

**COMPORIUM COMMUNICATIONS**  
**DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION**  
**Multi-Megabit Ethernet Transmission Service (“METS”)**  
**John Staurulakis, Inc. Tariff F.C.C. No. 1 -Transmittal No. 172**  
**March 15, 2013**

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 additional capacities to its existing Multi-Megabit Ethernet Transmission Service (“METS”) regulations. The existing capacities range from 10 Mbps to 10 Gbps. The proposed new capacities are 250 Mbps, 750 Mbps and 5 Gbps. JSI also proposes, on behalf of Comporium, introduction of METS Fixed Rate Option (“FRO”) Plan 2 which establishes the current METS rates, including the three new capacities, for any customer electing the FRO between the effective date of this transmittal and June 30, 2013.

The Companies are issuing carriers for JSI Tariff FCC No. 1 in which each individual Comporium company 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
Lancaster Telephone Company d/b/a Comporium Communications	South Carolina	240531
Rock Hill Telephone Company d/b/a Comporium Communications	South Carolina	240542

**Description of Cost Support**

The proposed rates for the new METS capacities reflect a design to fit within the existing framework for METS rates whereby the effective per Mbps rate for individual offerings decrease as the capacity for the offerings increase. See Attachment 1, Page 4. The Companies last determined METS costs as part of Transmittal No. 151 in 2010. Under Transmittal No. 151, the Companies added 10 Gbps to the existing array of METS capacities. The cost structure of METS has not changed significantly since that time. Thus, the process employed for determination of the rates for the new offerings comprises fitting the rates within the existing structure based on decreased cost per Mbps as the overall capacity increases.

**Impact on Revenue and Demand**

The impact of the addition of the new METS capacities on the respective Special Access revenues of the Companies will not be significant, ranging from a 0.7 percent increase for Fort Mill Telephone Company to a 1.9 percent increase for Rock Hill Telephone Company.