



June 25, 2015

Ms. Beth Salak
Director, Division of Competitive Markets and Enforcement Telecommunications
Attention: Tariff Section
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

RE: **TL727**

Dear Ms. Salak:

Attached for filing, please find the following revised pages for the Embarq Florida, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink Access Service Tariff. This filing is submitted with a proposed effective date of July 1, 2015.

The tariff pages being revised with this filing are as follows:

E6 - Sixth Revised Page 141
E19 – Seventh Revised Page 18

This filing proposes intrastate access tariff reductions, to be effective July 1, 2015, pursuant to the FCC's November 18, 2011 Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in WC Docket Nos. 10-90, etc. (FCC 11-161). The Transitional Intrastate Access Service reductions proposed herein are as required by 47 C.F.R. §51.907(c).

This filing is the fourth step in implementing the "Transitional Intrastate Access Service" reductions mandated by the FCC. Specifically this filing proposes a reduction of terminating switched access service rates by two-thirds of the differential between end office rates and \$0.0007, as mandated in the FCC's November 18, 2011 Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in WC Docket Nos. 10-90, etc. (FCC 11-161). Attachment A describes the methodology used for calculating the rate reductions proposed herein.

Enclosed as Attachment B 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.

Finally, CenturyLink provides as Attachment C the information required by 47 C.F.R. 54.304(c)(1) establishing the amount of a price cap carrier's annual eligible CAF ICC funding. Attachment C provides the anticipated CAF ICC support and Access Recovery Charge Revenue amounts for the CenturyLink Operating Companies as submitted to the FCC for 2015.

If you have questions or need additional information regarding this filing, please contact Sandy Khazraee at 850-847-0173 or me at the phone number or the e-mail address listed below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary L. Kepley".

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**Embarq Florida, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink
FCC ICC/USF Compliance Filing Rate Decreases**

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF ACCESS RATE REDUCTION

The following narrative describes the methodology and supporting calculations utilized by CenturyLink to implement the process of reducing terminating switched end office rates by two-thirds of the differential between end office rates and \$0.0007 as required by 47 C.F.R. §51.907(e) which addresses changes beginning July 2015. CenturyLink's supporting calculations utilize the "Access Reduction Spreadsheet" template released by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") on April 15, 2015, for calculating the July 1, 2015 intrastate access rate changes.

The FCC spreadsheet template also provides the methodology for calculating the rate changes and identifies in detail the interstate access rates that are required to be changed consistent with the rules. Step 4 of the USF ICC Transformation Order adjusts Interstate Terminating End Office Access rates down by two-thirds of the difference between the 2011 baseline composite rate and the target composite rate of \$0.0007. The interstate rates will then be mirrored on the intrastate side so that rates will remain in parity.

Section 51.907(e) of the FCC Rules required the Access Reduction Spreadsheet to be modified to reflect rate reductions for July 1, 2015. For Price Cap carriers that file interstate tariffs assessing a single rate applicable in different states, the interstate demand used shall be the sum of the demand for all of the states included in the tariff, rather than making separate state-by-state calculations. For companies with a single rate in multiple states, the calculations are done at the regional level and the regional rates are mirrored in each study area¹. For individual study areas, the calculations are done at the study area level. An overview of the methodologies necessary for reducing terminating end office access rates is as follows:

1. Establish the 2011 Baseline Composite Terminating End Office Access Rates, which reflects interstate rates and demand.
2. Calculate the 2015 Target Composite Terminating End Office Access Rate by reducing the 2011 Baseline Composite Terminating End Office Access Rate by two-thirds of the difference between the 2011 Baseline Composite Terminating End Office Access Rate and \$0.0007.
3. Calculate the individual Interstate Terminating End Office Access rate levels so that the reduced rates and demand will equal to the 2015 Target Composite Terminating End Office Access Rate.
4. Set Intrastate Terminating End Office Access rates equal to their functionally equivalent interstate rates.
5. Prepare intrastate and interstate tariff filing documents as required by each tariff jurisdiction.

¹ See footnote No. 27 in clarification order: Connect America Fund, et al., DA 14-434, WC Docket No. 10-90 et al.

CERTIFICATION

I am Vice President – Regulatory Operations 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 1, 2015 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) and 51.915 (f) of the Commission's rules.

June 16, 2015



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The Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC") November 18, 2011 USF/ICC Transformation Order, FCC 11-161 (WC Docket No. 10-90), requires price cap carriers seeking CAF ICC support to file data establishing the amount of the price cap carrier's eligible CAF ICC funding per 47 C.F.R. §54.304(c)(1).

Below are CenturyLink's anticipated CAF ICC support and Access Recovery Charge Revenue amounts submitted with its 2015 Annual Access Tariff Filing with the FCC.

Holding Company Eligible Recovery	Holding Company Maximum ARC Revenues	Maximum CAF ICC Support
\$162,330,539	\$201,260,159	\$0

Please call me at 913-353-7080 if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary Kepley".

Gary Kepley
 Director – Regulatory Operations

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E6. SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE

E6.8 Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

E6.8.3 End Office

A. Local Switching

	<u>Rate</u>	
	<u>Per Access Minute</u>	
1. LS1 and LS2– FGA, FGB, FBC and FGD		
Originating	\$0.017467	
Terminating	\$0.001540	(R)
2. Trunk Conversion Charge		
A nonrecurring charge(s) will apply when a customer requests a conversion of FGD trunks from SS7 signaling to multifrequency signaling as specified below.		
	<u>Nonrecurring Charge</u>	
- Per 24 Channels Converted or Fraction Thereof	\$50.52	
3. End Office to Tandem Rearrangement Charge		
Nonrecurring charges as specified below will apply when a customer requests end office or tandem rearrangement of FGD trunks as set forth in 6.7.1*** preceding.		
	<u>Nonrecurring Charge</u>	
- Per 24 Channels Converted or Fraction Thereof	\$56.00	
4. End Office Trunk Port	<u>Monthly Rate*</u>	
DS0	\$2.90	(R)
DS1	\$66.98	(R)
5. Common Trunk Port	<u>Per Access Minute</u>	
Originating	\$0.000557	
Terminating	0.000240	(R)

* The End Office Dedicated Trunk Port rate was calculated assuming a 50/50 split of the originating and terminating traffic using this flat-rated port. The FCC in their FCC 11-161 ICC Transformation order in section 51.907(d)(1) allowed Price Cap Carriers to use an equal split to divide the charge between originating and terminating elements. The terminating portion of the rate was reduced and then combined with the originating portion of the rate for a single flat rate. The Originating portion of the DS0 charge is \$2.03; and the originating portion of the DS1 charge is \$46.79.

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E19. PRICE FLEXIBILITY SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE

E19. PRICING FLEXIBILITY SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE (Cont'd)

E19.4 Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

E19.4.1 Switched Transport (Cont'd)

(E) Installation

- Per Line or Trunk

MSA	Monthly Rates
----- Orlando/Tallahassee	----- \$31.00

E19.4.2 Local Switching

(A) End Office Trunk Ports

MSA	Monthly Rates *	(T)
----- Orlando/Tallahassee		
DS0	\$ 5.37	(R)
DS1	114.52	(R)

* **The End Office Dedicated Trunk Port rate was calculated assuming a 50/50 split of the originating and terminating traffic using this flat-rated port. The FCC in their FCC 11-161 ICC Transformation order in section 51.907(d)(1) allowed Price Cap Carriers to use an equal split to divide the charge between originating and terminating elements. The terminating portion of the rate was reduced and then combined with the originating portion of the rate for a single flat rate. The Originating portion of the DS0 charge is \$3.75; and the originating portion of the DS1 charge is \$80.00.**

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