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Mr. Darrell Nitschke
Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Avenue, 12th Floor
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Attached for filing with the Commission are the original and seven copies of the North Dakota Access Service Price Schedule.

This filing is the seventh step in implementing the Terminating Switched End Office Access Service reductions mandated in the Federal Communications Commission's November 18, 2011 Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in WC Docket Nos. 10-90, etc. (FCC 11-161) (Transformation Order). When a CenturyLink Price Cap ILEC owns the tandem and a CenturyLink Price Cap ILEC or affiliate owns the terminating End Office Switch, the tandem switched rates will be considered "Tandem-to-End Office" and will transition to bill-and-keep (not to exceed \$0.0000/MOU) as required by 47 C.F.R. §51.907(h), which addresses changes beginning July 1, 2018. All other tandem traffic that traverses a CenturyLink Price Cap ILEC-owned tandem and does not terminate to an end user served by a CenturyLink Price Cap ILEC end office will be considered "Tandem-to-3rd Party" and will continue to be billed at the current Interstate rates, including tandem traffic traversing a CenturyLink Price-Cap ILEC-owned tandem to an affiliated CenturyLink CLEC end office. Tandem-Switched Transport charges associated with traffic traversing a non-CenturyLink Price Cap ILEC-owned tandem, but terminating to a CenturyLink-owned end office will also remain at current Interstate rates.

On April 5, 2018, the FCC released an order (WC Docket No. 18-100 DA 18-355) granting a limited waiver of the July 1 effective date for the 2018 annual access filings specifically including §51.907(h) and setting July 3, 2018 as the effective date for the 2018 rate changes required by its Transformation Order. The intrastate rate changes proposed under this filing mirror the effective date of the interstate rate changes.

Also enclosed is CenturyLink's certification that the company is not seeking duplicative recovery in the state jurisdiction for any Eligible Recovery subject to the recovery mechanism established by the Transformation Order.

As part of this filing CenturyLink is also removing the direct dial coin feature on smart public access lines provided by CenturyLink. The direct dial coin feature is no longer supportable due to the age of the technology and the inability to secure technical support and knowledge on how to make the feature work with the new SIP signaling and difficulty securing sites to complete viable testing. CenturyLink will continue to support 0+ or 0- intraLATA calling. 1+ interLATA calling will continue to be provided by FGD (long-distance service providers).

CenturyLink QC respectfully requests that these proposed changes become effective July 3, 2018.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mark Brinton at 303-992-5832 or via email at Mark.Brinton@CenturyLink.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Brinton".

Mark Brinton

Enclosures

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2. GENERAL REGULATIONS

2.4 PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS AND CREDIT ALLOWANCES

2.4.7 ORDERING, RATING AND BILLING OF ACCESS SERVICES WHERE MORE THAN ONE EXCHANGE TELEPHONE COMPANY IS INVOLVED

G. Example - Switched Access provisioned by Direct-Trunked Transport and Tandem-Switched Transport (Cont'd)

3. Example 2 Layout

- a. Terminating Feature Group D Switched Access is ordered to an end office via DTT & TST. Terminating – Tandem 3rd Party rates would apply.
- b. The premises of ordering customer, the serving wire center (SWC) of that premises, and the access tandem are in operating territory of Company A.
- c. The customer orders a DS3 Entrance Facility from the customer's premises to the SWC with a 3/1 Mux in the SWC.
- d. The customer orders a DS1 DTT to the AT.
- e. The BP for TT is 57 for Company A.
- f. Company B is not a CLOC ILEC.
- g. The end office is in the operating territory of Company B.
- h. The BP for transport is 43 for Company B.

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6. SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE

6.2 PROVISION AND DESCRIPTION OF SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE

6.2.3 FEATURE GROUP C (FGC)

A. Description (Cont'd)

6. FGC switching, when used in the terminating direction, may be used to access valid NXX codes in the LATA, community information services of an information provider, and other customers' services (by dialing the appropriate codes) when the services can be reached using valid NXX codes. When FGC is directly routed to an end office via DTT, only those valid NXX codes served by that end office may be accessed. When FGC is routed through an access tandem, only those valid NXX codes served by end offices subtending the access tandem may be accessed. Where measurement capabilities exist, the customer will be billed additional non-access charges for calls to certain community information services in accordance with the Information Provider's applicable service rates when the Company performs the billing function for that Information Provider. Additional non-access charges will also be billed for calls from a FGC trunk to another customer's service in accordance with that customer's applicable service rates when the Company performs the billing function for that customer. Calls in the terminating direction will not be completed to 101XXXX, 950-XXXX (or 1+950-XXXX) access codes, local operator assistance (0- and 0+), Directory Assistance (411 or 555-1212), service codes 611 and 911. FGC may not be switched, in the terminating direction, to another Trunkside Switched Access Service.
7. The Company will establish a trunk group or groups for the customer at end office switches or access tandem switches where FGC switching is provided. When required by technical limitations, a separate trunk group will be established for each type of FGC switching arrangement provided. Different types of FGC or other switching arrangements may be combined in a single trunk group at the option of the Company.
8. The Company will provide 0+ and 0- intraLATA access from pay telephones utilizing Smart Public Access Lines via FGC for calls dialed as 0+ or 0- and/or 101XXXX 1+ in the following manner. 1+ interLATA sent-paid access from pay telephones utilizing Basic Public Access Lines Service shall be provided by FGD. (C)
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A.8. (Cont'd)

a. Smart Public Access Line (PAL)

For traffic originating from a Smart PAL, the customer to whom such calls are routed shall order FGC trunks from end offices to the customer's premises via direct trunks or via Operator Access Tandems, with the Operator Trunk-Full Feature type of transport termination, as set forth in 6.3.2, following. The trunks must be dedicated, and the customer shall specify the number of trunks required at each end office from which the customer will receive 0+ or 0- traffic. (C)

The customer is responsible for providing all other operator services signaling capabilities, as described in the Operator Services Systems Generic Requirements (OSSGR) Technical Reference PUB FR-271 and the LATA Switching Systems Generic Requirements (LSSGR) Technical Reference PUB FR-64.

When the Company provides Operator Services Signaling (OSS) between an Operator Access Tandem and the customer's premises, the customer will be required to order a separate and final trunk group from the Operator Access Tandem to the customer's premises for each Numbering Plan Area (NPA) within a LATA to identify the originating NPA. Also, the customer must order a separate trunk group for each type of coin control signaling that is utilized among the equal access end offices subtending an Operator Access Tandem.

The Company will not block 101XXXX 0+ or 0- calls and will route 101XXXX traffic in accordance to the end user request. It will be the responsibility of the 101XXXX 1+ dialed carrier to complete the casual 101XXXX intraLATA call or to provide a recorded message to the end user. (C)
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6.8 RATES AND CHARGES

6.8.1 SWITCHED TRANSPORT (Cont'd)

C. Tandem-Switched Transport Usage Rates

	RATE PER ACCESS MINUTE	
• Tandem Switching Charge		
- Originating	\$0.005734	
- Termination – Tandem 3rd Party	0.002252	
- Termination – Tandem End Office	0.000000 (R)	
• Common Transport Multiplexing		
- Originating	\$0.001010	
- Termination – Tandem 3rd Party	0.000036	
- Termination – Tandem End Office	0.000000	
		MONTHLY RATE
• Access Tandem Trunk Port Charge, per port		\$6.00

CERTIFICATION

I am Vice President – Regulatory Compliance & Analytics for CenturyLink. I hereby certify that I have overall responsibility for supervision of the personnel who prepare all of the data supporting the CenturyLink Operating Companies– July 3, 2018 Annual Access Charge Tariff Filing bearing Tariff F.C.C. Nos. 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 11 for all issuing carriers and that I am authorized to execute this certification. Based upon the information provided to me by employees responsible for the preparation of, or for the supervision of the preparation of, the data submitted in support of the Tariff Review Plan information contained herewith, I hereby certify that the data has been examined and reviewed and is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Further, based upon the information provided to me by employees responsible for the preparation of, or for the supervision of the preparation of, the data submitted in support of the Eligible Recovery for Price Cap Carriers and Access Recovery Charge information contained herewith, I hereby certify that the data has been examined and reviewed and is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief, that the CenturyLink Operating Companies are not seeking duplicative recovery in the state jurisdiction for any Eligible Recovery subject to the recovery mechanism, and that CenturyLink Operating Companies have complied with sections 51.915(d), 51.915(e), 51.915(f), 51.915(g) and 51.915(h) of the Commission's rules.

May 18, 2018



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