

**Description and Justification**

**Minnesota Independent Equal Access Corporation**

**Tariff F.C.C. No. 1**

**Centralized Equal Access Service**

**Transmittal No. 22**

Minnesota Independent Equal Access Corporation (“MIEAC”) makes this filing to revise and clarify the application of the Tariff to originating Toll-Free 8XX traffic.

MIEAC will be making its 2010 Tariff Review Plan filing later this month.

Among other things, MIEAC currently provides switched access transport and tandem switching services enabling IXCs to originate traffic from the end offices of 79 Routing Exchange Carriers (“RECs”) that do not have 1+ equal access capability (referred to in the Tariff as “CEA End Offices”), and from the end offices of 16 RECs that do have 1+ equal access capability (referred to as “Non-CEA End Offices”). MIEAC’s facilities can be used for origination of both 1+ toll and toll-free interstate interexchange traffic, and the Tariff contains different rate structures for originating traffic depending on the type of end office.

The purpose of this filing is to revise the treatment of originating toll-free 8XX traffic. Specifically, this transmittal (a) provides that all interstate originating toll-free traffic will be billed at the same rates as interstate 1+ toll calls originating from Non-CEA End Offices, regardless of the end office from which the call originates; (b) eliminates the current rate element for wireless originating 8XX toll-free calls; and (c) clarifies that MIEAC imposes no query charge or per-minute charge for toll-free database dips, but will perform such dips when necessary to route a call.

In addition, MIEAC is correcting some minor typographical errors in the Tariff, and rearranging (without substantive change) existing provisions permitting a customer to request separate trunk groups for toll-free originating traffic.

These revisions will reduce the cost for IXC's to originate interstate 8XX toll-free traffic over MIEAC's network. The estimated revenue impact of these changes is a reduction of \$516,162 per year. MIEAC will account for this revenue reduction in its biennial access tariff filing later this month.