



September 27, 2012

Ms. Beth Salak
Director, Division of Competitive Markets and Enforcement
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 General Exchange Tariff, which will become effective on October 1, 2012. Customers were notified of the rate increases in their September bills. The Company's tariffs are available on its website at www.centurylink.com/tariffs.

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Monthly exchange rates will increase for all residential services, including Centrex. Rates for Business Flat Rate and Business Rotary Flat Rate service will also increase. In addition, the Company-provided Lifeline subsidy will decrease.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please call me at (913) 345-7571 or Sandy Khazraee at (850) 847-0173.

Sincerely,

/s/ Debra Levy

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Attachments

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GENERAL EXCHANGE TARIFF

Embarq Florida, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink

SECTION A3

BY: Darlene N. Terry
Tariff Manager

Twentieth Revised Sheet 44
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BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

D. MONTHLY EXCHANGE RATES - BASIC SERVICES

16. Rates and Charges

The rates specified herein entitle subscribers to an unlimited number of messages, unless otherwise specified to all stations bearing the designation of central office within the service exchange and additional exchanges or portions of exchanges as shown in B.2. preceding. Touch-Tone Service is included in these rates.

	Rate Groups				
	1	2	3	4	5
a. Residential, Flat Rate	\$19.50 (l)	\$19.50 (l)	\$19.50 (l)	\$19.50 (l)	\$19.50 (l)
b. Residential, Key Line	28.00 (l)	28.00 (l)	28.00 (l)	28.00 (l)	28.00 (l)
c. Residential, Rotary, Flat Rate	21.00 (l)	21.00 (l)	21.00 (l)	21.00 (l)	21.00 (l)
d. Residential, Rotary, Key Line	31.00 (l)	31.00 (l)	31.00 (l)	31.00 (l)	31.00 (l)
e. Business, Flat Rate	28.00 (l)	28.50 (l)	30.00 (l)	31.50 (l)	32.50 (l)
f. Business, Key Line	30.00	30.00	32.00	32.00	34.00
g. Business, Rotary, Flat Rate	34.00 (l)	35.00 (l)	37.50 (l)	39.00 (l)	39.50
h. Business, Rotary, Key Line	35.00	35.00	37.00	40.00	44.00
i. Trunks, Flat Rate	39.00	39.00	43.00	43.00	49.00

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E. LOCAL EXCHANGE EXCEPTIONS (Cont'd)

3. Pine Island Exchange: Useppa Island

- a. Except as otherwise provided, the rates and regulations contained in the General Exchange Tariff apply in this exception area.
- b. The telephone rates specified hereunder entitle the subscriber to an unlimited number of local telephone messages to all stations bearing the designation of Pine Island, Fort Myers, Fort Myers Beach, North Fort Myers, Cape Coral, North Cape Coral, and Sanibel-Captiva Islands exchanges.
- c. A map showing the Exception Area is filed in Supplemental Section A3.
- d. Each customer will be required to make a contribution for construction for the first five years that customer location has service. This contribution for construction will apply for service provided through the originally placed, or replaced, cable pairs which number 100.
- e. Within this Exception Area, the following access line rates apply:

	<u>Business</u>	<u>Residence</u>
Individual Line	\$40.00	\$19.50 (l)
Individual Line, Rotary	49.00	21.00 (l)
PBX Trunk	49.00	
Centrex	40.70	27.00 ⁽¹⁾ (l)
Centrex, Rotary	51.65	31.00 (l)
Key Line	34.00	28.00 (l)
Key Line, Rotary	50.00	31.00 (l)
Pay Telephone Service (PATS)	40.00 plus PATS usage	
Network Access Registers (NAR) per Register	40.00	
Off Premises Extension	35.00	20.00

- f. A special trip charge of \$35 will apply in addition to the connection charges specified within this tariff.

⁽¹⁾ Grandfathered.

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E. LOCAL EXCHANGE EXCEPTIONS (Cont'd)

5. Sanibel-Captiva Islands: North Captiva Island (Cont'd)

e. Within this Exception Area, the following access line rates apply:

	<u>Business</u>	<u>Residence</u>
Individual Line	\$40.00	\$19.50 (l)
Individual Line, Rotary	49.00	21.00 (l)
PBX Trunk	49.00	
Centrex	40.70	27.00 ⁽¹⁾ (l)
Centrex, Rotary	51.65	31.00 (l)
Key Line	34.00	28.00 (l)
Key Line, Rotary	50.00	31.00 (l)
Pay Telephone Service (PATS)	40.00 plus PATS usage	
Network Access Registers (NAR) per Register	40.00	
Off Premises Extension	35.00	20.00

f. A special trip charge of \$35 will apply in addition to the connection charges specified within this tariff.

g. Throughout the exception area, the rates for service not specifically shown in this section are given in the General Exchange Tariff.

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J. LIFELINE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

1. General

- a. Effective August 1, 2012, the Lifeline Assistance Program provides for a federal credit of \$9.25 per month, and an additional Company provided subsidy of **\$7.00** per month for qualified customers. Effective October 1, 2000, eligible applicants living on federally recognized Native American reservations will receive an additional credit of up to \$25.00 sufficient to reduce the monthly rate for local service to no less than \$1.00 inclusive of the subscriber line charge. (R)
- b. The federal and Company credits are applied to the local service bills for qualified residential recipients of public assistance who apply for the credits and authorize agency verification of their participation in, or authorize agency verification that one or more of the residential recipient's dependents participation in, and/or authorize verification that a member of the residential recipient's household participates in at least one of the following programs: Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), Medicaid, Supplementary Security Income (SSI), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8), Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and National School Lunch Program (free meals program only).
- c. An applicant living on federally recognized Native American reservations is eligible for additional credit as outlined in J.1.a. preceding, if he/she is currently a recipient of benefits from one of the following assistance programs: Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), Medicaid, Supplementary Security Income (SSI), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8), Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) General Assistance, Tribally Administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Head Start (only for those meeting its income qualifying standard), National School Lunch Program (free meals program only), and Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations.
- d. Additionally, customers not receiving benefits under one of the preceding programs, and whose total gross annual income does not exceed 150% of the federal poverty guidelines, meet the requirements of a State established means test and may apply directly to the Office of Public Counsel (OPC) for eligibility certification.
- e. Lifeline Assistance is available for one telephone line per residence, at the customer's principle place of residence.

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Ninth Revised Sheet 9

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OBSOLETE SERVICE OFFERINGS
BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

C. RESIDENTIAL, CENTREX LINES

This information formerly appeared in Section A3 and became obsolete on May 10, 2002. No new customers may subscribe to this service. This service will continue to be provided to existing customers until such time as discontinued by the customer or the Florida Public Service Commission, or the service can no longer be maintained by the Company.

1. General

a. Residential, Centrex Line

Individual access lines provided with central office based Centrex software.

b. Residential, Centrex Line - Rotary

- 1) Individual access lines provided with central office based Centrex software configured in central offices provided rotary hunting.
- 2) Residential, Centrex Rotary Line Service is limited to three lines in rotary. If more than three lines in rotary are required, Business, Centrex Line Rotary rates will apply to all lines in rotary.

2. Rates and Charges

		<u>Rate Groups</u>				
		1	2	3	4	5
a.	Residential, Centrex Line	\$27.00 (l)	\$27.00 (l)	\$27.00 (l)	\$27.00 (l)	\$27.00 (l)
b.	Residential, Rotary, Centrex Line	31.00 (l)	31.00 (l)	31.00 (l)	31.00 (l)	31.00 (l)