

1. Introduction

Citizens Telecommunications Companies ("Citizens") submits herewith its Description and Justification ("D&J") in support of changes to its Tariff F.C.C. No. 1 filed under Transmittal No. 176. This filing is made on behalf of the exchange carriers issuing Citizens Tariff F.C.C. No. 1. In this filing, Citizens establishes rates, terms, and conditions for Government Emergency Telecommunications Service (GETS).

This filing is being made on a streamlined basis on 15 days' notice under Section 204(a)(3) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

2. Description

Government Emergency Telecommunications Service (GETS) provides authorized Federal Government end users with a nationwide security and emergency preparedness (NS/EP) switched voice and data communications service utilizing the public switched telephone network (PSTN), through the activation of a special code(s) in the Company's end office and tandem office switching systems, as requested by the Federal Government or its authorized agent. This service provides enhanced call routing and processing to authorized

Federal Government users with enhanced call completion during natural and man made disasters, using the survivable PSTN resources, and the reserved 710 Numbering Plan Area (NPA) code. Calls will use High Probability of Completion (HPC).

High Probability of Completion is a set of enhanced features, available for GETS in suitably equipped offices, which improves the probability of the completion of GETS traffic via the PSTN during times of national emergencies or disaster, when the PSTN is congested due to heavy traffic or damage to the network. HPC provides the capability to set a special indicator, based on a specific 3, 6, or 12 digit dialed number string, specified by the Federal Government, that is carried through the network via SS7 signaling and will indicate that the call is a GETS call. Typically the digit string of 710 will be used to set the HPC indicator. The HPC feature set also provides the capability to queue calls marked with the HPC indicator on out going trunk groups and to exempt them from certain restrictive Network Management Controls.

Two monthly reports summarizing GETS call activity will be available to the Federal Government.

3. Pricing

The GETS rates and charges as proposed in this filing will only be assessed to the Federal Government or its authorized agent. The GETS pricing consists of the following: 1) service preparation charges (SPC) – a one-time developmental charge for HPC and GETS reports, 2) non-recurring charges (NRC) for activation, deactivation or changes to features and, 3) flat-rated monthly recurring charges (MRC) for ongoing usage. NRC and MRC are applied by end office or access tandem. Pricing for “changes to GETS reports” is based on the Company’s standard billable hourly rate for programming changes. Pricing for the service preparation charge is designed to recover the Company's costs of establishing GETS for the offices desired by the Government, which is \$224,405. Pricing for other rates was set equal to the pricing for GETS used by Citizens' affiliates that participate in the Frontier Telephone of Rochester Tariff FCC No. 1. This pricing was developed by using the pricing model provided by the Federal Government's agent at the time the pricing was established. The Company has received approval of the rates from the Federal Government’s agent, Computer Sciences Corporation.