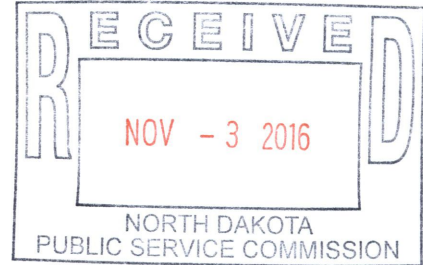




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Mr. Darrell Nitschke
Executive Secretary
Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Ave, Dept 408
Bismarck ND 58505-0480



RE: WRT TARIFF Section 10 Rates and Charges

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

The updated West River Telecommunications Cooperative's Section 10 Rates and Charges is enclosed for filing.

We are enclosing three copies of West River Telecommunications Cooperative's updated Tariff, Section 10 is enclosed for filing December 1, 2016. We are also enclosing one copy of the strike through version.

We are sending three copies of our Tariff changes, two are for the Public Service Commission and one is to be date stamped and returned to us for our documentation of the filing.

We will send an electronic copy to ndpsc@nd.gov

Please contact me if you have any questions about this filing.

Sincerely,

Lexi Braun
Executive Assistant

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Enclosures (4)
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10.1 GENERAL

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10.2 LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

The following rates and charges are made for Local Exchange Service of the Company as identified in Section 4 of this Tariff.

A. Local Exchange Service

All of the WRT exchanges have the same residential and business rate - \$22.50. All exchanges are a local call. The exchanges and prefixes are as follows:

Beulah 701-873, Carson 701-622, Center 701-794, Elgin 701-584,
Flasher 701-597, Fort Yates 701-854, 701-827, Glen Ullin 701-348, Golden
Valley 701-983, Goodrich 701-884, Hazen 701-748, Hebron 701-878,
McClusky 701-363, McLaughlin 605-823, Mercer 701-447, Mobridge
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B. EAS charges are St. Anthony ~ \$2.00 and they can call Mandan, New Salem charges are \$4.00 ~ they can call Bismarck & Mandan and Mobridge charges are \$1.00 ~ they can call Glenham & Selby.

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- B. Tribal Land residents who qualify for Lifeline Assistance are eligible to receive up to an additional \$25.00 in support.
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10.3.2 Tribal Lands Link up

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- B. Support also provides a deferred schedule for payment of the charges assessed for commencing service, for which the subscriber does not pay interest. The interest charges not assessed to the subscriber shall be for connection charges of up to \$200.00 that are deferred for a period not to exceed one year.

- C. An eligible resident of Tribal Lands may receive the benefit of the Tribal Link Up program for a second or subsequent time only for otherwise qualifying commencement of telecommunications service at a principal place of residence with an address different from the address for which Tribal Link Up assistance was provided previously.

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