

CenturyLink Operating Companies
2015 Revised Annual Access Tariff Filing

October 16, 2015

Description and Justification

1.0 Introduction

The CenturyLink Operating Companies (CLOC)¹ hereby submit the following information in support of the accompanying revisions to CenturyLink Operating Companies Tariff F.C.C. Nos. 7 & 9. This information is being filed on not less than 15 days' notice in accordance with the Commission's *2015 TRP Notice*,² and includes price cap adjustments consistent with the requirements of Sections 61.41 through 61.49 of the Federal Communications Commission's Rules.

In addition to the description and justification contained in this submission, the following information is submitted to provide specific support data at the proposed tariff level of detail for the CenturyLink operating companies at issue here.

Description and Justification

Exhibit 1 - CenturyLink Operating Companies and Study Area Designators

Tariff Review Plan (USTRAN15_Rev)

****Access Recovery Charge (1 spreadsheet CLOCARC15_Rev)***

Eligible Recovery Worksheet (1 spreadsheet CLOCER15_Rev)

****Tariff Rate Comparison (1 spreadsheet CLOCTRC15_Rev)***

****Summary Eligible Worksheet (1 spreadsheet CLOCSUMER15_Rev)***

*Both Public and Confidential Exhibits are included.

¹ The CenturyLink Operating Companies are listed in Exhibit 1 at the end of this volume.

² *In the Matter of Material to be Filed in Support of 2015 Annual Access Tariff Filings*, WCB/Pricing File No. 15-57 (DA 15-458), released April 14, 2015 (*2015 TRP Notice*).

This information replaces the above listed Tariff Review Plan document filed June 16, 2015 in its entirety for CenturyLink Operating Companies impacted by this revision.

2.0 Tariff Review Plan Changes

CenturyLink is revising its Tariff Review Plan model for Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC to recognize un-recovered exogenous cost dollars that ultimately flow into the Company's ARC rates. CenturyLink has revised its TRP model for Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC to reset the CAP form switches to calculate the PICC rates at an individual Jurisdiction/State level which impacted the three separate jurisdictions (Montana, New Mexico and Idaho PNB) in the Qwest TRP where there is excess un-recoverable allowable revenue. This change will allow the under-recovered exogenous cost change dollars to pull into the Filing Entity CAP form and allow CenturyLink to flow additional Eligible Recovery dollars into the ARC rates.

Access Recovery Charge (ARC-Rate Ceiling) Worksheet

Due to the change in Eligible Recovery and in compliance with the FCC's USF/ICC Transformation Order, CenturyLink is including the Rate Ceiling-No CAF and the Tariff Rate Comparison-No CAF workbooks. The Rate Ceiling-No CAF workbook is utilized by CenturyLink to calculate the Access Recovery Charge ("ARC") allowed by 47 C.F.R. §51.915(e). CenturyLink's Eligible Recovery remains less than the Maximum ARC Revenue in 2015, therefore, CenturyLink is still not permitted any CAF ICC 47 C.F.R. §51.915(f).

The Tariff Rate Comparison-No CAF workbook demonstrates that CenturyLink has not included any revised tariffs which would allow for greater recovery than allowed through the Access Recovery Charge methodology included in the Rate Ceiling-No CAF template. This workbook includes the ARC tariff by exchange.

CenturyLink has prepared redacted and non-redacted versions of the workbooks.

Eligible Recovery Worksheet

In compliance with the FCC's USF/ICC Transformation Order, CenturyLink is including the revised Eligible Recovery-TRP workbook. The Eligible Recovery-TRP workbook is utilized by CenturyLink to calculate the total Eligible Recovery allowed by 47 C.F.R. §51.915(d).

This filing shows the revised Exogenous Cost ARC Recoverable amount, which is the excess exogenous cost that cannot be recovered through the subscriber line charges, as found in Cap 5 line 610 of the included Tariff Review Plan. CenturyLink has adjusted the unrecovered exogenous cost change dollars to account for the lapsed 4 months since the June 16th 2015 annual filing using a 12/8 factor.

Summary Eligible Recovery Worksheet

Due to the change in 2015 Eligible Recovery, CenturyLink has revised the Summary Eligible Recovery form. This workbook is a summary, at the Study Area level, of the overall USF/ICC Transformation Order for both the 2014 filing and the 2015 filing.

CenturyLink has prepared redacted and non-redacted versions of the workbooks.

Conclusion

The CenturyLink Operating Companies are submitting the accompanying information consistent with the requirements of the Commission's price cap regulations for local exchange carriers. The adjustments proposed herein are demonstrated to be just and reasonable, and are supported by detailed exhibits reflecting the calculation of the required revisions, price cap indices, and exogenous costs.

*CenturyLink Operating Companies
and Study Areas (CLOC)*

<u>Operating Company</u>	<u>COSA</u>
<u>CLOC Tariff F.C.C. No. 7</u>	
Gallatin River Communications, LLC	CNGR
Gulf Telephone Company	CNGT
Coastal Utilities, Inc.	CNCU
Mebtel, Inc.	CNMT
<u>CLOC Tariff F.C.C. No. 9</u>	
CenturyLink Operating Companies	ELOC
Central Telephone Company – Nevada	
United Telephone Company of Indiana, Inc.	
United Telephone Company of the Northwest (Oregon/Washington)	
United Telephone Company of Ohio	
United Telephone Company of New Jersey, Inc.	
The United Telephone Company of Pennsylvania LLC	
Embarq Florida, Inc.	
Central Telephone Company of Texas	
United Telephone Company of Eastern Kansas	
United Telephone Company of Kansas	
Embarq Minnesota, Inc.	
Embarq Missouri, Inc.	
Embarq Missouri, Inc. d/b/a United Telephone Company of Southeast Kansas	
United Telephone Company of Southcentral Kansas	
United Telephone Company of Texas, Inc.	
United Telephone Company of the West (Nebraska/Wyoming)	
Carolina Telephone and Telegraph LLC	
Central Telephone Company - North Carolina	
Central Telephone Company of Virginia	
United Telephone Southeast LLC (Tennessee/Virginia)	
United Telephone Company of the Carolinas (South Carolina)	

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<u>Operating Company</u>	<u>COSA</u>
<u>CLOC Tariff F.C.C. No. 11</u>	
Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC	USTR
Arizona (AZ)	
Colorado (CO)	
Concurring Carrier	
The El Paso County Telephone Company	
Idaho (ID – Boise LATA)	
Idaho (ID – Spokane LATA)	
Iowa (IA)	
Minnesota (MN)	
Montana (MT)	
Nebraska (NE)	
New Mexico (NM)	
North Dakota (ND)	
Oregon (OR)	
South Dakota (SD)	
Utah (UT)	
Washington (WA)	
Wyoming (WY)	