

TCA, Inc. (FRN 0028574238) – Tariff F.C. C. No. 1

Transmittal No. 15 - Amended

Issued: June 28, 2023 Effective: July 1, 2023

Issuing Carrier(s):

Ace Telephone Association – Iowa	0002645927
United Telephone Company dba United Communications	0005069299
Cochrane Cooperative Telephone Company	0003773579
Clear Lake Independent Telephone Company	0002598209
Columbine Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a Silver Star Communications	0004329967
Columbus Communications Services, LLC	0003734167
Craw-Kan Telephone Coop., Inc. -MO	0002334225
Heart of Iowa Communications Cooperative	0003737715
Home Telephone Company, Inc.	0003741337
Nucla-Naturita Telephone Company	0004312187
Pine Telephone Company, Inc.	0001699776
S&T Telephone Cooperative Association, Inc.	0004310769
Scott County Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	0002069862
Silver Star Telephone Company d/b/a Silver Star Communications	0004329934
Southern Kansas Telephone Company, Co., Inc.	0002333888
The Pioneer Telephone Association, Inc.	0002334795
Twin Valley Telephone, Inc.	0002334407

DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION

TCA hereby provides the following description and justification (D&J) for TCA Transmittal No. 15 on behalf of the issuing carrier(s) listed above for the filing made on June 16, 2023, effective on July 1, 2023. Transmittal No. 15 is being made to introduce new issuing carriers to the TCA tariff. This filing is being made in tandem with the removal of the issuing carrier Scott County Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (FRN 0002069862) and Southern Kansas Telephone Company, Co., Inc. (FRN 0002333888) from the NECA Tariff No. 5.

Steelville Telephone Exchange, Inc. (FRN 0002549666) and The Moundridge Telephone Company, Inc. (FRN 0002339976) will be removed from the TCA Tariff No.1 and into the Moss Adams tariff as of this filing.

Beginning July 1, 2021, all carrier(s) listed above will file Interstate Special Access services on a historic basis under Section 61.39 of the Commission's rules and Switched Access rates pursuant to Part 51, Subpart J of the Commission's rules pertaining to transitional pricing. See 47 CFR § 61.39.

The following carrier(s) Cochrane Cooperative Telephone Company, Clear Lake Independent Telephone Company, Craw-Kan Telephone Cooperative Inc. – MO, Home Telephone Company, Inc., Nucla-Naturita Telephone Company, Pine Telephone Company, Inc., The Pioneer Telephone Association, Inc., S&T Telephone Cooperative Association, Inc., Scott County Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Southern Kansas Telephone, Co., Inc., Twin Valley Telephone, United Telephone Company dba United Communications remain as a member of the NECA Common Line Pool, Rate sections in TCA, Inc. Tariff F.C.C. No. 1 for end user charges, including End User Common Line, ISDN, DS1 Channel Service, and the Federal Universal Service Charge (FUSC) will reference NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5 rates for the respective services.

These carrier(s), Ace Telephone Association ~ Iowa, Craw-Kan Telephone Coop., Inc. - MO, Columbine Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a Silver Star Communications, Heart of Iowa Communications Cooperative, Nucla-Naturita Telephone Company, Silver Star Telephone Company d/b/a Silver Star Communications, and Twin Valley Telephone, Inc. elected to offer Business Data Services in accordance with FCC rules in the TCA, Inc. Tariff No. 1. See 47 CFR § 61.50

The filing is made in accordance with the 2023 Annual Access Filing Order adopted and released by the Commission's Wireline Competition Bureau – Pricing Policy Division (WCB-PPD). See July 1, 2023, Annual Access Charge Tariff Filings, WC Docket No. 23-9, Order, DA 23-282. Also provided as part of this filing are Tariff Review Plan (TRP) documents for the Access Recovery Charge (ARC) and Inter-Carrier Compensation (ICC) as prescribed by the Pricing Policy Division. See Material to be filed in Support of 2023 Annual Access Tariff Filings, WC Docket No. 23-9, Order, DA 23-282.

Description of Filing

1. Switched Access Rates

In order to establish traffic sensitive switched access rates in compliance with the Commission's Transitional Access Service Pricing rules at Part 51, Subpart J of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR Part 51, Subpart J, carrier(s) has followed, with the assistance of and in concert with NECA, the rules for exiting the NECA Tariff Sensitive Pool during the transition period. The Exhibits following provide data documenting calculations for compliance with the Commission's Part 51, Subpart J Transitional Access Pricing rules.

2. Special Access Rates

The carrier(s) is a Cost Company. Accordingly, the proposed Special Access rates to be effective July 1, 2023, have been determined based on historic 2022 demand and cost pursuant to Section 61.39. See 47 CFR § 61.39.

3. Tariff Review Plan (TRP) for ARC-ICC-CAF

The carrier(s) elected in its July 3, 2012, access tariff filing to assess the Access Recovery Charge pursuant to Section 51.917 (e) and to receive CAF-ICC recovery pursuant to Section 51.917 (f). See 47 CFR § 51.917(e), (f).

Pursuant to 47 CFR § 51.909 (d) this transmittal reduces the capped terminating switched access rates by one third of the amount necessary to reach \$0.0000 by July 1, 2020.

The issuing carrier(s) included material supporting the terminating rate reductions and the ARC increases, pursuant to the Wireline Competition Bureau's Orders in the WC Docket No. 23-9 dated May 11, 2023 (DA 23-386) and dated April 3, 2023 (DA 23-282). The issuing carrier(s) has included the Tariff Review Plan (TRP) scheduled promulgated by the orders, 2023 Rate Ceiling CAF, ROR-ILEC-ICC, and 2023 Tariff Rate Comp CAF.

The information included in the TRP schedules constitutes the data necessary to establish the issuing carrier(s) ARC rates and the carrier's eligibility for CAF ICC funding during the upcoming funding period, as required by 47 CFR § 54.304(d)(1) and pursuant to 47 CFR § 51.917.

4. Certifications Accompanying Transmittal

47 CFR § 51.917 (f)(3) – Certification that it has complied with the paragraphs (d) and (e) and in doing so is eligible for CAF ICC support requested pursuant to paragraph (f) of this section.

47 CFR § 51.917(d)(vii) – Certification that the carrier(s) is not seeking duplicative recovery in the state jurisdiction for any Eligible Recovery subject to the recovery mechanism and is providing said certification to the Commission and to the appropriate state commission.

Pursuant to DA 13-789 – Certification that the historical and forecast data used in the tariff filing is accurate.