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VOLUME 1:        DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION

Defines the purpose of the filing, describes the rate structure of the access services and summarizes results.

<u>VOLUME 1-2:</u> <u>TARIFF REVIEW PLAN</u>
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VOLUME 2:        DEVELOPMENT OF ACCESS ELEMENT REVENUE  
REQUIREMENTS

Provides a projection of the companies' interstate investments, expenses, revenues and taxes for the past year cost of service study and test year.

VOLUME 3:        DEVELOPMENT OF BASELINE DEMAND AND REVENUES

Provides the development of the demand quantities and revenues for the test year at current rates.

VOLUME 4:        COMMON LINE RATE DEVELOPMENT

Describes and documents the procedures used to develop Common Line Rates and Federal Universal Service Charges.

VOLUME 5:        TRAFFIC SENSITIVE RATE DEVELOPMENT

Describes and documents the procedures to develop recurring and non-recurring rate levels for Switched Access and Special Access services. It also describes the procedures used to develop miscellaneous charges for additional engineering, maintenance and testing of these services.

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TARIFF REVIEW PLAN

INTRODUCTION

In its *2009 TRP Order*, the Commission outlined cost support requirements incumbent local exchange carriers (ILECs) must file with their Annual Access Tariff Filings.<sup>1</sup> The *2009 TRP Order* states the level of detail contained in the rate of return TRP should provide guidance for calculating the NECA common line (CL) pool revenue requirement and demand, and NECA's traffic sensitive (TS) rates.<sup>2</sup> As in prior annual access tariff filings, NECA is providing cost and demand data for the CL Pool and the TS Pool.

The Commission's rules require the submission of a past year cost of service (PYCOS) study for the most recent twelve-month period.<sup>3</sup> PYCOS revenues, expenses, and investment displayed in the TRP represent the expected final view of 2008 data for those study areas participating in NECA's pools effective July 1, 2009.

To develop PYCOS data, NECA used 2008 cost and average schedule settlement projections described in Volume 2. This is because 2008 data currently reported to the NECA pool will not be final until 2008 cost studies are completed in July 2009.<sup>4</sup> Historical demand for

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<sup>1</sup> Material to be Filed in Support of 2009 Annual Access Charge Tariff Filings, WCB/Pricing File No. 09-03, *Tariff Review Plans*, 24 FCC Rcd 3668 (2009) (*2009 TRP Order*).

<sup>2</sup> *2009 TRP Order* at ¶ 26.

<sup>3</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 61.38(b)(1).

<sup>4</sup> Most cost companies in NECA's pools are annual cost companies and, as such, perform cost studies for pool settlements only once a year. This results in an inherent lag in the identification of actual "Parts 36/69" cost results. See Vol. 1, section 4.

NECA pools was estimated using pooled revenues and demand data obtained from NECA pool members.

Prospective revenue requirement, expense, and investment data displayed in this volume represent expected test period data for NECA's 2009/2010 tariff participants. Test period cost projections described in Volume 2 of the Tariff Support materials were used in this TRP.<sup>5</sup> Forecast demand data provided in this TRP are the same as those supporting NECA's proposed rates, as described in Volume 3.

Descriptions of NECA's TRP data are contained in the following sections: Section 2 describes NECA's CL cost and demand data and Section 3 describes NECA's TS cost and demand data.

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<sup>5</sup> PYCOS and test period cost data assumptions are contained in Volume 2.

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NECA's COMMON LINE POOL

This section references TRP forms illustrating both test period and PYCOS data for NECA's CL Pool. It is divided into nine subsections to meet TRP filing requirements. These subsections are:

	<u>Description</u>	<u>Table</u>
1.	CL Cost Data - historical (2008)	RORCOS-1(H)
2.	CL Cost Data - prospective (2009/2010)	RORCOS-1(P)
3.	CL Access Demand – prospective and historical	RORDMD-1
4.	CL Demand and Revenues - MOU, lines, and revenues - prospective and historical	RORDMD-3
5.	Rate Analysis - End User charges – prospective and historical	RORRTE-1
6.	Annualized Access Priceout Comparison – CL revenues – prospective and historical	RORRTE-2
7.	Rate of Return Comparison – CL earnings - prospective and historical	RORERN-1
8.	Demand and Rate Reconciliation - CL prospective revenue reconciliation	RORREV-1
9.	Adjustment to Access Category Revenue Requirements	ACR-1

A. COMMON LINE COST DATA

Monthly settlement data, completed 2007 cost studies, and forecast data served as the basis for determining costs and revenues. Data represent expected historical and prospective cost information for 2009/2010 test period CL pool participants. Adjustments were made to NECA's TRP forms to reflect the following NECA-specific items:

- NECA administrative expenses for the PYCOS and test periods are reported on Line 261.
- For the PYCOS period, Average Schedule settlements are reported on Line 262 using the schedules in effect on July 1, 2008 for calendar year 2008.
- For the test period, Average Schedule settlements are reported on Line 262 using the schedules specified in the *2009 NECA Modification of Average Schedules*.<sup>6</sup>
- Interstate Common Line Support (ICLS) is reported on Line 135.
- Universal Service Contributions are reported on Line 215.
- Adjustments for Line Port/TIC are reported on Line 263.

B. ACCESS DEMAND - COMMON LINE ACCESS LINES

Historical line counts and revenues in the RORDMD-3 chart were developed from the April 2009 view of 2008 pool data for NECA's test period CL Pool members and line count

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<sup>6</sup> National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., Modification of Average Schedule Formulas for the Period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, filed December 23, 2008 (*2009 NECA Modification of Average Schedules*) as approved by the Commission on May 28, 2009. See National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. 2009 Modification of Average Schedules, Order, WC Docket No. 08-248, (DA 09-1204), rel. May 28, 2009 (*Average Schedule Order*).

submissions obtained from NECA's Annual Line Count Data Request. Projected demand quantities are discussed in Volume 3 of NECA's filing.

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NECA's TRAFFIC SENSITIVE POOL

This section references TRP forms displaying PYCOS and test period data for NECA's TS Pool. It is divided into ten subsections to meet TRP filing requirements. These subsections are:

	<u>Description</u>	<u>Table</u>
1.	TS Cost Data - historical (2008)	RORCOS-1(H)
2.	TS Cost Data - prospective (2009/2010)	RORCOS-1(P)
3.	TS Access Demand - prospective and historical	RORDMD-1
4.	TS Special Access Demand Comparison – prospective and historical	RORDMD-2
5.	Switched Access Rate Analysis - TS switched rates - prospective and historical	RORRTE-1
6.	Annualized Access Priceout Comparison – TS revenues - prospective and historical	RORRTE-2
7.	Rate of Return Comparison - TS earnings - prospective and historical	RORERN-1
8.	Demand and Rate Reconciliation - TS prospective revenue reconciliation	RORREV-1
9.	Test Period Revenues - TS – prospective	RORREV-2
10.	Adjustment to Access Category Revenue Requirements	ACR-1

A. TRAFFIC SENSITIVE COST DATA

Data represent expected historical and prospective cost information for 2009/2010 test period TS pool participants. Adjustments were made to NECA's TRP forms to reflect the following NECA-specific items:

- NECA administrative expenses for the PYCOS and test periods are reported on Line 261.
- For the PYCOS period, Average Schedule settlements are reported on Line 262 using the schedules in effect on July 1, 2008 for the full 2008 calendar year.
- For the test period, Average Schedule settlements are reported on Line 262 using the schedules specified in the *2009 NECA Modification of Average Schedules*.
- Local switching support (LSS) is reported on line 120.
- Adjustments for Line Port/TIC are reported on Line 263.

B. ACCESS DEMAND - TRAFFIC SENSITIVE MINUTES OF USE

NECA calculated 2008 TS MOU for its 2009/2010 TS pool members from LS access minutes. Prospective TS demand included in RORDMD-1 are the same as those underlying NECA's proposed TS rates. Details regarding these forecasts are included in Volume 3.

C. SPECIAL ACCESS DEMAND COMPARISON

Special Access revenues for NECA's TS pool members were projected using forecasting techniques described in Volume 3. These forecasts were then converted into special access demand quantities using company-provided rate element level historical and prospective demand quantities priced-out at current rates.



Historical special access demand quantities were obtained from a sample of NECA's 2009/2010 TS pool members. These historical demand quantities, priced-out at current rates, were matched against the historical revenue series for NECA's test period TS pool members to estimate historical special access demand.