

NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Description and Justification

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I. INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

NECA's *2022 Annual Filing*¹ modified company-specific charges, underlying data and resulting estimated Universal Service support (CAF BLS and CAF ICC) amounts, and became effective on July 1, 2022 as scheduled. NECA files further modifications to some charges or support for certain carriers in mid-monthly filings after the annual filing.

This filing is an update to the *March 2023 Filing*.² It implements voluntary Common Line rate changes for one study area receiving model based support. As a result, the study area's Multiline Business ARC is also modified as described below. This filing is scheduled to become effective on April 29, 2023.

Coincident with this filing, NECA is amending its *2022 Annual Filing* to include an updated CAF ICC Tariff Review Plan (TRP). The CAF ICC TRP has been modified to reflect the MLB ARC rate change as described herein.

II. COMMON LINE AND ARC RATE UPDATES

This filing implements voluntary Common Line rate changes for one study area receiving model-based support. The study area has elected to return its Residence and Single Line Business Subscriber Line Charges from \$0 to the cap of \$6.50, in addition to returning its Multiline Business Subscriber Line Charge from \$0 to the cap of \$9.20. As a result, the study area's Multiline Business ARC currently set at \$6.00 will decrease to \$3.00 with this filing, to comply with the \$12.20 maximum per 47 C.F.R. §51.917(e)(6)(iv).

¹ National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., Tariff F.C.C. No. 5, Transmittal No. 1665 (filed Jun. 16, 2022) (*2022 Annual Filing*).

² National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., Tariff F.C.C. No. 5, Transmittal No. 1687 (filed Mar. 17, 2023) (*March 2023 Filing*).

III. CAF ICC TRP UPDATES

Concurrent with this filing, NECA is amending the *2022 Annual Filing* to include updated Tariff Review Plan (TRP) CAF ICC data. The CAF ICC TRP has been modified to reflect the proposed decrease in the MLB ARC described in Section II above, resulting in an increase to estimated CAF ICC support for this study area. The associated required carrier certifications of CAF ICC data are contained in Appendix D.