

COMPORIUM COMMUNICATIONS
DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION
Multi-Megabit Ethernet Transmission Service (“METS”)
Fixed Rate Option Plan (“ETS-FROP”)
John Staurulakis, Inc. Tariff F.C.C. No. 1 -Transmittal No. 162
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Comporium Communications (alternatively “Comporium” or “Companies”), through its consultant John Staurulakis, Inc. (“JSI”), hereby provides a Description and Justification for its proposed rates for the introduction of its Fixed Rate Option Plan (“FROP”) to compliment its Public Packet Data Network Multi-Megabit Ethernet Transmission Service offerings (“METS”) in John Staurulakis, Inc. Tariff F.C.C. No. 1 (“JSI Tariff”). The proposed METS-FROP mirrors the ETS Fixed Rate Option Plan found in the National Exchange Carrier Association (“NECA”) Tariff F.C.C. No. 5. Comporium initially implemented METS in Transmittal Number 127 filed on May 1, 2007. The Companies are issuing carriers of the JSI Tariff in which it files interstate access rates on a prospective basis pursuant to Section 61.38 of the Commission’s rules. Any reference to “Comporium” in this D&J and the proposed revised tariff pages for the JSI Tariff does not include or otherwise apply to any other Comporium Communications’ study area not included in the list below.

<i>Study Area Company Name</i>	<i>Study Area State</i>	<i>Study Area Code</i>
Fort Mill Telephone Company d/b/a Comporium Communications	South Carolina	240521
LancasterTelephone Company d/b/a Comporium Communications	South Carolina	240531
Rock Hill Telephone Company d/b/a Comporium Communications	South Carolina	240542

The three study areas comprising Comporium do not participate in the NECA Traffic Sensitive Pool and thus provide interstate Traffic Sensitive Switched Access and Special Access service at Comporium’s specific rates filed in the JSI Tariff. The three study areas are participants in the NECA Common Line Pool and thus rates in the JSI Tariff for End User Common Line, and Federal Universal Service Contribution (“FUSC”) charges reference the corresponding rates in NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5 consistent with the carriers’ duties as members of the NECA Common Line Pool.

Description of Filing

This summary together with the accompanying revised tariff material has been filed by JSI in order to comply with the rules and regulations of the Federal Communications Commission (“Commission”) with respect to addition of new services. As noted above, Comporium currently offers METS, thus the additional METS-FROP proposed under this transmittal comports to the existing Public Packet Data Network-METS regulations at Section 16.5 of the JSI Tariff. With respect to earnings monitoring, all Public Packet Data Network revenue and costs are included in the Special Access category since the METS-FROP simply freezes for those companies that select this service, the currently effective METS rates in Section 17.4.8.4 of the JSI Tariff. Accordingly, no revenue or cost variance is expected.

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Justification for Cost Support and Rate Development

Multi-Megabit Ethernet Transmission Service Fixed Rate Option Plan

This filing introduces the Multi-Megabit Ethernet Transmission Service Fixed Rate Option Plan (“METS-FROP”) for Comporium. The METS-FROP regulations proposed in this filing mirrors identically the ETS-FROP regulations contained in NECA Tariff FCC No. 5 that was added to that tariff under Transmittal No. 1285, effective on September 15, 2010. The METS-FROP provides the METS Term Discount Plan customer with stabilized rates that will apply to the customer’s METS service elements throughout the length of the customer’s selected METS Term Discount Plan commitment period. When the customer subscribes to an METS-FROP, the stabilized rates for the METS service elements included under an METS-FROP will not be subject to any Comporium initiated rate increases or decreases during the customer’s selected term commitment period.

The METS-FROP is only available when the customer establishes a new 36 month or 60 month METS Term Discount Plan commitment with the Companies. An existing METS Term Discount Plan customer wishing to subscribe to an available METS-FROP may replace its existing term plan commitment with a new 36 month or 60 month METS Term Discount Plan commitment.

If the customer does not notify Comporium in writing of its choice to modify or renew its METS-FROP by the end of its existing term commitment period, the Companies will automatically convert the customer’s METS billing for current and future METS service elements to the undiscounted monthly rates and nonrecurring charges specified in Section 17.4.8.4 of the JSI Tariff.

Comporium Companies, Inc. Rate Design and Cost Support

As noted above, the METS-FROP provides the METS Term Discount Plan customer with stabilized rates that will apply to the customer’s METS service elements throughout the length of the customer’s selected METS Term Discount Plan commitment period. Accordingly, no new rates are required for this service as the METS-FROP rates mirror the currently effective METS rates. Similarly, no cost support is warranted since the costs underlying the existing METS rates are the costs applicable to the METS-FROP rates. Any cost implications that could possibly arise due to major increases or decreases in METS rates would be addressed at the appropriate time.

Impact on Revenue and Demand

No impact on revenue or demand for Comporium is expected as a result of the implementation of the METS-FROP.

Conclusion

Based on the Description and Justification herein, Comporium believes that the new METS-FROP is reasonable in all respects and supported by the cost and rate design discussed herein. Moreover, Comporium has complied with all prescriptions regarding development of its interstate cost of service and, in turn, rate calculations.