

DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION
John Staurulakis, Inc. Tariff F.C.C. No. 1
Transmittal No. 201

Heartland Telecommunications Company of Iowa
d/b/a Premier Communications
SAC 351096 (Iowa)

Winnebago Cooperative Telecom Association-LB
SAC 351338 (Iowa)

JSI hereby provides a Description and Justification for rates proposed under Transmittal No. 201 of JSI Tariff F.C.C. No. 1 on behalf of Heartland Telecommunications Company of Iowa d/b/a Premier Communications (“Heartland”) and Winnebago Cooperative Telecom Association-LB, (“Winnebago-LB”). Rates are proposed pursuant to FCC Order DA 16-1066 in which a study area waiver was granted to Heartland and Winnebago whereby the Heartland study area was modified to exclude the Bancroft and Lakota, Iowa exchanges, and a new study area created for Winnebago comprised of the Bancroft and Lakota exchanges.¹ Heartland and Winnebago-LB are filing as rate-of-return carriers subject to Section 61.39 of the Commission’s rules.

DESCRIPTION OF FILING

Effective November 1, 2016, Heartland will become an issuing carrier for the JSI Tariff F.C.C. No. 1. Concurrent with this filing, Consolidated Communications will cancel Heartland as an issuing carrier for Consolidated Communications Companies Tariff F.C.C. No. 6.

Winnebago Cooperative Telecom Association (“Winnebago”) is currently an issuing carrier in JSI Tariff F.C.C. No. 1, study area code 351337 (IA) and study area code 361337 (MN). Effective November 1, 2016, the new Iowa study area code 351338 created for Winnebago’s acquired Bancroft and Lakota, Iowa, exchanges will be added to JSI Tariff F.C.C. No. 1 as Winnebago-LB in order to establish separate rates maintained distinct from the currently effective Winnebago rates.

No changes are being made to currently effective Switched Access rates. Special Access rates reflect allocation of revenue requirement based on various demand elements.

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Allocation of the revenue requirement results in a revenue increase of less than one percent for the modified Heartland study area.

¹ *Connect America Fund, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, WC Docket No. 10-90, CC Docket No. 96-45, Order DA 16-1066 (“Order”), rel. Sept. 21, 2016.

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Allocation of the revenue requirement results in a revenue decrease of 29 percent for the new Winnebago-LB study area.

ACCESS RECOVERY CHARGE AND CONNECT AMERICA FUND

The 2011 Rate-of-Return Base Period Revenue (“BPR”) has been apportioned between the modified Heartland study area and the new Winnebago-LB study area on a per-access-line basis. The BPR has been allocated using a simple average of the access line count for fiscal year 2011 (the access lines in service by exchange on October 1, 2010, plus the access lines in service by exchange on September 30, 2011, divided by 2).

Tariff Review Plans (TRP) For ARC-ICC-CAF

The BPR apportionment is reflected in the Heartland and Winnebago-LB CAF-ICC TRPs submitted with this filing for tariff year 2016-17. Pursuant to the Order, revised eligible recovery amounts will be effective upon the effective date of this tariff filing, November 1, 2016.²

CERTIFICATIONS ACCOMPANYING TRANSMITTAL

- Certification of Designation of JSI as Carrier Agent, signed by Company Officer
- Certification of Officer as to Accuracy of the CAF ICC Data Reported
- Certification by Officer that Company has complied with Eligible Recovery §51.917(d) and Access Recovery Charge §51.917(e) and is eligible to receive the CAF ICC support requested pursuant to §51.917(f)
- Certification by Officer that Reporting Carrier is not Seeking Duplicative Recovery in the State Jurisdiction for any Eligible Recovery

² *Id.* at para. 27.