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Mr. Cayce Hinton
Director, Office of Industry Development & Market Analysis
Attention: Tariff Section
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Re: TX804

Dear Mr. Hinton:

Attached for filing are the following revisions to the Level 3 Communications, LLC Florida P.S.C. Price List No. 2, issued July 23, 2021 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). This filing also deletes check sheet pages for simplification and standardization and updates references to the company's interstate access services tariff.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Darlene N. Terry".

Darlene N. Terry

Attachments

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SECTION 1 – DEFINITION OF TERMS (CONT'D)

End User: A non-carrier customer of an intrastate telecommunications service. If a carrier uses telecommunications service for administrative purposes, it shall be deemed to be an End User.

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 price list.

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. Price list 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 price list.

Non-Toll Free

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

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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.

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SECTION 1 – DEFINITION OF TERMS (CONT'D)

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: The terms “Toll Free” or “Toll Free Service” refer to an inbound telecommunications service which permits calls to be completed to the customer’s location without charge to the calling party. Access to the service is gained by dialing a ten-digit telephone number which terminates at the customer’s location or a location designated by that customer. Toll Free Services typically originate via normal shared use facilities and are terminated via the customer’s local exchange service access 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 price list.

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SECTION 3 – OBLIGATIONS OF THE CUSTOMER (CONT'D)

3.4.4 Effective on the first day of January, April, July and October of each year the Customer shall update its interstate and intrastate jurisdictional report. The Customer shall forward to the Company, to be received no later than 15 days after the first day of such month, a revised report showing the interstate and intrastate percentage of use for the past three months ending the last day of December, March, June and September, respectively, for each service arranged for interstate use, based solely on the traffic originating from or terminating to the Company Local Switching Center. The revised report will serve as the basis for the next three months billing and will be effective on the bill date for that service. If the Customer does not supply the reports for those services where reports are needed, the Company will assume the percentage to be the same as that provided previously. For those cases in which a quarterly report has never been received from the Customer, the Company will assume the percentages to be the same as those provided in the Access Service Request or, in the absence of an Access Service Request PIU, the Company will set the projected PIU on a default basis of 50 percent interstate traffic and 50 percent intrastate traffic.

3.4.5 Jurisdictional Reports Verification: For Switched Access Service, if a billing dispute arises or a regulatory commission questions the projected PIU factor, the Customer will provide the data used to determine the projected PIU factor. The Customer will supply the data within 30 days of the Company request.

The Customer shall keep records of call detail from which the percentage a interstate and intrastate use can be ascertained and, upon request of the Company, shall make the records available for inspection as reasonably necessary for purposes of verification of the percentages. The Company reserves the right to conduct an audit at any time during the year. The Customer, at its own expense, has the right to retain an independent auditing firm.

3.4.6 Identification and Rating of VoIP-PSTN Traffic

This section governs the rating and identification of VoIP-PSTN Traffic. In accordance with the Federal Communications Commission's Report and Order released November 18, 2011 (FCC 11-161) and Second Order on Reconsideration released April 25, 2012 (FCC 12-47), both in WC Docket No. 10-90, et al. (together, the "FCC Orders"); (1) intrastate VoIP-PSTN Traffic that originates on the Company's network and is bound for the Customer's end users is subject to the intrastate switched access rates set forth in this tariff until June 30, 2014, after which time it will be subject to interstate rates contained in the **CenturyLink Competitive Operating Companies** Tariff F.C.C. No. 4 and in Section 15 herein; and (2) intrastate VoIP-PSTN traffic that is sent by the Customer for termination to Company end users is subject to interstate switched access rates set forth in the **CenturyLink Competitive Operating Companies** Tariff F.C.C. No. 4 and in Section 15 herein. (T) (T) (T)

The remainder of this section establishes the method of separating VoIP-PSTN Traffic from the Customer's traditional intrastate access traffic, so that VoIP-PSTN Traffic can be billed in accordance with the FCC Orders.

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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.

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.

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.

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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 10XXXX. 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 (CONT'D)

15.1.3.4 Switched Access

15.1.3.4.1	Local End Office Switching		
		<u>Per Access Minute of Use</u>	
	Terminating		Note 1
	Port Charge		Note 1
15.1.3.4.2	Carrier Common Line Rates		
	Originating Non-Toll Free	\$0.038200	(C)
	Originating Toll Free	0.000000	(R) (C)
	Terminating	0.000000	
15.1.3.4.3	Switched Transport Usage Rates		
	-Local Transport		
	Terminating		Note 1
	Originating Non-Toll Free ^[2]	\$0.000360	(C)
	-Tandem Switching Charge		
	Originating Non-Toll Free ^[2]	0.000500	(C)
	Terminating		Note 1
	-Interconnection Charge	0.000000	
	-Transport per Mile		
	Originating Non-Toll Free ^[2]	0.000040	(C)
	Terminating		Note 1
	- 8YY Joint Tandem Switched Transport		(N)
	Originating –Toll Free ^[2]	\$0.001000	(N)
15.1.3.4.4	Direct-Trunked Transport		
		Monthly Recurring Rate	
		<u>Fixed</u>	<u>Per Mile</u>
	-DS1	\$59.75	\$15.20
	-DS3	\$972.54	\$97.25

[1] See **CenturyLink Competitive Operating Companies** Tariff F.C.C. No. 4 at www.centurylink.com/tariffs. (T)
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[2] 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, following. (N)
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		<u>Rate</u>	
15.1.3.5	Originating Switched Access Local Switching Non-Toll Free	\$0.050100	(C)
	Local Switching Toll Free	\$0.002126	(R)(C)
15.1.3.6	Toll Free Data Base Access Service		
	Customer Identification		
	- Per Query	\$0.000000	(R)
	Customer Delivery Charge (aka Basic Query)		(C)
	- Per Query	\$0.004210	
15.1.3.7	Toll Free Inter-Exchange Delivery Service (Originating)		(T)
	Tandem Switching	\$0.000000	(R)
	Tandem Termination	\$0.000000	(R)
	Tandem Transport per Mile	\$0.000000	(R)
	8YY Joint Tandem Switched Transport	\$0.001000	(N)
15.1.4	Application of rates for Local Connect Switched Access Service, Tandem Connect Switched Access Service, and Third-Party Tandem Connect Switched Access Service		

15.1.4.1 – Rates Applicable To Local Connect Service

15.1.4.1.1 Entrance Facility/Direct Trunked Transport

To obtain Local Connect Service, the Customer must obtain a connection from its Premises in a local access and transport area to the Company local switch to which the Customer seeks to connect. To obtain that connection the Customer must purchase a combination of Entrance Facilities, Direct Trunked Transport, and DS1 switch ports, as well as multiplexing, if applicable.

The Direct Trunked Transport rate shall be applied per DS1-level, DS-3 level, or higher-level connection (for states in which multiple data rate options are available), at the appropriate per-month and per-mile rate(s) specified in Section 15.1.3.4.4 of this tariff. The Per Mile amounts shall be charged monthly and shall be calculated based on the distance between the Customer’s premises and the Company local switch to which the Customer seeks to connect, calculated in accordance with Section 10 of this Tariff.

15.1.4.1.2 Multiplexing

The Company’s network normally requires traffic delivered to its switches at the DS1 level. If a Customer chooses to obtain mutliplexing/demultiplexing services to convert DS3 to DS1 level signaling, the Customer may obtain that service from the Company at the rates stated in Section 15.1.3.4.3. These rates apply per minute of traffic multiplexed or demultiplexed. If multiplexing between other data rates is required, the Company may provide such services in accordance with the terms of Section 11, Special Construction.

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