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Transmittal No. 1554

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 September 1, 2018, consists of tariff pages as indicated on the following check sheet:

Tariff F.C.C. No. 5

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This filing makes changes to the listing of companies in the Title Pages, Optional Rate Plan (ORP) Availability, Rate Tables, Federal Universal Service Charge (FUSC), Access Recovery Charge (ARC) and Consumer Broadband-Only (CBOL) Charge sections to reflect the addition of d/b/a RiverStreet Networks to the names of Barnardsville Telephone Company (SAC 230469), Saluda Mountain Telephone Company (SAC 230498), and Service Telephone Company (SAC 230500). Sunman Telecommunications Corporation (SAC 320825) added d/b/a Enhanced Telecommunications Corporation to its company name.

Further, this filing reflects the introduction of Single Line and Multiline Business ARC rates for Ellington Telephone Company (SAC 421874), a decrease to certain Residential ARC rates for Duo County Tel. Coop., Inc. (SAC 260401) and La Ward Telephone Exchange (SAC 442103) and an increase in Residential ARC rates for Montrose Mutual Telephone Company (SAC 341058) as shown in Section 17.8.

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

<u>Company Name</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Study Area Code</u>
Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal Telephone Authority	SD	391647
Midstate Communications, Inc.	SD	391670
Saddleback Communications	AZ	457991
South Central Rural Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc.	KY	260418
Southeast Nebraska Communications, Inc.	NE	371591

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>
Canadian Valley Telephone Company	OK	431974
Central Arkansas Tel. Coop., Inc.	AR	401697
H & B Communications, Inc.	KS	411781
Leaco Rural Tel. Coop., Inc.	NM	492264
Madison Telephone Company	IL	341049
PBT Telecom, Inc.	SC	240539
Pembrook Telephone Company, Inc.	GA	220376

Also, this filing reduces the existing CBOL Charge in Section 17.9 for Hood Canal Telephone Co. (SAC 522419).

Updated Tariff Review Plan CAF ICC and CAF BLS data reflecting the impact of the ARC and CBOL rate changes being proposed under Transmittal No. 1554 is being transmitted today via the Commission's Electronic Tariff Filing System (ETFS) as an amendment to Transmittal No. 1549.

This filing changes the A/SDSL Voice-Data rate band assignment for Tenino Telephone Company (SAC 522446) as indicated in the proposed revisions to Section 17.6 (DSL Access Services Availability). It also changes the Special Access and ETS rate band assignments for Wilkes Telephone Membership Corp. (SAC 230510) as indicated in the proposed revisions to Section 17.5 (Rate Tables). NECA projects there will be no change in the forecasted special access pool net revenues for the remainder of the 2018/2019 tariff test period¹ as a result of the proposed rate band assignment changes. Once the proposed revisions become effective, the companies will bill their customers at the tariff rates associated with the proposed rate bands. NECA will monitor the companies' demand and reported revenues for services. The companies will be required to report revenue to the pool at the higher rate bands assigned by NECA in the *2018 Annual Filing* if it is determined the companies' decisions to lower their rate bands will have a negative impact on pool earnings.

Transmittal No. 1544 also revises the ETS and Special Access rate bands for Nebraska Central Telephone Company (SAC 371574) as indicated in the proposed revisions in Section 17.5 (Rate Tables) due to corrected settlements reporting data.

Lastly, this filing makes changes to the listing of technical publications in the User's Guide section and other impacted sections, as well as additions and miscellaneous changes to the company listings in the Title Pages, ORP Availability and Federal Universal Service Charge sections.

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.

¹ See National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. Tariff F.C.C. No. 5, Transmittal No. 1549 filed on June 18, 2018 (*2018 Annual Filing*), Volume 5, Exhibit 9, Workpaper 15.

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 (76)

Supporting Documentation

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