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1. APPLICATION OF TARIFF

- 1.1 This tariff contains regulations, rates and charges applicable to Carrier Common Line, Switched Access, Special Access, End User Access, Universal Service Fund, Expanded Interconnection Service, Advanced Communications Networks<sup>(1)</sup>, or, in combination, as Facilities for Interstate Access, hereinafter referred to as FIA, provided by the issuing carriers of this tariff, hereinafter referred to as the Telephone Company to customers. This tariff further provides for Ancillary and Miscellaneous Services. This tariff does not apply to other services offered by the Telephone Company.

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- 1.2 Regulations, rates and charges as specified in this tariff apply to FIA and shall not serve as a substitute for IC tariff offerings of services to end users. The provision of such FIA by the Telephone Company as set forth in this tariff does not constitute a joint undertaking with an IC for the furnishing of any service.

<sup>(1)</sup> The CenturyLink services previously identified on this page are no longer offered under tariff. Effective March 13, 2015, the Commission granted forbearance from dominant carrier regulation of these services.

[http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily\\_Releases/Daily\\_Business/2015/db0316/DOC-332526A1.pdf](http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2015/db0316/DOC-332526A1.pdf)

The rates, terms and conditions associated with these services are now available at:

<http://www.centurylink.com/Pages/AboutUs/Legal/Tariffs/displayTariffLandingPage.html>

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2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)2.1 Undertaking of the Telephone Company (Cont'd)

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2.1.9 Preemption of FIA

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In certain instances, i.e., when spare facilities and/or equipment are not available, it may be necessary to preempt existing services to provision or restore National Security Emergency Preparedness (NSEP) Services. If, in its best judgment, the Telephone Company deems it necessary to preempt, then the Telephone Company will ensure that:

- (A) A sufficient number of public switched services are available for public use if preemption of such services is necessary to provision or restore NSEP Service.
- (B) The service(s) preempted have a lower or do not contain NSEP assigned priority levels.
- (C) A reasonable effort is made to notify the preempted service customer of the action to be taken.
- (D) A credit allowance for any preempted service shall be made in accordance with the provisions in Section 2.4.4(A).

2.1.10 Limitation of Use of Metallic Facilities

Except for loop and duplex (DX) type signaling, metallic facilities shall not be used for ground return or split pair operation. Signals applied to the metallic facility shall conform to minimum protection criteria for direct electrical connections as in Part 68 of the FCC Rules and Regulations. In the case of applications of dc telegraph signaling systems, the customer shall be responsible, at its expense, for the provision of current limitation devices to protect the Telephone Company FIA from excessive current due to abnormal conditions and for the provision of noise mitigation networks when required to reduce excess noise.

Interoffice metallic facilities are limited and requests for metallic facilities will only be provided where available. DC (Metallic) and telegraph-grade facilities and services will be discontinued effective November 3, 1991. Interoffice metallic facilities (wire pairs) are in diminishing supply, and can be expected to become less available as optical fiber is deployed and wire cables are removed.

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3. ORDERING OPTIONS FOR FIA (Cont'd)3.2 Access Service Request (Cont'd)3.2.2 ASR Modifications

The customer may request a modification of its ASR prior to the service date. The Telephone Company will make every effort to accommodate a requested modification when it is able to do so with the normal work force assigned to complete such an ASR within normal business hours. If the modification cannot be made with the normal work force during normal business hours, the Telephone Company will notify the customer. If the customer still desires the ASR modification, the Telephone Company will schedule a new service date. All charges for ASR modifications will apply on a per occurrence basis. Where a new ASR may be required the appropriate charges in other sections of this tariff will be applicable.

Any increase in the number of Switched Access lines for FGA or BSA-A trunks or BHCs for FGB, FGC, FGD, BSA-B, BSA-C, BSA-D and SAC Access Service; Special Access circuits; STP Port Terminations and CCS7 access facilities; or OSS OPCs in conjunction with LIDB Query Service, and Advanced Communications Network services will require the issuance of a new ASR for the incremental capacity.

(A) Service Date Change Charge

ASR service dates may be changed, however a Service Date Change Charge will apply for each service date change after the plant test date of the original ASR.

For Switched Access, the new service date may not exceed the original service date by more than 60 calendar days. If the requested service date is more than 60 calendar days after the original service date, the ASR will be canceled by the Telephone Company and cancellation charges in 3.2.6 will apply. The ASR will be reissued with the new service date. (C)

For Special Access, except as specified below, the new service date may not exceed the original service date by more than 60 calendar days. If the requested service date is more than 60 calendar days after the original service date, the ASR will be canceled by the Telephone Company. Cancellation charges in 3.2.6 will apply and the ASR will be reissued with the new service date unless the customer indicates that billing for the service is to commence as in 3.2.6(A). (C)

With the agreement of the Telephone Company, a new service date may be established that is prior to the original service date and the provisions in (E) will apply in addition to the Service Date Change Charge.

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3. ORDERING OPTIONS FOR FIA (Cont'd)3.2 Access Service Request (Cont'd)3.2.6 Cancellation of an ASR

- (A) A customer may cancel ordered FIA on any date prior to the service date. The cancellation date is the date the Telephone Company receives written or verbal notice from the customer that the ASR is to be canceled. The verbal notice must be followed by written confirmation within 10 days.

For Switched Access Tandem-Switched Transport or ASRs requesting additional trunk activations on existing Direct-Trunked Transport facilities, if a customer is unable to accept service within 30 calendar days of the original service date, the ASR shall be considered canceled and charges in (C) and (D) will apply. In such instances, the cancellation date shall be the 31st calendar day beyond the original service date of the ASR.

For Special Access, and Switched Access Entrance Facilities and Direct-Trunked Transport, if a customer is unable to accept service within 30 calendar days of the original service date, the customer has the choice of the following options:

- The ASR shall be canceled and charges in (C) will apply, or
- Billing for the service will commence.

In either case, the cancellation date or the billing date shall commence on the 31st calendar day beyond the original service date of the ASR.

**For all orders placed before the effective date of this tariff, December 2, 2016, the preceding ordering options will be in effect. For all orders placed on or after the effective date of this tariff, December 2, 2016, the following ordering options will be in effect.**

A customer may cancel an Access Order for the installation of service at any time prior to notification by the Telephone Company that service is available for the customer's use. The cancellation date is the date the Telephone Company receives written or verbal notice from the customer that the order is to be canceled. The verbal notice must be followed by written confirmation within 10 days. If a customer or a customer's end user is unable to accept Access Service within 30 calendar days of the latest agreed upon service date (i.e. firm order confirmation date), the customer has the choice of the following options:

- The Access Order will be canceled and charges set forth in (C) following will apply if the service has not been fully provisioned; or
- The Access Order will be completed and billing for the service will commence if the service has been fully provisioned or the customer has indicated that billing for the service should begin.

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3. ORDERING OPTIONS FOR FIA (Cont'd)3.2 Access Service Request (Cont'd)3.2.6 Cancellation of an ASR (Cont'd)

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- (B) ASR costs are considered to have started when the Telephone Company incurs any cost in connection therewith or in preparation thereof which would not otherwise have been incurred. These costs include but are not limited to preliminary engineering, orders to suppliers, and other similar items of cost.
- (C) When a customer cancels an ASR for the installation of new service, or an ASR to modify existing service, charges will apply as follows:
- (1) When an ASR for Switched Access Service is canceled on or after the Application Date, the Cancellation Charge is calculated, on a per ASR basis, by multiplying the total Installation nonrecurring charges for the quantity ordered by the number of business days elapsed since the Application Date, and dividing that figure by the number of days in the service interval (i.e., the number of business days between the Application Date and the last day of the service date interval) and adding the Switched Access Ordering Charge.
  - (2) When an ASR for Special Access Service is canceled on or after the Application Date, the Cancellation Charge is calculated, on a per ASR basis, by multiplying the total nonrecurring charges for the quantity ordered by the number of business days elapsed since the Application Date and dividing that figure by the number of days in the service interval (i.e., the number of business days between the order date and the last day of the service date interval).

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6. MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES (Cont'd)6.18 Universal Service Fund Charge

The Federal Universal Service Charge (FUSC) recovers the Telephone Company's contribution to various federal universal service funds. The Telephone Company will apply the FUSC Surcharge Factor each month to the billed charges for interstate access services provided to end users from this Tariff.

The FUSC Surcharge Factor will not apply to any billed charges for an end user when the interstate access provided to the end user qualifies under the federal universal service guidelines for the Lifeline Assistance Program. The FUSC Surcharge Factor will not apply to interstate access services purchased by customers that resell these services to end users as part of an interstate telecommunications service and are required to contribute to the various federal universal service funds. In case of a dispute regarding whether the customer is reselling services and contributing to the various federal universal service funds, the Telephone Company may request a signed certification to that effect from the customer.

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The FUSC Surcharge Factor is found in Section 13.7(C).

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12. CARRIER COMMON LINE SERVICE (Cont'd)

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13. END USER FIA

The Telephone Company will provide End User FIA to end users who obtain local telephone service from the Telephone Company under its General and/or Local tariffs and to end users and ICs that obtain FIA from the Telephone Company under this tariff.

13.1 General Description

End User FIA provides for the use of a Common Line (excluding Public Pay Telephone connections) by an end user or an IC and an Access Recovery Charge (ARC).

Use of a Common Line is provided 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Undertaking of the Telephone Company - The Telephone Company will provide End User Access at rates and charges as set forth in rate sections following.

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(A) End User Common Line (EUCL)

Use of a EUCL by an end user in connection with interstate Access Services provided under this tariff. Such use will be provided when the end user obtains local exchange service.

(B) Access Recovery Charge (ARC)

The ARC is assessed when an end user or reseller obtains local exchange service from the Telephone Company, and is a per month rate that is assessed to the end user or reseller of the associated local exchange service.

13.2 Limitations

- (A) A telephone number is not provided with End User FIA.
- (B) Detail billing is not provided for End User FIA.
- (C) Directory listings are not included in the rates and charges for End User FIA.
- (D) Intercept arrangements are not included in the rates and charges for End User FIA.
- (E) Lifeline Assistance Program

The federal Lifeline Assistance Program is designed to provide a credit to monthly end user access charges for qualifying low income residential subscribers. When a carrier is designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier for the Lifeline Assistance Program and when an eligible residential end user qualifies for the Lifeline Assistance Program in association with local residential exchange service of that carrier, the EUCL and ARC Residence rates as set forth in 13.7, following are waived.

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13. END USER FIA (Cont'd)13.3 Liability

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The regulations as set forth in 2.1.3 preceding apply to a customer provided with End User FIA.

13.4 Provision and Ownership of Telephone Numbers

The customer has no property right to the telephone number assignment or any other call number designation associated with End User FIA. The Telephone Company reserves the right to assign, designate or change such numbers, or the Telephone Company serving Central Office prefixes associated with numbers, when reasonably necessary in the conduct of its business.

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13.5 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances13.5.1 Payment of Rates, Charges and Deposits

The regulations as set forth in 2.4.1 preceding apply to customers provided with End User FIA.

13.5.2 Cancellation of Application

End User FIA is cancelled when the ASR for the associated local telephone service is cancelled. No cancellation charges apply.

13.5.3 Changes to ASRs

When changes are made to ASRs for the local telephone service or Switched Access associated with End User FIA, any necessary changes will be made for End User FIA. No charges will apply.

13.5.4 Allowance for Interruptions

When there is an interruption to End User FIA, no credit will be allowed for an interruption of less than 24 hours. The customer will be credited for an interruption of 24 hours or more at the rate of 1/30th of the Common Line per month charge for End User FIA and EUCL and ARC per month charges for each period of 24 hours or major fraction thereof that the interruption continues from the time of notice to the Telephone Company that an interruption has occurred.

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13. END USER FIA (Cont'd)13.6 Rate Regulations

- (A) When the end user's local service is provided by the Telephone Company, the end user will be charged the End User Access Charge and ARC. When end user local service is provided by a local service provider that resells local service (reseller), the reseller will be charged the End User Access Charge. These charges will be waived for Residence customers who receive Lifeline Assistance Program benefits. (N)

- (B) Residence rates, as set forth in 13.7 following, apply to common lines that are subject to residential rates under Telephone Company General and/or Local tariffs. (N)

End user residence common line rates are applied as primary or non-primary.

The designation of primary and non-primary will be as follows. The primary rate is assessed to the residential subscriber line which is any or all of the following:

- (1) the only line provided at that service address; or,
- (2) the first line installed at that location. Any additional residence exchange lines at the same service location, regardless of the named subscriber, will be assessed the non-primary rate; or,
- (3) the line designated as the primary by the billed party or parties when multiple exchange lines are ordered at the same time for the same service location.

In most cases only one line at a service location can be classified primary; all others are considered to be non-primary.

Business Single Line rates, as set forth in 13.7 following, apply to common lines that are not subject to residential rates under Telephone Company General and/or Local tariffs when only one such line is obtained by the same customer within a state from the same Telephone Company.

Business Multiline rates, as set forth in 13.7, apply to common lines, that are not subject to residential rates under Telephone Company General and/or Local tariffs when more than one such line is obtained by the same customer within a state from the same Telephone Company and to all pay telephone common lines. Central Office located Centrex and Centrex-type services are rated as set forth in 13.7 for Business Multiline except as set forth in (C) following.

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13. END USER FIA (Cont'd)13.7 Rates and Charges

Monthly rates for End User Common Line (EUCL) are as follows: (T)

(A) EUCL (T)

- Per Common Line

	Business Multiline <u>Monthly Rate</u>	Business and Primary Residence <u>Monthly Rate</u> *	Single Line Non-Primary Residence <u>Monthly Rate</u>
<u>Jurisdiction</u>			
Alabama	\$9.20	\$6.50	\$7.00
Missouri	\$6.64	\$6.50	\$6.63
		<u>ISDN BRI Monthly Rate</u>	<u>ISDN PRI Monthly Rate</u>
<u>Jurisdiction</u>			
Alabama		\$7.00	\$46.00
Missouri		\$6.63	\$33.20

\* These charges will be waived for Residence customers who receive Lifeline Assistance Program benefits. (T)  
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