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Transmittal No. 1539

Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

Attention: Wireline Competition Bureau

The accompanying tariff material, issued on behalf of the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. (NECA) bearing Tariff F.C.C. No. 5, Access Service, is sent to you for filing, in compliance with the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

The filing, to become effective March 1, 2018, consists of tariff pages as indicated on the following check sheet:

Tariff F.C.C. No. 5

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In compliance with the Wireline Competition Bureau's *Order*¹ granting a waiver of section 51.909(a) to modify Panora Communications Cooperative (SAC 351271) capped switched access charge rates, NECA is revising its Local Switching rate band assignment.

This filing revises Section 17.4.8(C)(9)(d)(i) to add Wilson Tel. Co., Inc. (SAC 411849) to the listing of companies offering ETS Fixed Rate Option Plan 4. The average unit costs for all ETS rate elements can be found in the *2017 Annual Filing*.² The proposed rates are above the corresponding average unit costs. NECA expects *de minimis* impacts on demand during the current tariff test period since only two Telephone Companies have expressed interest in offering ETS FRO Plan 4. No change is expected in projected revenues for the remainder of the 2017/2018 test period for this service because the proposed monthly rates for Wilson Tel. Co., Inc. under ETS FRO Plan 4 are identical to the standard monthly ETS rates in effect as of July 1, 2017. NECA will monitor demand for ETS FRO Plan 4 and normalize any impacts of its use on pooled earnings. For example, if the standard monthly rates for ETS increase, NECA will calculate overall pool earnings as if the standard monthly ETS rates were in effect for all ETS FRO Plan 4 customers and reflect the revenue shortfall as an adjustment to the settlements of those member companies that offer ETS FRO Plan 4.

¹ See Connect America Fund, Developing a Unified Inter-carrier Compensation Regime, Petition of Butler-Bremer Mutual Telephone Company, Inc. for Waiver of Sections 51.909(a), 51.917(b)(1), and 51.917(b)(7) of the Commission's Rules to modify Access rate bands and charges, and 2011 Switched Access Revenue in connection with merger of affiliated Study areas in Iowa, Petition of Panora Communications Cooperative and Prairie Telephone Company, Inc. for Waiver of Sections 51.909(a), 51.917(b)(1), 51.917(b)(2), and 51.917(b)(7) of the Commission's Rules to modify access rate bands and charges, and 2011 Switched Access Revenue Requirement and 2011 Base Period Revenue in connection with study area waivers in Iowa, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 15-118, 15-166 and CC Docket No. 01-92, Order (rel. February 5, 2018).

² See National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., Transmittal No. 1519 filed June 16, 2017, Volume 5, Exhibit 7, Workpapers 14-20 (*2017 Annual Filing*).

This filing also reflects a decrease to the Residential Access Recovery Charge rate for New Hope Telephone Cooperative (SAC 190239) as shown in Section 17.8.

This filing revises Section 17.9 Consumer Broadband Only Loop (CBOL) Charge to remove Hickory Telephone Company (SAC 170171) based on the company's GN Docket No. 14-28 private carriage notice filed with the Commission on December 31, 2017.

In addition, this filing introduces company-specific CBOL Charges in Section 17.9 for the following companies:

<u>Company Name</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Study Area Code</u>
Atkins Telephone Company, Inc.	IA	351101
Buckland Telephone Company	OH	300591
Clay County Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. d/b/a		
Endeavor Communications	IN	320753
Crown Point Telephone Corp.	NY	150085
E.N.M.R. Tel. Cooperative, Inc.	TX	442262
E.N.M.R. Tel. Cooperative, Inc.	NM	492262
Farmers Mutual Telephone Company	MN	361389
Federated Telephone Cooperative	MN	361390
Federated Telephone Cooperative	MN	361403
Palmer Mutual Telephone Company	IA	351270
Pine Tel. Co.	OK	432017
Southwest Texas Telephone Company d/b/a Southwest		
Texas Communications	TX	442135
Three River Telco	NE	371525
United Farmers Telephone Company	IA	351316

This filing also reduces the existing CBOL Charges in Section 17.9 for the following companies:

<u>Company Name</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Study Area Code</u>
Citizens Telephone Cooperative	VA	190225
Ellsworth Coop. Telephone Association	IA	351157
Geetingsville Telephone Company, Inc.	IN	320771
Halstad Telephone Company	MN	361401
Lonsdale Telephone Company	MN	361422
Runestone Telephone Association d/b/a Runestone		
Telecom Association	MN	361423
Runestone Telephone Association d/b/a Runestone		
Telecom Association	MN	361475
Sweetser Rural Telephone Company, Inc.	IN	320827
Wabash Telephone Cooperative, Inc. d/b/a Wabash	IL	341088
Communications Co-op.		

Updated Tariff Review Plan CAF ICC and CAF BLS data reflecting the impact of the CBOL rate changes being proposed under Transmittal No. 1539 is being transmitted today via the Commission's Electronic Tariff Filing System (ETFS) as an amendment to Transmittal No. 1519.

In addition, this filing updates Sections 7.2.8 and 16.1.3 to clarify the application of discontinuance charges when disconnecting Special Access High Capacity Service, Synchronous Optical Channel Service and Frame Relay Access Service prior to the completion of the Optional Rate Plan minimum service period. This filing also revises Section 16.3.8 to include the option for an ETS E-Rate Option (ETS ERO) customer to subscribe to individual ETS Port Term Discount Plan (ETS PTDP) commitment periods at the end of the current Plan Year. Additionally, an Access Order Charge will not apply when subscribing to new ETS PTDPs at the end of the current ETS ERO Plan Year.

Transmittal No. 1539 also makes changes to the listings of companies in the Title Pages, Optional Rate Plan Availability, Rate Tables, LNP Query Service, DSL Access Services Availability, Federal Universal Service Charge, Access Recovery Charge and Consumer Broadband-Only Loop Charge sections to reflect the following company name change and merger activity. TeleGuam Holdings, LLC (SAC 663800) changed its name to TeleGuam Holdings Inc. Villisca Farmers Telephone Company (SAC 351324) merged with and into Farmers Mutual Telephone Company (SAC 351174) and the company name for both study areas was changed to The Farmers Mutual Telephone Company of Stanton, Iowa.

This filing also makes additions and miscellaneous changes to the company listings in the Title Pages and Optional Rate Plan Availability sections. Lastly, this filing corrects errors contained in previous transmittals that were identified during subsequent tariff reviews. These revisions result in no change in existing tariff rates and charges or in the terms and conditions under which access services are provided. Lastly,

In compliance with Section 61.14 of the Commission's Rules, the transmittal, associated files, required Form 159 and \$925.00 filing fee are being transmitted electronically today via ETFS.

All correspondence and inquiries concerning this filing should be directed to me at the above address or faxed to 973-599-6612.

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Attachments

Tariff Pages (65)

Supporting Documentation

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