.1 and 88.1

SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE

E. SWITCHED ACCESS RATES (CONTINUED)

4. Rates and Charges (Continued)

4.3 Switched Access

4.3.1 Direct Connect Charges (Continued):

State	Per Minute Charge							
	Zone 1		Zone 2		Zone 3		Zone 4	
Montana	\$ 0.002721							
Nebraska	\$ 0.002721							
Nevada	\$ 0.003005		\$ 0.004493					
New Hampshire	\$ 0.003859							
New Jersey	\$ 0.004094	(I)	\$ 0.004382					
New Mexico	\$ 0.002721							
New York	\$ 0.004094	(I)	\$ 0.003697					
North Carolina	\$ 0.003044	(I)	\$ 0.002572		\$ 0.004121			
North Dakota	\$ 0.002721							
Ohio	\$ 0.003487		\$ 0.003756		\$ 0.004831	(I)	\$ 0.004049	
Oklahoma	\$ 0.003463							
Oregon	\$ 0.002721		\$ 0.002923	(I)				
Pennsylvania	\$ 0.004094	(I)	\$ 0.004382					
Rhode Island	\$ 0.004094	(I)						
South Carolina	\$ 0.003044	(I)	\$ 0.002550					
South Dakota	\$ 0.002721							
Tennessee	\$ 0.003044	(I)	\$ 0.004246					
Texas	\$ 0.003463		\$ 0.004098	(I)				
Utah	\$ 0.002721							
Vermont	\$ 0.003859							
Virginia	\$ 0.004094	(I)	\$ 0.004094	(I)				
Washington	\$ 0.002721		\$ 0.002252	(I)				
West Virginia	\$ 0.003854							
Wisconsin	\$ 0.003487		\$ 0.003228					
Wyoming	\$ 0.002721							

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E. SWITCHED ACCESS RATES (CONTINUED)

4. Rates and Charges (Continued)

4.3 Switched Access (Continued)

4.3.2 Tandem Connect (Continued)

4.3.2.1 Tandem Connect Charges – No Tandem Switching¹ (Continued):

Per Minute Charge							
State	Zone 1		Zone 2		Zone 3		Zone 4
Montana	\$ 0.003447						
Nebraska	\$ 0.003447						
Nevada	\$ 0.003263		\$ 0.005177				
New Hampshire	\$ 0.003904						
New Jersey	\$ 0.004124	(I)	\$ 0.005630				
New Mexico	\$ 0.003447						
New York	\$ 0.004124	(I)	\$ 0.005497				
North Carolina	\$ 0.003892	(I)	\$ 0.002602		\$ 0.005492		
North Dakota	\$ 0.003447						
Ohio	\$ 0.003806		\$ 0.003786		\$ 0.007426	(I)	\$ 0.005391
Oklahoma	\$ 0.003608						
Oregon	\$ 0.003447		\$ 0.002953	(I)			
Pennsylvania	\$ 0.004124	(I)	\$ 0.005630				
Rhode Island	\$ 0.004124	(I)					
South Carolina	\$ 0.003892	(I)	\$ 0.002580				
South Dakota	\$ 0.003447						
Tennessee	\$ 0.003892	(I)	\$ 0.005251				
Texas	\$ 0.003608		\$ 0.004128	(I)			
Utah	\$ 0.003447						
Vermont	\$ 0.003904						
Virginia	\$ 0.004124	(I)	\$ 0.004124	(I)			
Washington	\$ 0.003447		\$ 0.002282	(I)			
West Virginia	\$ 0.003884						
Wisconsin	\$ 0.003806		\$ 0.003258				
Wyoming	\$ 0.003447						

¹ These Tandem Connect Charges include only the following ILEC rate elements at the time of this filing: LS, TTT, 15 miles of TTF, Cmn Mux and Cmn Trk Prt.

SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE

E. SWITCHED ACCESS RATES (CONTINUED)

4. Rates and Charges (Continued)

4.3 Switched Access (Continued)

4.3.2 Tandem Connect Charges (Continued):

4.3.2.2 Tandem Connect Charges – With Tandem Switching (Continued)²

State	Per Minute Charge						
	Zone 1		Zone 2		Zone 3		Zone 4
Montana	\$ 0.005699						
Nebraska	\$ 0.005699						
Nevada	\$ 0.004325		\$ 0.007283				
New Hampshire	\$ 0.005504						
New Jersey	\$ 0.005698 (I)		\$ 0.007068				
New Mexico	\$ 0.005699						
New York	\$ 0.005698 (I)		\$ 0.005547				
North Carolina	\$ 0.005110 (I)		\$ 0.004251		\$ 0.006131		
North Dakota	\$ 0.005699						
Ohio	\$ 0.004926 (R)		\$ 0.006186		\$ 0.009427 (I)		\$ 0.005515
Oklahoma	\$ 0.003896 (R)						
Oregon	\$ 0.005699		\$ 0.007284				
Pennsylvania	\$ 0.005698 (I)		\$ 0.007068				
Rhode Island	\$ 0.005698 (I)						
South Carolina	\$ 0.005110 (I)		\$ 0.004980				
South Dakota	\$ 0.005699						
Tennessee	\$ 0.005110 (I)		\$ 0.006200				
Texas	\$ 0.003896 (R)		\$ 0.005702 (I)				
Utah	\$ 0.005699						
Vermont	\$ 0.005504						
Virginia	\$ 0.005698 (I)		\$ 0.005698 (I)				
Washington	\$ 0.005699		\$ 0.005946 (I)				
West Virginia	\$ 0.005568						
Wisconsin	\$ 0.004926 (R)		\$ 0.005658				
Wyoming	\$ 0.005699						

² These Tandem Connect Charges include only the following ILEC rate elements at the time of this filing: LS, TS, TTT, 15 miles of TTF, Cmn Mux and Cmn Trk Prt.

Compliance Worksheet

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MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services: North Dakota Compliance Worksheet

FY 2011 Actual Intrastate Volumes				
Rate Element	Tariff Reference *	Intra Rate	Terminating MOU	\$\$
		(A)	(B)	(C)
Dir Conn-Term	§ 7.4.4.1	\$0.029507	[]	[]
Tandem Conn-Term (**)	§ 7.4.4.2	\$0.039050	[]	[]

Re-rate using Interstate Rates				
Rate Element	Tariff Reference #	Inter Rate	\$\$	1/2 Revenue Difference ##
		(D)	(E) = B*D*G	(F) = (E-C) / 2
Dir Conn-Term	§ 4.3.1	\$0.0034630	[]	[]
Tdm Conn w/o	§ 4.3.2.1	\$0.0034470	[]	[]
Tdm Conn w/Switch	§ 4.3.2.2	\$0.0056990	[]	[]

Study Result: mix of Tandem Connect MOU	
	(G)
Tdm Conn w/o	99%
Tdm Conn w/Switch	1%

New Rate Calculation and Revenue Check				
Rate Element	New Intra Rate	Terminating MOU *#	Pro Forma \$\$	Difference
	(H) = D - (F*G/I)	(I) = B*G	(J) = H*I	(K) = J - C
Dir Conn-Term	\$0.016487	[]	[]	[]
Tdm Conn w/o Switch-Term	\$0.021238	[]	[]	[]
Tdm Conn w/Switch-Term	\$0.023495	[]	[]	[]
Total Tdm Conn		[]	[]	[]

Notes:

* References are to MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC ND Tariff No. 2, § 7.

** The Tandem Connect rate element in our interstate tariff is separated into 1) Tandem Connect w/out Switching, and 2) Tandem Connect with Switching. The results of a study of interstate usage, shown above, reveal that 99% of Tandem usage is w/out Switching and 1% is Tandem Usage with Switching. Those percentages are used herein for calculating both the re-rate and the compliance rates.

References are to MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC FCC Tariff No. 1, § E4.

Revenue Differences for Tandem Connect calculated on the aggregate for the Tandem Connect elements.

*# The formula I = B*G applies only to Tandem Connect minutes. For Direct Connect minutes, the "G" factor is 100%.

Brackets and underlining denote trade secret data.