

NORTHWEST FIBER, LLC d/b/a ZIPLY FIBER TELEPHONE COMPANIES

DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION

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I. Introduction

Northwest Fiber, LLC d/b/a Zply Fiber Telephone Companies (“Zply”) hereby submits this filing to propose revisions to TARIFF FCC No. 1, TARIFF FCC No. 2, and TARIFF FCC No. 3 to reflect the change in the Federal Universal Service Fund Contribution Factor for the 1st quarter of 2021 as set forth in the Commission’s Public Notice “Proposed First Quarter 2021 Universal Service Contribution Factor, CC Docket No. 96-45,” DA 20-1480 (rel. Dec. 14, 2020) (“Public Notice”). This filing is being made on 15 days’ notice and includes adjustments consistent with the requirements of Sections 61.41 through 61.49 of the Federal Communications Commission’s Rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 61.41-61.49 (2019).

II. 1st Quarter 2021 Federal Universal Service Charge (FUSC)

Consistent with the FCC’s *Public Notice*, Zply proposes to increase its FUSC Surcharge Factor to recover its Federal Universal Service Fund contributions to reflect the change in the FCC’s factor from 27.1% to 31.8%, effective January 1, 2021. This change is reflected in the following Zply tariffs: TARIFF FCC No. 1, TARIFF FCC No. 2, and TARIFF FCC No. 3.