

July 16, 2021

Mr. Steven Kahl  
Executive Secretary  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
600 E Boulevard Avenue – State Capitol  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Dear Mr. Kahl:

Attached for filing are the following revisions to the Level 3 Communications, LLC Switched Access Services NDPS Tariff No. 2, submitted with a proposed effective date of July 31, 2021:

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This filing proposes the first step in implementing the 8YY Access Service reductions mandated in the Federal Communications Commission's October 9, 2020 Report and Order in WC Docket No. 18-156, (FCC 20-143), (8YY Access Charge Reform. The Company's intrastate rate reductions will mirror the interstate switched rates which are on file with the F.C.C. in CenturyLink Competitive Operating Companies Tariff F.C.C. No. 4.

If you need additional information, please contact me by email or at (913) 884-1111.

Sincerely,



Christina L. Chushuk

Attachments

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CHECK SHEET

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SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICES**SECTION 1 - DEFINITION OF TERMS (CONT'D)**

Individual Case Basis (ICB): A service arrangement in which the regulations, rates and charges are developed based on the specific circumstances of the case.

Interconnect Carrier: Any carrier that connects to Company's network for exchange of communications traffic.

Joint User: A person, firm or corporation which is designated by the Customer as a user of services furnished to the Customer by the Company and to whom a portion of the charges for the service will be billed under a Joint User arrangement as specified in the Company's tariff.

LATA: A Local Access and Transport Area established pursuant to the Modification of Final Judgement entered by the United States District Court for the District of Columbia in Civil Action No. 82-0192; or any other geographic area designated as a LATA in the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. Tariff F.C.C. No. 4.

Major Service Interruption: An interruption of Customer service due to the Company's negligence or due to its noncompliance with the provisions of this tariff.

**Non-Toll Free - All calls that are not toll free (8YY) as established by the FCC's (N)  
8YY Access Charge Reform Order (FCC 20-143) released on October 9, 2020. (N)**

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PIU: Percent Interstate Usage

Premises: The space occupied by a Customer, Authorized User or Joint User in a building or buildings or contiguous property (except railroad rights-of-way, etc.) not separated by a highway.

Recurring Charges: The monthly charges to the Customer for services, facilities and equipment, which continue for the duration of the service.

Service Commencement Date: The first day following the date on which the Company notifies the Customer that the requested service or facility is available for use, unless extended by the Customer's refusal to accept service which does not conform to standards set forth in the Service Order or the tariffs of the Company, in which case the Service Commencement Date is the date of the Customer's acceptance. The Company and Customer may mutually agree on a substitute Service Commencement Date. In the case of Tandem Connect service ordered under option (2) of Section 12.1.1.2, the Service Commencement Date is the date on which the Customer first sends Switched Access Service traffic to the Company or accepts Switched Access Service traffic from the Company.

Service Order: A written request for Company Services that may be submitted by the Customer in the format devised by the Company. The signing of a Service Order by the Customer and acceptance by the Company will initiate the respective obligations of the parties as set forth herein, but the duration of the service is calculated from the Service Commencement Date.

Shared: A facility or equipment system or subsystem that can be used simultaneously by several Customers.

Switched Access Service: Access to the switched network of an Exchange Carrier for the purpose of originating or terminating communications. Switched Access service includes Local Switching, Local Transport, and Carrier Common Line.

**Toll Free Code (TFC)** - The term "Toll Free Code" denotes a three-digit Numbering Plan Area (NPA) or Area Code that is specifically assigned by the telecommunications industry for use by Telecommunications Service Providers in the provision of telephone numbers that, unlike traditional telephone numbers and calls, when dialed are toll free to the originating caller. The specific codes assigned and used, or reserved for use, for this purpose are 800, 822, 833, 844, 855, 866, 877, and 888.

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Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic: The term Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic denotes a customer's interexchange voice traffic exchanged with the Telephone Company in Time Division Multiplexing format over PSTN facilities, which originates and/or terminates in Internet Protocol (IP) format. Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic originates and /or terminates in IP format when it originates from and/or terminates to an end user customer of a service that requires IP-compatible customer premises equipment.

Transmission: The sending of electrical or optical signals over a line to a destination.

User: A Customer, Joint User, or any other person authorized by a Customer to use service provided to the Customer under a Level 3 Communications, LLC tariff.

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**SECTION 14 - SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE**

14.1 General

Switched Access Service, which is available to Customers for their use in furnishing their services to End Users, provides a communications path between a Customer's Premises and a service obtained by an End User from the Company or (if the Switched Access Service is provided by more than one local exchange carrier as provided in Section 4.2.9 of this Tariff) from another carrier whose network subtends the Company's facilities. It provides for the use of common terminating, switching and transport facilities. Switched Access Service provides the ability to originate calls from an End User's service to a Customer's Premises, and to terminate calls from a Customer's Premises to an End User's service.

**As established in the 8YY Access Charge Reform (FCC 20-143), existing tandem switching charges and transport charges for originating 8YY traffic are eliminated and a single joint tandem switched access service rate element for 8YY originating access service is established as 8YY Joint Tandem Switched Transport.** (N)  
 (N)

Rates and charges are set forth in Section 15. The application of rates for Switched Access Service is described in Section 15.1.3.4.

14.2 Provision and Description of Switched Access Service Agreements

Switched Access Service is provided in the following service type:

14.2.1 Feature Group D (FGD) Access

FGD Access, which is available to all customers, is provisioned at the DSI level and provides trunk-side access to Company switches with an associated uniform 101-XXXX Access Code for Customer's use in originating and terminating communications. FGD service will be provided with SS7 signaling. (Multi-Frequency In-Band signaling may also be available, for a separate charge established under Section 11 of this Tariff.) End Users of Customer's service may also originate calls to certain FGD Access Customers without dialing the 101-XXXX Access Code if End User is presubscribed, as described herein.

The Access Code for FGD switching is a uniform Access Code of the form 10XXX. A single Access Code will be the assigned number of all FGD access provided to the Customer by the Company. No Access Code is required for calls to a customer over FGD Switched Access Service if the End User's telephone exchange service is arranged for Presubscription to that Customer, as set forth herein

Where no Access Code is required, the number dialed by the Customer's End User shall be a seven or ten digit number for calls in the North American Numbering Plan (NANP), except for 00- dialed calls which are routed to the predesignated Customer. For international calls outside the NANP, a seven to twelve digit number maybe dialed. The form of the numbers dialed by the Customer's End User is NXX-XXXX, 0 or 1 + NXX-XXXX, NPA + NXX-XXXX, 0 or 1 + NPA = NXX-XXXX, and when the local Switching Center is equipped for International Direct Distance Dialing (IDDD), O+ CC + NN or 011 + CC + NN.

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**SECTION 15 – RATES AND CHARGES**

**15.1.3 Rates and Charges (Cont'd) (T)**

15.1.3.2 Change Charges (Per Order)

Per Occurrence

A. Service Date	\$ 10.00
B. Design Changes	25.00
C. Expedite Charge	100.00

15.1.3.3 Cancellation Charges (Per Order) \$25.00

15.1.3.4 Terminating Switched Access

15.1.3.4.1 Local End Office Switching

Per Access Minute of Use

Local End Office Switching	Note [1]
Port Charge	Note [1]

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(T)

15.1.3.4.2 Carrier Common Line Rates

Per Access Minute of Use

\$0.000000

[1] See **CenturyLink Competitive Operating Companies Tariff F.C.C. No. 4.** (T)

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**SECTION 15 – RATES AND CHARGES**

**15.1.3 Rates and Charges (Cont'd)**

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15.1.3.4.3 Switched Transport Usage Rate s<sup>[1]</sup>

(T)

Access Rate Per Minute

- Switched Transport Note Note [2] (T)

- Interconnection Charge \$0

- Tandem Switching Charge Note [2] (T)

- **8YY Joint Tandem Switched Transport** Note [1, 2] (N)

15.1.3.4.4 Direct-Trunked Transport

Monthly Recurring Rate	Fixed	Per Mile
DS0	Note [2]	Note [2]
DS1	Note [2]	Note [2]
DS3	Note [2]	Note [2]

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[1] Pursuant to FCC 20-143, separate rate elements for Toll Free and Non-Toll Free originating transport services were established. The Originating Toll Free rate element for combined transport services is displayed as 8YY Joint Tandem Switched Transport above.

[2] See CenturyLink Competitive Operating Companies Tariff F.C.C. No. 4

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**SECTION 15 – RATES AND CHARGES**

**15.1.3 Rates and Charges (Cont'd)**

15.1.3.5	Originating Switched Access ( <b>Local EO Switching</b> )		(C)
		<u>Rate</u>	
	<b>Non-Toll Free</b>	\$0.039050	(C)
	<b>Toll Free</b>	<b>\$0.001974 (R)</b>	(C)
15.1.3.6	Toll Free Data Base Access Service		
	Customer Identification ( <b>Basic Query</b> )		(T)
	- Per Query	<b>\$0.004053</b>	(R)
	Customer Delivery Charge		
	- Per Query	<b>\$0.000000</b>	(R)
15.1.3.7	Toll Free Transit Traffic Service – Per Minute		
	Originating	<b>\$0.0000000</b>	(R)
	<b>8YY Joint Tandem Switched Transport</b>		(N)
	<b>Originating Toll Free <sup>[1]</sup></b>	<b>\$0.00100</b>	(N)
15.1.3.8	Pay Telephone Compensation Per Call	\$0.53	

<sup>[1]</sup> Pursuant to FCC 20-143, separate rate elements for Toll Free and Non-Toll Free originating transport services were established. The Originating Toll Free rate element for combined transport services is displayed as 8YY Joint Tandem Switched Transport above. (N)