

**CenturyLink Operating Companies**

**Tariff F.C.C. Nos. 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11 and 12**

**Transmittal No 65**

***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 filing is being made on 15 days' notice under the commission's streamlined filing procedures and proposed the following revisions to the applicable tariffs as indicated:

1. Grandfather Frame Relay and ATM service as of June 1, 2015. The FCC 214 application was automatically granted as of December 31, 2014. (CLOC Tariff F.C.C. Nos. 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8 and 9)
2. Grandfather Physical Expanded Interconnection Services in Missouri as of March 1, 2015. No customers currently subscribe to this service. The FCC 214 application was automatically granted as of February 2, 2015. (CLOC Tariff F.C.C. Nos. 2 and 3)
3. Remove invalid reference to Expanded Interconnection Service in Section 17. (CLOC Tariff F.C.C. No. 8)
4. Minor tariff language changes designed to clarify the provision of interstate access services. This includes adding language to reference the 1 and 2 year EVPL term plans that were omitted in the original filing and correcting the title of the Sonet OC Ring 5 Year Commitment Plan. (CLOC Tariff F.C.C. Nos. 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8 and 9)
5. Correct an obsolete tariff reference contained in Tariff F.C.C. No. 11. The reference is being changed from Tariff F.C.C. No. 2 to Tariff F.C.C. No. 12.
6. Special Construction case added in New Mexico. (CLOC Tariff F.C.C. No. 12)

## **1.0 Frame Relay & ATM Service**

Effective June 1, 2015, CenturyLink's Frame Relay Access Service and ATM will no longer be available to new customers for new orders nor will new orders from existing customers be accepted (except to the extent permitted by term discount plan/contract).

Existing customers of this service will be grandfathered as follows:

- As of June 1, 2015, month-to-month customers will no longer be able to purchase this service.
- Existing term discount plans/contracts for this service will not be renewed.
- Customers with a term discount plan/contract that expires between February 24, 2015 and June 1, 2015 may retain their Frame Relay Service on a month-to-month basis until June 1, 2015.
- Customers with a term discount plan/contract that expires after June 1, 2015 may retain their Frame Relay Service covered by that term discount plan/contract until the expiration of that term discount plan/contract. If a customer is currently under a term discount plan/contract and wishes to move to another service, cancellation charges will not apply.

Customers were notified in February 2014 and August 2014 of this change as outlined in the FCC 214 Application.

## **2.0 Physical Expanded Interconnection Services**

Effective March 1, 2015, Physical Expanded Interconnection Service (EIS), as referenced throughout Section 17 of the CLOC F.C.C. Tariff Nos. 2 and 3, will no longer be available to new customers. There will be no change to arrangements in service on orders prior to March 1, 2015. Virtual EIS remains in effect. Currently there are not customers subscribing to this service.

## **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.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 65  
CENTURYLINK OPERATING COMPANIES  
ACCESS SERVICE  
TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 12  
DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION  
SPECIAL CONSTRUCTION

## INTRODUCTION AND DESCRIPTION

This filing is being made by CenturyLink Operating Companies (CenturyLink) in its Tariff F.C.C. No. 12, Special Construction to add one new case in Section 13 of this tariff.

## CASE DETAIL

CenturyLink Communications, LLC

Case No. 72

(Reference No. NM14S0376)

### Description:

Special construction will consist of placement of 1000 feet of underground fiber cable to provide DS3 Service. The location for this construction is 724 E Main, Red River, NM. A total charge of \$16,823.02 is due and payable in a one-time, up-front payment.

## COST SUPPORT AND WORKPAPERS

### Construction Costs

This case meet the conditions for Special Construction as specified in CenturyLink's Special Construction Tariff. The costs are for the engineering and placement of facilities and loadings to recover overhead costs.

The Direct Costs consist of the non-reusable investment associated with this Special Construction Case. These are costs directly associated with the project such as engineering the job, the equipment, the labor to install the equipment, placement of the fiber or cable, and shipping of the material.

Once these Direct Costs have been identified, an "Overhead Loading for Special Construction" is than calculated. The overhead loading includes the following type of expenses: administrative expenses, product management expenses, sales expenses, common overhead expenses, and business fees.

Workpaper A-1 displays the direct costs and the overhead loading.

## Case Preparation Cost

The case preparation charge, as displayed on Workpaper A-1 covers the one-time preparation costs and filing fees associated with this special construction case. The charge consists of labor to prepare cost documentation; to write the tariff; and to prepare the Description and Justification (D&J), the Transmittal Letter and coordinate the filing. These fees are based on average 2009 case preparation times.

After the work functions were identified, the time required for case preparation was calculated (an average of 1 hour per case). The task time identified was then multiplied by the appropriate labor rate ( $1 \times \$70.93 = \$70.93$ ).

The prorated cost of the filing fees was calculated by taking the number of special construction cases filed in 2009 divided by the number of special construction tariff filings to produce and average number of special access cases per filing (14.2). The FCC's \$815 filing fee was then divided by this factor to come up with a prorated filing fee of \$57.39 per special construction case.

The sum of the labor calculations plus the prorated cost of the filing fee produces the case preparation charge.

## COST SUPPORT

Customer: CenturyLink Communications, LLC  
Case Number: 72  
Reference Number: NM14S0376

## CONSTRUCTION COSTS

Direct Costs	\$	16,277.33
Overhead	\$	<u>417.37</u>
Total	\$	16,694.70

## CASE PREPARATION CHARGE

Case Preparation	\$	70.93
Prorated FCC Filing Fee	\$	<u>57.39</u>
Total Case Preparation Charge	\$	128.32
Total Charge	\$	16,823.02