



May 23, 2024

Mr. Steve Kahl
Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
State Capitol
600 East Boulevard Avenue, Twelfth Floor
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Re: North Dakota Intrastate Access Group
North Dakota Tariff No. 1

Dear Mr. Kahl:

JSI files the attached tariff material on behalf of North Dakota Intrastate Access Group North Dakota Tariff No. 1 issuing carriers (“issuing carriers”) listed at Appendix A. Proposed revisions are made in compliance with current Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) rules governing intercarrier compensation. The proposed revisions bear an effective date of July 1, 2024.

National Exchange Carrier Association (“NECA”) interstate switched access rates are expected to increase effective July 1, 2024, thereby increasing certain capped rates which the issuing carriers must match for terminating access by July 1, 2024,¹. Rates are based on the 2.4921% interstate switched access rate increase as announced by NECA on April 8, 2024 (see Exhibit 1). If NECA rates approved by the FCC differ from those proposed in this filing, rates will be adjusted to match the approved NECA rates. Issuing carriers’ interstate terminating switched access rates are contained in NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5 which may be found at https://www.neca.org/Tariff_5.aspx.

¹ See *In the Matter of Connect America Fund, et al.*, WC Docket No. 10-90 *et al.*, Order DA 13-564 (rel. March 27, 2013).



Any questions regarding the filing may be directed to the undersigned at ryan.denzel@jsitel.com.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ryan Denzel

Ryan Denzel
Vice President

on behalf of
North Dakota Intrastate Access Group

Enclosures

cc: North Dakota Public Service Commission (via email)
North Dakota Intrastate Access Group-North Dakota Tariff No. 1-Issuing Carriers

APPENDIX A
North Dakota Intrastate Access Group
North Dakota Tariff No. 1 – Issuing Carriers

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Midstate Communications

Midstate Telephone Company

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For your information

Switched access rate changes and CAF ICC Data Collection reminder

April 8, 2024

To: General and pool contacts at TS and SW pool members

Switched access rate changes

Federal Communications Commission rules require us to adjust capped interstate switched access rates, other than terminating end office rates and originating toll-free rates specified in the 8YY Access Charge Reform Order, to reflect pool election changes. Pool election changes for the upcoming tariff year resulted in a 2.4921% increase from current rate levels following the methodology specified in 47 CFR §51.909(a)(6).¹ We will adjust switched access rates by the factor for the upcoming tariff year. This increase was reflected in the data shown in the CAF ICC website when it opened on March 14 for data entry.

We will apply the rate increase related to pool election changes to originating non-toll-free end office rates and all non-toll-free transport rate elements. Rates are rounded up to the last significant decimal place for a five or greater and rounded down otherwise.

In the [CAF ICC website](#) (login required), we will modify the following for test period 2024-2025:

- Interstate switched access rate levels.
- Intrastate switched access rate levels for those companies with intrastate rates at parity with interstate rates.
- Interstate terminating end office access service rates remain as bill and keep.
- Switched access revenues.

Proposed interstate and intrastate monthly and nonrecurring switched access rates can be viewed in the CAF ICC Data Collection website in the Study Area Intrastate Data section by selecting the Intrastate Revenues (FCC TRP) Output link. Your company's existing local switching and local transport rate band assignments will remain unchanged in the upcoming filing. **Adjusted intrastate rates will be available on April 15 and need to be filed with state regulatory commissions.**²

CAF ICC Data Collection reminder

The CAF ICC Data Collection will remain open for data submission until **midnight ET on Monday, April 15**. For access, go to our [website](#) (login required) and select Member Services>Data Collections and Tools>CAF ICC Data Collection.

Questions?

If you have questions, please contact your member service manager.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey Phillips

cc: Authorized consultants

¹ The rate increase of 2.4921% is subject to change pending Wireline Competition Bureau action on petitions for a declaratory ruling or waiver of FCC rules. See Petition for Declaratory Ruling or Waiver of the Oklahoma Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier Affiliates of Hilliary Communications LLC, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 17-144, 24-82 (filed Mar. 11, 2024).

² *Id.*

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ACCESS SERVICE17. Rates and Charges - Consolidated Communications Networks, Inc. (Cont'd)17.3 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

17.3.2 <u>Local Transport-LTR-IntraLATA/InterLATA</u>	Monthly Rate	Tariff Section Reference	
(A) <u>Entrance Facility</u>			
Per Termination		6.1.3(A)(1)	
Voice Grade Two Wire	\$ 90.99		(I)
Voice Grade Four Wire	\$ 145.63		(I)
High Capacity DS1	\$ 443.68		(I)
High Capacity DS3	\$4,051.21		
(B) <u>Direct Trunked Transport</u>		6.1.3(A)(2)	
<u>Direct Trunked Facility</u>			
Per Mile			
Voice Grade	\$ 6.50		(I)
High Capacity DS1	\$ 30.41		(I)
High Capacity DS3	\$264.80		(I)
(C) <u>Direct Trunked Termination</u>			
Per Termination			
Voice Grade	\$ 65.14		(I)
High Capacity DS1	\$ 157.71		(I)
High Capacity DS3	\$1,012.78		(I)
(D) <u>Multiplexing</u>			
Per Arrangement		6.1.3(A)(5)	
DS3 to DS1	\$924.04		(I)
DS1 to Voice	\$356.74		(I)
(E) <u>Tandem Switched Transport*</u>		6.1.3(A)(3)	
<u>Tandem Switched Facility</u>			
Per Access Minute Per Mile			
Terminating	\$0.000448		(I)
(F) <u>Tandem Switched Termination*</u>			
Per Access Minute Per Termination			
Terminating	\$0.002328		(I)
(G) <u>Tandem Switching*</u>			
Per Access Minute Per Tandem			
Terminating	N/A		
(H) <u>Joint Tandem-Switched Transport*</u>			
Toll Free Only			
Per Originating Access Minute	\$0.001		

*The Joint Tandem Switched Transport rate element applies per tandem to originating toll free minutes only in lieu of the Tandem Switched Facility, Tandem Switched Termination and Tandem Switching rate elements as of July 1, 2021. The Joint Tandem Switched Transport rate is only billed by the tandem company that performs the tandem switching function.

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IntraLATA/InterLATA**

	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Tariff Section Reference</u>
(A) <u>Entrance Facility</u>		
Per Termination		6.1.3(A)(1)
Voice Grade Two Wire	\$ 90.99	(I)
Voice Grade Four Wire	\$ 145.63	(I)
High Capacity DS1	\$ 443.68	(I)
High Capacity DS3	\$4,051.21	(I)
(B) <u>Direct Trunked Transport</u>		6.1.3(A)(2)
<u>Direct Trunked Facility</u>		
Per Mile		
Voice Grade	\$ 6.50	(I)
High Capacity DS1	\$ 30.41	(I)
High Capacity DS3	\$264.80	(I)
(C) <u>Direct Trunked Termination</u>		
Per Termination		
Voice Grade	\$ 65.14	(I)
High Capacity DS1	\$ 157.71	(I)
High Capacity DS3	\$1,012.78	(I)
(D) <u>Multiplexing</u>		
Per Arrangement		6.1.3(A)(5)
DS3 to DS1	\$924.04	(I)
DS1 to Voice	\$356.74	(I)
(E) <u>Tandem Switched Transport*</u>		6.1.3(A)(3)
<u>Tandem Switched Facility</u>		
Per Access Minute Per Mile		
Terminating	N/A	
(F) <u>Tandem Switched Termination*</u>		
Per Access Minute Per Termination		
Terminating	N/A	
(G) <u>Tandem Switching*</u>		
Per Access Minute Per Tandem		
Terminating	N/A	
(H) <u>Joint Tandem-Switched Transport*</u>		
Toll Free Only		
Per Originating Access Minute	\$0.001	

*The Joint Tandem Switched Transport rate element applies per tandem to originating toll free minutes only in lieu of the Tandem Switched Facility, Tandem Switched Termination and Tandem Switching rate elements as of July 1, 2021. The Joint Tandem Switched Transport rate is only billed by the tandem company that performs the tandem switching function.

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17. Rates and Charges – Midstate Communications (Cont'd)

17.2 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

17.2.6 <u>Local Transport-LTR-IntraLATA/InterLATA</u>	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Tariff Section Reference</u>
(A) <u>Entrance Facility</u> Per Termination		6.1.3(A)(1)
Voice Grade Two Wire	\$ 63.56	(I)
Voice Grade Four Wire	\$ 101.69	(I)
High Capacity DS1	\$ 309.81	(I)
High Capacity DS3	\$2,828.85	(I)
(B) <u>Direct Trunked Transport</u> <u>Direct Trunked Facility</u> Per Mile		6.1.3(A)(2)
Voice Grade	\$ 4.53	(I)
High Capacity DS1	\$ 21.24	(I)
High Capacity DS3	\$ 184.91	(I)
(C) <u>Direct Trunked Termination</u> Per Termination		
Voice Grade	\$ 45.50	(I)
High Capacity DS1	\$ 110.13	(I)
High Capacity DS3	\$ 707.20	(I)
(D) <u>Multiplexing</u> Per Arrangement		6.1.3(A)(5)
DS3 to DS1	\$ 645.24	(I)
DS1 to Voice	\$ 249.12	(I)
(E) <u>Tandem Switched Transport</u> <u>Tandem Switched Facility*</u>		6.1.3(A)(3)
Per Terminating Access Minute Per Mile	\$0.000448	(I)
(F) <u>Tandem Switched Termination*</u> Per Terminating Access Minute Per Termination	\$0.002328	(I)
(G) <u>Tandem Switching*</u> Per Terminating Access Minute Per Tandem	N/A	

*The Joint Tandem Switched Transport rate element applies per tandem to originating toll free minutes only in lieu of the Tandem Switched Facility, Tandem Switched Termination and Tandem Switching rate elements as of July 1, 2021. The Joint Tandem Switched Transport rate is only billed by the tandem company that performs the tandem switching function.

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17. Rates and Charges–Midstate Telephone Company (Cont'd)

17.2 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

17.2.2 Local Transport-Non-LTR-IntraLATA

	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Tariff Section Reference</u>	
(A) <u>Local Transport Facility</u>		6.1.3(A)(3)	
Per Access Minute, Per Mile Terminating	N/A		
Originating, Non-Toll Free	\$0.058		
(B) <u>IntraLata Access Charge Adjustment</u> Non-Toll Free			
Per Access Minute, Originating	\$0.0494		
Per Access Minute, Terminating	N/A		
(C) <u>Line Termination</u>			
Originating, Non-Toll Free	\$0.0083		
Originating, Toll Free	\$0.00000		
Terminating	N/A		(R)

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17.2.6 <u>Local Transport-LTR-IntraLATA/InterLATA</u>	Monthly Rate	Tariff Section Reference
(A) <u>Entrance Facility</u> Per Termination		6.1.3(A)(1)
Voice Grade Two Wire	\$ 48.96	(I)
Voice Grade Four Wire	\$ 78.34	(I)
High Capacity DS1	\$ 238.68	(I)
High Capacity DS3	\$2,179.31	(I)
(B) <u>Direct Trunked Transport</u> <u>Direct Trunked Facility</u> Per Mile		6.1.3(A)(2)
Voice Grade	\$ 3.48	(I)
High Capacity DS1	\$ 16.36	(I)
High Capacity DS3	\$ 142.45	(I)
(C) <u>Direct Trunked Termination</u> Per Termination		
Voice Grade	\$ 35.05	(I)
High Capacity DS1	\$ 84.84	(I)
High Capacity DS3	\$ 544.81	(I)
(D) <u>Multiplexing</u> Per Arrangement		6.1.3(A)(5)
DS3 to DS1	\$ 497.09	(I)
DS1 to Voice	\$ 191.92	(I)
(E) <u>Tandem Switched Transport</u> <u>Tandem Switched Facility*</u>		6.1.3(A)(3)
Per Terminating Access Minute Per Mile	\$0.000209	(I)
(F) <u>Tandem Switched Termination*</u> Per Terminating Access Minute Per Termination	\$0.001089	(I)
(G) <u>Tandem Switching*</u> Per Terminating Access Minute Per Tandem	N/A	

*The Joint Tandem Switched Transport rate element applies per tandem to originating toll free minutes only in lieu of the Tandem Switched Facility, Tandem Switched Termination and Tandem Switching rate elements as of July 1, 2021. The Joint Tandem Switched Transport rate is only billed by the tandem company that performs the tandem switching function.