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**Subject to Separate Request
for Non-Disclosure/Confidentiality**

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Transmittal No. 17
FRN: 0028-6052-02

Marlene H. Dortch
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
45 L Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20554

ATTENTION: WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU

RE: 2023 Mid-Year Access Charge Tariff Filing; Transmittal No. 17
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The accompanying tariff material issued on behalf of Northwest Fiber, LLC d/b/a ZiPLY Fiber Telephone Companies ("ZiPLY") bearing TARIFF FCC No. 1, 2, & 3 Access Service is sent to you for filing, in compliance with the requirements of the Communication Act of 1934, as amended. This filing, to become effective October 1, 2023, on 16 days' notice under the Commission's streamlined tariff procedures, consists of tariff pages as indicated on the following check sheets:

TARIFF F.C.C. No.	Check Sheets No.
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This filing proposes tariff revisions to implement exogenous cost adjustments to reflect changes in the Telecommunications Relay Service ("TRS") carrier contribution factor, the North American Numbering Plan Administration ("NANPA") contribution factor, and the annual regulatory fee for Interstate Telecommunications Service Providers ("ITSP"). A Description and Justification, supporting exhibits, and a certification are provided as part of this submission.

ZiPLY has requested under separate cover that certain information contained in its filing be kept confidential and not disclosed to the public. As explained in that separate filing, the information is

“confidential business information,” and public disclosure would cause substantial harm to the competitive position of the company. Zply, therefore, respectfully requests that the Commission withhold that information from public disclosure, pursuant to Section 552(b)(4) of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4), Sections 0.457(d)(2) and 0.459(b) of the Commission’s Rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.457(d)(2), 0.459(b) (2022), and *In the Matter of Implementation of Section 402(b)(1)(A) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996*, CC Docket No. 96-187, Report and Order, 12 FCC Rcd 2170 (1997) (“Tariff Streamlining Order”).

This filing also proposes tariff revisions to reflect the change in the Federal Universal Service Fund Contribution Factor for the 4th Quarter of 2023, pursuant to the Commission’s Public Notice, “Proposed Fourth Quarter 2023 Universal Service Contribution Factor, CC Docket No. 96-45,” DA 23-843 (rel. Sept. 13, 2023). Specifically, Zply proposes to increase its charge to recover its Federal Universal Service Fund contributions to reflect the change in the FCC’s factor from 29.2% to 34.5%, effective October 1, 2023.

This filing has been submitted electronically through the Commission’s Electronic Tariff Filing System (“ETFS”), in accordance with Section 61.13(b) of the Commission’s rules and regulations. 47 C.F.R. § 61.13(b). The appropriate filing fee (\$1,040.00; fee type code “CQK”) is being submitted electronically today, in accordance with Section 61.14(b) of the Commission’s rules. *Id.* at § 61.14(b).

Any questions concerning this filing should be directed to me via phone at (503) 431-0458 or email at jessica.epley@zply.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Epley', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jessica Epley
VP - Regulatory & External Affairs