

**CenturyLink Operating Companies**

**Tariff F.C.C. Nos. 1, 2, 3, 6, 7 and 8**

**Transmittal No. 54**

***Description and Justification***

The CenturyLink operating companies (CLOC) hereby submit the following information in support of the accompanying tariff filing, as required by Sections 61.38 and 61.41 through 61.49 of the Federal Communications Commission's Rules and Regulations.

This portion of the filing is made on 15 days notice under the Commission's streamlined filing procedures.

1. Addition of rates and regulations in CLOC Tariff F.C.C. Nos. 1, 2, 3, 6, 7 and 8 for Special Access Ethernet Virtual Private Line 7 year term discount plan called the Low Volume discount plan. This discount plan was previously introduced in CLOC Tariff F.C.C. No. 9
2. Addition of rates and regulations in CLOC Tariff F.C.C. No. 1 and 2 for Special Access Synchronous Optical Network services at various speeds for Alabama and Missouri, where previously not offered.
3. Addition of a monthly recurring SONET Regeneration charge at OC3, OC12, OC48 and OC192 levels.
4. Addition of a nonrecurring Service Reconfiguration charge based on DS3/STS1 equivalency ratios.
5. Minor textual changes designed to clarify the provision of interstate access services.

***1.0 Ethernet Virtual Private Line 7 Year Term Plans***

CLOC currently provides Ethernet Virtual Private Line (EVPL) service in all states within the former CenturyTel and Embarq service areas. CLOC now proposes to add a new 7 year term rate plan for special access Ethernet Virtual Private Line (EVPL) service. EVPL service is a high speed data transport service that provides the ability to order Ethernet service where a single customer can support multiple applications with varying Quality of Service at transport speeds of 10 Mbps, 100 Mbps, 1000 Mbps (1 Gbps) and 10000 Mbps (10 Gbps). The new 7 year term plans is the Low Volume Based Plan.

The Low Volume Base Plan is available for customers who purchase a minimum of 100 locations during the first calendar year.

The Low Volume Based Plan offers the following rates elements:

UNI Bandwidth Port (includes Gold QoS and Channel mileage)

NNI Port (no charge)

EVC Connection

ICO NNI Trunking Arrangement

EVPL service is being offered at month-to-month rates, three and five year Term Discount Plan rates and four seven year Term Plan rates.

### ***2.0 Synchronous Optical Network***

CLOC currently provides Synchronous Optical Network Service within service territories within the CenturyLink Operating Companies Tariff F.C.C. Nos. 1 and 2 at various operating speeds for Alabama and Missouri. CLOC now proposes to add the SONET services where previously not offered so consistency will exist between the multiple CLOC tariffs. In addition, SONET Regeneration and Service Reconfiguration charges are being introduced.

### ***3.0 Conclusion***

The CenturyLink operating companies are submitting the accompanying tariff revisions in response to customer requests for the proposed services, and in accordance with the Commission's Rules governing the provision of interstate access services. The rates and charges proposed in this filing are demonstrated to be fully cost-based and reasonable, and are supported, where required, by exhibits detailing cost and rate development.