

DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION

The filing made on January 17, 2017, to be effective February 1, 2017, reflects the required withdrawal of Eckles Telephone Company from the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) FCC Tariff No. 5 and the NECA Common Line pool. As a result, Eckles Telephone Company is filing its initial rates in the Alexicon Telecommunications Consulting, Inc. F.C.C. No. 1 tariff as it previously was not an issuing carrier. Eckles Telephone Company will be filing common line rates in the Alexicon Telecommunication Consulting, Inc. F.C.C. Tariff No. 1.

Eckles Telephone Company is accepting the FCC's offer of Alternative Connect America Model (ACAM) support pursuant to the Commission's December 20, 2016 Report and Order (WC Docket No. 10-90, FCC 16-178). As a result, Eckles Telephone Company is no longer eligible to participate in the NECA common line pooling mechanism (*Rate-of-Return USF Reform Order*, FCC 16-33, at ¶195). Transmittal No. 22 reflects these common line rates being added to the Alexicon Tariff.

Eckles Telephone Company is adding residential, single line business and multi-line business end user common line rates, Federal Universal Service Charge (FUSC), Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN), and DS-1 port charges to the Alexicon tariff. Eckles Telephone Company is not tariffing a Consumer Broadband-Only Line (CBOL) rate. All rates being added by Eckles Telephone Company are equal to the rates contained in the NECA FCC tariff No. 5.