

**Cincinnati Bell Telephone LLC**

**Tariff FCC No. 35**

**Transmittal No. 883**

**DESCRIPTION & JUSTIFICATION**

Cincinnati proposes to split specific Switched Access rate elements into originating and terminating elements. Pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC)'s Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (USF/ICC Order) FCC No. 11-161 released November 18, 2011, which requires carriers to reduce their terminating rates over a period of time. This will result in terminating rates that are lower than originating rates for the same rate element. Currently, CBT has a single rate that applies to both originating and terminating. Therefore, with this filing, CBT is proposing to list usage rates in the local switching and tandem switching categories in Section 6 as originating and terminating. The rates will be exactly the same for both originating and terminating. Billing system changes are not required because the current billing system already identifies usage data by direction. In addition, CBT is proposing to identify the Access Tandem Trunk Port and the Local Switching Dedicated Trunk Port as originating and terminating. This necessitates the addition of new USOCs and tariff language to distinguish between origination and terminating for these ports.

Cincinnati Bell Telephone (CBT) also proposes to revise the Universal Service Fund (USF) factor per Commission Order. The Commission released its *Proposed Second Quarter 2014 Contribution Factor*, DA 14-337 on March 12, 2014. The

Commission proposed a USF factor of 16.6 % up from the previous factor of 16.4 %.

CBT recovers its USF contribution, pursuant to the Commission's Contribution

Methodology Order<sup>1</sup> by applying the relevant USF Contribution factor to the following charges:

- \* EUCL
- \* Presubscribed Interexchange Carrier (PIC) change charge
- \* End-User Special Access
- \* Interstate IntraLATA Toll usage

The USF surcharge for these services is reflected as a separate line item, clearly identified on the customer's bill.

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<sup>1</sup> Report and Order and Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-45, CC Docket No. 98-171, CC Docket No. 90-571, CC Docket No. 92-237, CC Docket No. 99-200, CC Docket No. 95-116, and CC Docket No. 98-179, FCC 02-329, Released December 13, 2002.