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**VIA Electronic Tariff Filing System****Transmittal No. 2**Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
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Attn: Wireline Competition Bureau

**Re: *Revised Interstate Access Tariff of Astound Broadband, LLC F.C.C. Tariff No. 1***

Dear Ms. Dortch,

The accompanying tariff material, issued by Astound Broadband, LLC (the "Company"), (FRN 0013907928), bearing Tariff F.C.C. Tariff No. 1, is sent to you for filing in compliance with the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

This filing, which contains tariff material to become effective October 1, 2012, consists of the tariff pages indicated on the following check sheets: First Revised, Pages 1 and 2. The following new and revised tariff pages are included in this filing:

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This filing reduces the filer's interstate switched access rates, as set forth in Section 3, and benchmarks the company's rates to those of the dominant ILEC(s) for each state in which the Company does business.

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Please direct any questions regarding this filing to the undersigned counsel for Astound Broadband, LLC. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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SECTION 3 - SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE

**3.1 General**

Switched access service provides for the switching and routing of interexchange traffic to or from the called party's premises, either directly or via contractual or other arrangements with an affiliated or unaffiliated entity, regardless of the specific functions provided or facilities used. This service may also provide for the use of common terminating, switching and trunking facilities, and for the use of common subscriber plant of the Company. Switched Access Service provides for the ability to originate calls from an end user's premises to a Customer's premises in the LATA where it is provided.

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Switched Access Service is also available to pass calls between a Customer's premises and the premises of another carrier, including a CMRS provider.

The application of rates for Switched Access Service is described in Sections 3.5 and 3.6 following. Rates and charges for services other than Switched Access Service, e.g., a Customer interLATA toll message service, may also be applicable when Switched Access Service is used in conjunction with these other services.

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**3.2 Rate Categories**

**3.2.1 Local Switching**

Local Switching provides for the use of end office switching equipment. Included in Local Switching are:

- A. Common Switching that provides the local end office switching functions and optional features.
- B. Transport Termination that provides for the trunk side arrangements that terminate the Transport facilities. The number of Transport Terminations provided will be determined by the Company.
- C. Common Trunk Ports that provide for the termination of transport trunks in shared or dedicated end office ports, or may also provide access to end office trunkside originating and terminating access minutes utilizing tandem routing to an end office.

Where end offices are appropriately equipped, international dialing may be provided. International dialing provides the capability of switching international calls with service prefix and address codes having more digits than are capable of being switched through a standard equipped end office.

Local Switching charges apply when the Company originates or terminates Customer calls to end users.

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**3.2 Rate Categories, *cont'd.***

**3.2.3 Transport**

Transport provides the transmission facilities between the Customer premises and the tandem or end office switch(es) where the Customer traffic is switched to originate or terminate its communications. Transport service may be billed as tandem facility and tandem termination rate elements, as applicable.

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Transport is a two-way voice frequency transmission path composed of facilities determined by the Company. The two-way voice frequency path permits the transport of calls in the originating direction (from the end user end office switch to the Customer's premises) and in the terminating direction (from the Customer premises to the end office switch), but not simultaneously. The voice frequency transmission path may be comprised of any form or configuration of plant capable of and typically used in the telecommunications industry for the transmission of voice and associated telephone signals within the frequency bandwidth of approximately 300 to 3000 Hz.

The Company will work cooperatively with the Customer in determining (1) whether the service is to be directly routed to an end office switch or through an access tandem switch, and (2) the directionality of the service.

**Transmission Paths**

The number of Transport transmission paths provided is based on the Customer's order and is determined by the Company.

**Interconnection**

Interconnection of non-Company switched access transport facilities is available between an end office and a Customer point of presence where such facilities are provided.

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3.6 Rates and Charges.

3.6.1 Interstate Switched Access Service Rates by Jurisdiction

<u>Rate Element</u>	<u>Recurring Rate per MOU</u>
<b>Local Switching</b>	
California	
AT&T territory	\$ 0.00262000
Verizon territory	\$ 0.00190190
Maryland	
Verizon territory	\$ 0.00240600
Oregon	
CenturyLink f/k/a Qwest territory	\$ 0.00197400
Frontier territory	\$ 0.00186540
Washington	
CenturyLink f/k/a Qwest territory	\$ 0.00197400
Frontier territory	\$ 0.00186540
<b>Common Trunk Port</b>	
California	
AT&T territory	\$ 0.00469600
Verizon territory	\$ 0.00169200
Maryland	
Verizon territory	\$ 0.00168800
Oregon	
CenturyLink f/k/a Qwest territory	\$ 0.00074700
Frontier territory	\$ 0.00038610

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Washington	
CenturyLink f/k/a Qwest territory	\$ 0.00074700
Frontier territory	\$ 0.00038610
<b>Tandem Switching</b>	
California	
AT&T territory	\$ 0.00044000 (Rate Band 1)
	\$ 0.00104200 (Rate Band 2)
Verizon territory	\$ 0.00157400
Maryland	
Verizon territory	\$ 0.00157400
Oregon	
CenturyLink f/k/a Qwest territory	\$ 0.00225200
Frontier territory	\$ 0.00366420
Washington	
CenturyLink f/k/a Qwest territory	\$ 0.00366420
Frontier territory	\$ 0.00038610
<b>Tandem Facility</b>	
California	
AT&T territory	\$ 0.00001500 (Rate Band 1)
	\$ 0.00002500 (Rate Band 2)
Verizon territory	\$ 0.00000200
Maryland	
Verizon territory	\$ 0.00157400
Oregon	

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CenturyLink f/k/a Qwest territory	\$ 0.00003000
Frontier territory	\$ 0.00000200
Washington	
CenturyLink f/k/a Qwest territory	\$ 0.00000200
Frontier territory	\$ 0.00038610
<b>Tandem Termination</b>	
California	
AT&T territory	\$ 0.00007500 (Rate Band 1)
	\$ 0.00013000 (Rate Band 2)
Verizon territory	\$ 0.00000000
Maryland	
Verizon territory	\$ 0.00157400
Oregon	
CenturyLink f/k/a Qwest territory	\$ 0.00024000
Frontier territory	\$ 0.00000000
Washington	
CenturyLink f/k/a Qwest territory	\$ 0.00024000
Frontier territory	\$ 0.00000000
<b>Multiplexing</b>	
California	
AT&T territory	\$ 0.00009800
Verizon territory	\$ 0.00000000
Maryland	
Verizon territory	\$ 0.00000200

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Oregon	
CenturyLink f/k/a Qwest territory	\$ 0.00003600
Frontier territory	\$ 0.00000000
Washington	
CenturyLink f/k/a Qwest territory	\$ 0.00000200
Frontier territory	\$ 0.00000000
<b>800 Data Base Query Service</b>	
California	\$ 0.00938
Maryland	\$ 0.00938
Oregon	\$ 0.00938
Washington	\$ 0.00938

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**3.6.2 500/900 Access Service**

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The actual applicable rate applied varies depending on the locality.

A. 500/900 Access Service Implementation Charge

The following nonrecurring charges are assessed for the provision of 500/900 Access Service. Customers of 500/900 Access Service receive originating access service. The Service Establishment Charge will be applied whenever a Customer places an initial order for 500/900 Access Service, and includes the cost of establishing one NXX code. Each additional NXX requested on the same order will be subject to the Additional NXX code Charge. The Subsequent Order Charge is applicable to any additional NXX codes after the first one requested on any subsequent orders.

500/900 Service Establishment Charge	\$1,500.00
Subsequent Order Charge	\$ 150.00
Additional NXX Code Charge	\$ 150.00