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EXPLANATION OF ABBREVIATIONS (Cont'd)

|          |   |  |
|----------|---|--|
| EAS      | - | Extended Area Service                                      |
| EDD      | - | Envelope Delay Distortion                                  |
| EML      | - | Expected Measured Loss                                     |
| EPL      | - | Echo Path Loss   |
| ERL      | - | Echo Return Loss   |
| ESS      | - | Electronic Switching System                                |
| ESSX     | - | Electronic Switching System Exchange                       |
| ETS      | - | Ethernet Transport Service                                 |
| f        | - | frequency  |
| F.C.C.   | - | Federal Communications Commission                          |
| FRAS     | - | Frame Relay Access Service                                 |
| GETS     | - | Government Emergency Telecommunications Service            |
| HC       | - | High Capacity  |
| HPC      | - | High Probability of Completion                             |
| Hz       | - | Hertz  |
| IC       | - | Interexchange Carrier                                      |
| ICB      | - | Individual Case Basis                                      |
| ICL      | - | Inserted Connection Loss                                   |
| ISDN BRI | - | Integrated Services Digital Network Basic Rate Interface   |
| ISDN PRI | - | Integrated Services Digital Network Primary Rate Interface |
| kbps     | - | kilobits per second  |
| kHz      | - | kilohertz  |
| LAN      | - | Local Area Network   |
| LATA     | - | Local Access and Transport Area                            |
| LNP      | - | Local Number Portability                                   |
| LRN      | - | Location Routing Number                                    |
| ma       | - | milliamperes   |
| Mbps     | - | Megabits per second  |
| mcs      | - | Microsecond  |
| MHz      | - | Megahertz  |
| MM-VCC   | - | MultiMedia Virtual Circuit Channel                         |
| MRC      | - | Monthly Recurring Charge                                   |
| MT       | - | Metallic   |
| MTS      | - | Message Telecommunications Service(s)                      |
| NNI      | - | Network to Network Interface                               |
| NPA      | - | Numbering Plan Area  |
| NRC      | - | Nonrecurring Charge  |
| NXX      | - | Three-Digit Central Office Prefix                          |
| OC       | - | Optical Carrier  |
| OLT      | - | Optical Line Termination                                   |
| PBX      | - | Private Branch Exchange                                    |
| PIC      | - | Presubscribed Interexchange Carrier                        |
| POT      | - | Point of Termination                                       |
| PSTN     | - | Public Switched Telephone Network                          |
| PVC      | - | Permanent Virtual Connection                               |

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EXPLANATION OF ABBREVIATIONS (Cont'd)

|         |   |   |     |
|---------|---|---|-----|
| SAC     | - | Service Access Code                     |     |
| SDSL    | - | Symmetric Digital Subscriber Line       |     |
| SNAL    | - | Signaling Network Access Line           |     |
| SONET   | - | Synchronous Optical Network             |     |
| SP      | - | Signaling Point                         |     |
| SPOI    | - | Signaling Point of Interface            |     |
| SRL     | - | Singing Return Loss                     |     |
| SSP     | - | Service Switching Point                 |     |
| SS7     | - | Signaling System 7                      |     |
| STP     | - | Signal Transfer Point                   |     |
| STS     | - | Synchronous Transport Signal            |     |
| SWC     | - | Serving Wire Center                     |     |
| TDM     | - | Time Division Multiplexing              | (N) |
| TG      | - | Telegraph Grade                         |     |
| TLP     | - | Transmission Level Point                |     |
| TV      | - | Television                              |     |
| UBR     | - | Unspecified Bit Rate                    |     |
| UNI     | - | User Network Interface                  |     |
| V & H   | - | Vertical & Horizontal                   |     |
| VBR-nrt | - | Variable Bit Rate – non-real time       |     |
| VBR-rt  | - | Variable Bit Rate – real time           |     |
| VCC     | - | Virtual Circuit Channel                 |     |
| VG      | - | Voice Grade                             |     |
| VoIP    | - | Voice over Internet Protocol            | (N) |
| VP      | - | Virtual Path                            |     |
| WATS    | - | Wide Area Telecommunications Service(s) |     |
| WSC     | - | Wireless Switching Center               |     |
| WSO     | - | WATS Serving Office                     |     |

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

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2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)2.3.13 Identification and Rating of VoIP-PSTN Traffic(A) Scope

VoIP-PSTN Traffic is defined as traffic exchanged between a Telephone Company end user and the customer in Time Division Multiplexing ("TDM") format that originates and/or terminates in Internet Protocol ("IP") format. This section governs the identification of VoIP-PSTN Traffic that is required to be compensated at interstate access rates, unless the parties have agreed otherwise, by the Federal Communications Commission in its Report and Order in WC Docket Nos. 10-90, etc., FCC Release No. 11-161 (November 18, 2011) ("FCC Order"). Specifically 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 Order.

- (B) VoIP-PSTN Traffic identified in accordance with this tariff section will be billed at rates equal to the Telephone Company's applicable tariffed interstate switched access rate as specified in Section 17 following.

(C) Calculation and Application of Percent-VoIP-Usage Factors

Telephone Company will determine the number of VoIP-PSTN Traffic minutes of use ("MOU") to which interstate rates will be applied under (B) preceding, by applying an originating Percent VoIP Usage ("PVU") factor to the total intrastate access MOU originated by a Telephone Company end user and delivered to the customer and by applying a terminating PVU factor to the total intrastate access MOU terminated by a customer to the Telephone Company's end user.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

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2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)2.3.13 Identification and Rating of VoIP-PSTN Traffic (Cont'd)(C) Calculation and Application of Percent-VoIP-Usage Factors (Cont'd)

- (1) The customer will calculate and furnish to the Telephone Company an originating PVU factor representing the whole number percentage of the customer's total originating intrastate access MOU that the customer exchanges with the Telephone Company in the state that is received from the Telephone Company and that is terminated in IP format and that would be billed by the Telephone Company as intrastate access MOU.
- (2) The customer will calculate and furnish to the Telephone Company a terminating PVU factor representing the whole number percentage of the customer's total terminating intrastate access MOU that the customer exchanges with the Telephone Company in the state that is sent to the Telephone Company and which originated in IP format and that would be billed by the Telephone Company as intrastate access MOU.
- (3) The customer shall not modify their reported PIU factor to account for VoIP-PSTN traffic.
- (4) Both the customer provided originating PVU and the terminating PVU shall be based on information such as the number of the customer's retail VoIP subscriptions in the state (e.g. as reported on FCC Form 477), traffic studies, actual call detail or other relevant and verifiable information which will be provided to Telephone Company upon request.
- (5) The customer shall retain the call detail, work papers and information used to develop the PVU factors for a minimum of one year.
- (6) If the customer does not furnish the Telephone Company with a PVU factor, the Telephone Company will utilize a PVU equal to zero.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

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2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)2.3.13 Identification and Rating of VoIP-PSTN Traffic (Cont'd)(D) Initial Implementation of PVU Factors

- (1) If the PVU factors cannot be implemented in the Telephone Company's billing systems by December 29, 2011, once the factors can be implemented, the Telephone Company will adjust the customer's bills to reflect the PVU factors prospectively in the next bill period, if the PVU factors are provided by the customer to the Telephone Company prior to April 15, 2012.
- (2) The Telephone Company may choose to provide credits based on the reported PVU factors on a quarterly basis until such time as the billing system modifications can be implemented.

(E) PVU Factor Updates

The customer may update the PVU factors quarterly using the method set forth in (C)(1) and (2) preceding. If the customer chooses to submit such updates, it shall forward to the Telephone Company, no later than 15 days after the first of January, April, July and/or October of each year, revised PVU factors based on data for the prior three months, ending the last day of December, March, June and September, respectively. The revised PVU factors will serve as the basis for future billing and will be effective on the next bill date, and shall serve as the basis for subsequent monthly billing until superseded by new PVU factors. No prorating or backbilling will be done based on the updated PVU factors.

(F) PVU Factor Verification

- (1) Not more than twice in any year, the Telephone Company may request from the customer an overview of the process used to determine the PVU factors, the call detail records, description of the method for determining how the end user originates or terminates calls in IP format, and other information used to determine the customer's PVU factors furnished to the Telephone Company in order to validate the PVU factors supplied. The customer shall comply, and shall reasonably supply the requested data and information within 15 days of the Telephone Company's request.

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2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)2.3.13 Identification and Rating of VoIP-PSTN Traffic (Cont'd)(F) PVU Factor Verification (Cont'd)

- (2) The Telephone Company may dispute the customer's PVU factor based upon:
  - (a) A review of the requested data and information provided by the customer.
  - (b) The Telephone Company's reasonable review of other market information, FCC reports on VoIP lines, such as FCC Form 477 or state level results based on FCC Local Competition Report or other relevant data.
  - (c) A change in the reported PVU factor by more than five percentage points from the preceding quarter.
- (3) If after review of the data and information, the customer and the Telephone Company establishes revised PVU factors, the customer and the Telephone Company will begin using those revised PVU factors with the next bill period.
- (4) If the dispute is unresolved, the Telephone Company may initiate an audit. The Telephone Company shall limit audits of the customer's PVU factor to no more than twice per year. The customer may request that the audit be conducted by an independent auditor. In such cases, the associated auditing expenses will be paid by the customer.
  - (a) In the event that the customer fails to provide adequate records to enable the Telephone Company or an independent auditor to conduct an audit verifying the customer's PVU factors, the Telephone Company will bill the usage for all contested periods using the most recent undisputed PVU factors reported by the customer. These PVU factors will remain in effect until the audit can be completed.

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2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)2.3.13 Identification and Rating of VoIP-PSTN Traffic (Cont'd)(F) PVU Factor Verification (Cont'd)

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- (b) During the audit, the undisputed PVU factors from the previous reporting period will be used by the Telephone Company.
- (c) The Telephone Company will adjust the customer's PVU factors based on the results of the audit and implement the revised PVU in the next billing period or quarterly report date, whichever is first. The revised PVU factors will apply for the next two quarters before new factors can be submitted by the customer.
- (d) If the audit supports the customer's PVU factors, the usage for the contested periods will be adjusted to reflect the customer's audited PVU factors.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)Two-Wire to Four-Wire Conversion

The term "Two-Wire to Four-Wire Conversion" denotes an arrangement which converts a four-wire transmission path to a two-wire transmission path to allow a four-wire facility to terminate in a two-wire entity (e.g., a central office switch).

V and H Coordinates Method

The term "V and H Coordinates Method" denotes a method of computing airline miles between two points by utilizing an established formula which is based on the vertical and horizontal coordinates of the two points.

VoIP-PSTN Traffic

The term "VoIP-PSTN Traffic" shall have the meaning denoted in the Federal Communications Commission Report and Order in WC Docket Nos. 10-90, etc., FCC Release No. 11-161 (November 18, 2011). It is traffic exchanged over PSTN (Public Switched Telephone Network) facilities that originates and/or terminates in IP (Internet Protocol) format.

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WATS Serving Office

The term "WATS Serving Office" denotes a Telephone Company designated serving wire center where switching, screening and/or recording functions are performed in connection with the closed-end of WATS or WATS-type services.

Wire Center

The term "Wire Center" denotes a building in which one or more central offices, used for the provision of Telephone Exchange Services, are located.

Wireless Switching Center

The term "Wireless Switching Center" (WSC) denotes a Wireless Service Provider (WSP) switching system that is used to terminate wireless stations for purposes of interconnection to each other and to trunks interfacing with the public switched network.

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