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Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

Attention: Wireline Competition Bureau

The accompanying tariff material, issued by Nevada Bell Telephone Company (NBTC) and bearing Tariff F.C.C. No. 1, is sent to you for publication in compliance with the requirements of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

This filing, scheduled to become effective May 15, 2013, consists of the tariff pages as indicated on the following check sheets

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Check Sheet Revision No.
232nd Revised Page 1
23rd Revised Page 1.4

Pursuant the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC's) Report and Order and Further Order of Proposed Rulemaking (*USF/ICC Order*), FCC No. 11-161 released November 18, 2011, carriers are required to reduce their terminating intrastate switched end office and transport rates to parity with interstate access rates effective July 2, 2013. As a result, on July 2, 2013 the intrastate jurisdiction may end up having separate intrastate terminating rates that are lower than the intrastate originating rates. Currently, Nevada Bell Telephone Company's Tariff FCC No. 1 has a single rate that applies to both originating and terminating. As Nevada Bell Telephone Company splits its intrastate access rate elements between originating and terminating and, when necessary, reduces terminating to be at parity with the functionally equivalent interstate rates, it will be beneficial for the interstate jurisdiction to reflect the same originating and terminating structure and reduce customer confusion. The splitting of interstate rate elements between originating and terminating will be administrative in nature, will have no change in existing interstate rate levels, and will not have any material impact on customers' interstate access billing. These changes will affect both per-minute usage and fixed Port charges.

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With this filing, Nevada Bell Telephone Company (NBTC) is proposing to list usage rates in the local switching and tandem switching categories in Section 6 of this interstate tariff as originating and terminating. The rates will be exactly the same for both originating and terminating, and there will be no changes to these rates from their current levels. No billing system changes are required because the current billing system already identifies usage data by direction. No changes to the service or associated regulations are required to accommodate this change. In addition to showing usage rates as originating and terminating, NBTC is proposing to identify the *Dedicated End Office Trunk Port* and *Dedicated Tandem Trunk Port* as originating and terminating. This necessitates the addition of new USOCs and tariff language to distinguish between originating and terminating for these ports.

The Traffic Sensitive and Trunking baskets were removed from Price Cap in the 2012 Annual Filing; therefore, no additional supporting information is required with this filing.

Supporting information discussed under Section 61.49 of the Commission's Rules, to the extent applicable, is included with this filing in the attached Description and Justification.

In accordance with Section 61.14, this transmittal letter and associated attachments are being filed electronically today via the Federal Communications Commission's Electronic Tariff Filing System (ETFS) in compliance with the electronic filing procedures.

Payment in the amount of \$845.00 has been electronically transmitted to the US Bank in St. Louis, Missouri, in accordance with the fee program procedures. The Form 159 is being transmitted electronically via ETFS as a proprietary document. These actions have been committed on the date established as the issued (filed) date as reflected above.

Personal or facsimile service petitions against this Transmittal, as required under Section 1.773(a)(4) of the Commission's Rules, should be sent to Karrie Shinpaugh, Manager – Rates/Tariffs, 311 S. Akard St., Room 1940.02, Dallas, TX 75202, facsimile number (214) 858-0639. All other correspondence and inquiries concerning this Transmittal should be addressed to Debra L. Clemens, Director-Federal Regulatory, (202) 457-3066, 1120 20th Street, N.W., Suite 1000, Washington, D.C. 20036.

Sincerely,



Attachments:

Tariff Pages