

ACCESS SERVICE

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SYMBOLS

The following symbols shall be used in this Tariff for the purpose indicated below:

- (C) To Signify changed regulation
- (D) To Signify discontinued regulation or rate
- (I) To Signify increase
- (M) To Signify matter moved without change (C)
- (N) To Signify new rate or regulation
- (R) To Signify reduction
- (S) To Signify reissued matter
- (T) To Signify a change in text but no change in rate or regulation

ABBREVIATIONS

CABS	Carrier Access Billing System	MRC	Monthly Recurring Charge
FCC	Federal Communications Commission	PIC	Presubscribed Interexchange Carrier
FG	Feature Group	PIU	Percent Interstate Use
ICB	Individual Case Basis	POP(s)	Point(s) of Presence
ILEC	Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier	SLC	Subscriber Line Charge
IXC	Interexchange Carrier	USF	Universal Service Fund
LEC	Local Exchange Carrier		
LERG	Local Exchange Routine Guide		
LNP	Local Number Portability		
MOU	Minutes of Use		

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DEFINITIONS

Access Charge: Charges assessed to the Buyer through which the Company is compensated for providing Access.

Access or Access Service: Access or Access Service includes services and facilities provided for the origination or termination of any interstate or foreign Telecommunication regardless of the technology used in transmission. This includes, but is not limited to, local exchange, long distance, and data communications services that may use either TDM or Internet Protocol ("IP") or other technology. Access Service includes the functional equivalent of the incumbent local exchange carrier interstate exchange access services typically associated with following rate elements: carrier common line (originating); carrier common line (terminating); local end office switching; interconnection charge; information surcharge; tandem switched Transport Termination (fixed); tandem switched Transport Facility (per mile); tandem switching. Access Service also includes the termination of interexchange telecommunications traffic to any end user, either directly or via contractual or other arrangements with an affiliated or unaffiliated provider of interconnected VoIP service, as defined in 47 U.S.C. 153(25), or a non-interconnected VoIP service, as defined in 47 U.S.C. 153(36), that does not itself seek to collect reciprocal compensation charges prescribed by this subpart for that traffic, regardless of the specific functions provided or facilities used.

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Advance Payment: Part or all of a payment required before the start of service.

Buyer: The term "Buyer" refers to an Interexchange Carrier utilizing the Company's Access Service to complete a Call to or from End Users. The Buyer is responsible for the payment of charges for any service it takes from the Company, and compliance with the terms and conditions of this Tariff.

Call: A communication attempt for which the complete address code (e.g., 0-, 911, or 10 digits) is provided to the Company's switch or equivalent facility. The term "Call" expressly includes communications that are delivered to, or received from, persons or entities that include, but are not limited to: conference call providers, chat line providers, calling card providers, call centers, help desk providers, and residential and/or business users.

Company: Northern Valley Communications, LLC, the issuer of this Tariff, a competitive local exchange carrier.

Commission (FCC): The Federal Communications Commission.

Constructive Order: In the absence of a written or oral order, any delivery of Calls to or receipt of Calls from the Company's Network constitutes a Constructive Order to purchase switched Access Services as described herein. Similarly, the selection of an IXC as an End User's Presubscribed Interexchange Carrier constitutes a Constructive Order for switched Access Service by the IXC.

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DEFINITIONS (Cont'd)

Customer of an Interstate or Foreign Telecommunications Service: A “Customer of an Interstate or Foreign Telecommunications Service” includes any person or entity who sends or receives an interstate or foreign Telecommunications service transmitted to or from a Buyer across the Company’s Network, provided that the person or entity must pay a fee to the Company for telecommunications service. Customer of an Interstate or Foreign Telecommunications Service may include, but is not limited to, conference call providers, chat line providers, calling card providers, call centers, help desk providers, and residential and/or business service subscribers. (M)

End User Designated Premises (EDP): A location designated by the Customer for the purposes of connecting to the Company’s services. In some circumstances, the EDP may be located in Company’s central office.

End User: The term “End User” means any Customer of an Interstate or Foreign Telecommunications Service that is not a carrier, except that a carrier other than a telephone company shall be deemed to be an “End User” when such carrier uses a Telecommunications service for administrative purposes and a person or entity that offers Telecommunications services exclusively as a reseller shall be deemed to be an “End User” if all resale transmissions offered by such reseller originate on the premises of such reseller. An End User must pay a fee to the Company for telecommunications service. Other carriers, including IXC’s, are not considered to be End Users under the terms of this Tariff, unless the Company consents to such classification in writing.

Individual Case Basis or ICB: An arrangement whereby the terms, conditions, rates, charges and/or services are developed or modified based on the specific and unique circumstances of the Buyer’s situation. ICB specialized rates, services or charges will be made available to similarly situated Buyers on a non-discriminatory basis.

Interexchange Carrier (IXC): Any individual, partnership, association, joint-stock company, trust, governmental entity, corporation or any other entity engaged in the provision of intrastate, interstate or international communication for hire by any means between two or more exchanges.

Late Payment Fee: An amount computed as 1.5% of the unpaid balance per month or portion thereof for the period from the due date of any bill until the payment is received.

Local Exchange: A geographic area established by the Company for the administration and pricing of Telecommunications services. The Company is not bound by the definition of “exchange” or “local exchange” as defined by the National Exchange Carrier Association, by IXC’s, or by the ILECs whose tariffed rates the Company matches. Unless defined otherwise by the Company, the Company’s Local Exchanges are the same as the geographic area where the Company provides service to End Users.

Minute of Use (MOU): Denotes the number of minutes for which a Buyer is billed in relation to any usage-sensitive service element provided by the Company.

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DEFINITIONS (Cont'd)

Transport Interconnection: Where separately invoiced, recovers the costs associated with Local Transport that are not recovered by the Entrance Facility, Direct Trunked Transport, Tandem Switched Transport, Multiplexing or dedicated signaling (i.e. SS7) rates. This rate applies to both Tandem Switched and Direct Trunked Access minutes. The rate is applied at the Company switch.

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Transport Termination: Where separately invoiced, provides for the line or trunk side arrangements that terminate the Local Transport facilities on the Company switch(es).

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VoIP-PSTN Traffic

The term VoIP-PSTN Traffic shall have the meaning denoted in the Federal Communications Commission Report and Order in WC Docket Nos. 10-90, etc., F.C.C. Release No. 11-161 (November 18, 2011). It is traffic exchanged over PSTN (Public Switched Telephone Network) facilities that originates and/or terminates in IP (Internet Protocol) format.

Volume End User ("VEU"): An End User that obtains Service from the Company in order to provide high-traffic services, including, but not limited to, chat line services, conference calling services, help desk assistance, or call center support, designates the Company's central office as its EDP, and accordingly, installs equipment in the Company's central office.

Wire Center: Generic term for point on a carrier network from which an End User normally receives a dial tone.

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REFERENCE TO OTHER TARIFFS AND/OR PUBLICATIONS

The following tariffs are referenced in this Tariff and may be obtained as shown:

National Exchange Carrier Association
100 S. Jefferson
Whippany, NJ
Wire Center Information
Tariff FCC No. 4

National Exchange Carrier Association
100 S. Jefferson
Whippany, NJ
Wire Center Information
Tariff FCC No. 5

CenturyLink Operating Companies
Vice President-Regulatory Operators
100 CenturyLink Drive
Monroe, Louisiana 71203
Tariff F.C.C. No. 11

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The Local Exchange Routing Guide (LERG) is referenced in this Tariff
may be obtained from:

Telcordia Technologies
Customer Services Division
60 New England Avenue
Piscataway, NJ

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7. RATES AND CHARGES

7.1 General

Rates for Access Service and the other services listed in this Tariff will include usage charges for the rate elements, applicable Recurring Charges, Nonrecurring Charges and miscellaneous charges or combinations of same and are identified herein.

7.2 Switched Access Service

7.2.1 Recurring Rate Elements:

- (a) Local Switching, per MOU
- (b) Tandem Switched Transport – Per Mile, per MOU/mile
- (c) Tandem Switched Transport – Fixed, per MOU
- (d) Common Transport Multiplexing, per MOU
- (e) Carrier Common Line
- (f) End Office Shared Port, Per MOU (D)
- (g) Reserved for Future Use (D/T)

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7. RATES AND CHARGES (Cont'd)7.2 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

7.2.2 Rates Reflect Tariffed Rates of Appropriate ILECs

The Company offers service for Access Service, which includes the following elements: Local Switching, Tandem Switched Transport – Per Mile, Tandem Switched Transport – Fixed, Common Transport Multiplexing, Common Transport Multiplexing, and End Office Shared Port. These rates mirror those filed by Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC on file with the Commission. (C)

Mileage for the Tandem Switched Facility rate will be calculated in accordance with Section 3.2.2.

The following rates are applicable to service provided to Buyers to access all End Users, including Volume End Users:

<u>End Office Elements</u>			(N)
Local Switching, per MOU			
Originating	[Note 1]		(C)
Terminating	[Note 1]		(C)
End Office Shared Port, per MOU			(C)
Originating	[Note 1]		(C)
Terminating	[Note 1]		(C)
Carrier Common Line, per MOU			
Originating	[Note 2]		(C)
Terminating	[Note 2]		(C)
<u>Transport Elements</u>			(C)
Tandem-Switched Transport – Per mile, per MOU/mile			(C)
Originating	[Note 3]		(C)
Terminating	[Note 3]		(C)
Tandem Switched Transport – Fixed, per MOU			
Originating	[Note 3]		(C)
Terminating	[Note 3]		(C)
Common Transport Multiplexing, per MOU			
Originating	[Note 3]		(C)
Terminating	[Note 3]		(C)

[Note 1] Rate mirrors CenturyLink Operating Companies Tariff F.C.C. No. 11, Section 6.8.2.A.1. [LS2] (N)

[Note 2] Rate mirrors CenturyLink Operating Companies Tariff F.C.C. No. 11, Section 3.9.1. (N)

[Note 3] Rate mirrors CenturyLink Operating Companies Tariff F.C.C. No. 11, Section 6.8.1.C.1. (N)

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7. RATES AND CHARGES (Cont'd)7.2 Switched Access Service (Cont'd) (N)

7.2.3 800 Database Access Service (M)

800 Carrier Identification Charge, per call [Note 4] (C)

Vertical Features (N)

POTS Translation Charge, per call [Note 4] (N)

Call Handling & Destination Feature Charge, per query [Note 4] (N)

7.3 Other Services

7.3.1 Technician Hourly Rates

(a) Rate per hour/per technician: \$75.00 per hour or portion of an hour.

7.3.2 Unauthorized PIC Change Charge

(a) \$500.00 per unauthorized PIC change request submitted by IXC.

7.3.3 Access Order Charge

Per Order \$130.00

[Note 4] Rate mirrors CenturyLink Operating Companies Tariff F.C.C. No. 11, Section 6.8.9. (N)
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