

Blue Earth Telephone Company

Tariff FCC NO. 1

**Streamlined Tariff Filing**

Transmittal No. 4

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#### Description and Justification

For Revised Tariff Rates Transferring Local Switching Line Port Costs to Common Line (FCC CFR 69.306) as a result of the Second Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 00-256, Fifteenth Report and Order in CC Docket No. 96-45, and Report and Order in CC Docket Nos. 98-77 and 98-166

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To be effective January 1, 2002

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#### Purpose of Filing

With this Streamlined Tariff Filing, Blue Earth Telephone Company proposes revised rates to reflect the transfer of line port costs determined at 30% of the local switching revenue requirement to the Common Line category.

#### Rate Development

The attached rate development and supporting work papers reflect a revenue neutral tariff filing in that all shifts from the traffic sensitive pool to the common line pool reflect equivalent adjustments to the underlying revenue requirements. The last annual tariff filing was based on a total combined Common Line and Traffic Sensitive revenue requirement of \$1,924,369. With this revised tariff filing and after the adjustments reflected in the previous paragraph, total combined Common Line and Traffic Sensitive revenue requirements remain at \$1,924,369. All calculations are based on the demand data used in the last annual tariff filing.

As depicted on the attached rate development and supporting work papers, the line-side port costs assigned to the Common Line rate category are based on thirty percent of the two-year historical interstate Local Switching average schedule settlement, less local switching support. Total two-year interstate Local Switching settlements, less local switching support, based on the last annual tariff filing was \$268,144.

The revenue requirement shifted from the local switching element to the common line category, based on the 30% proxy cost was \$71,028.

Blue Earth Telephone did not have any transport interconnection charge (TIC) revenues or associated rate with the last annual tariff filing. Therefore no TIC associated costs were transferred to the common line category. Total net change or increase in the carrier common line revenue requirement was \$71,028.

For the period January 1, 2002 through June 30, 2002, Blue Earth Telephone estimates total end user subscriber line charge revenues to be approximately \$289,412 of which \$91,673 is attributable to the increase in the end user subscriber line charge rates to \$5.00 for residential and single-line businesses and \$9.20 for multi-line businesses, depicted as follows:

<u>For Period January 1 – June 30, 2002</u>	<u>Estimated</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>
	<u>Total Revenues</u>	<u>Resulting from SLC Increases</u>
Residential	\$175,710	\$52,713
Single-Line Business	12,300	3,690
Multi-Line Business	101,402	35,270

#### Rate Summary

Blue Earth Telephone's accounting system conforms to accounting rules in Parts 32 and 64 of the FCC's rules. Interstate access costs and proposed rates are based on FCC CFR 61.39(2)(ii) which requires that rates be premised on the amount calculated to reflect the Traffic Sensitive average schedule pool settlement that Blue Earth Telephone would have received had they remained in and continued to participate. Attached to this volume are the two-year historical average schedule settlements Blue Earth Telephone would have received had they continued to participate which are based on the most recent average schedule settlement formulas approved by the Commission. Also attached are rate development work sheets used to calculate Blue Earth Telephone's proposed rates, which represent the same settlements and demand used in the last annual tariff filing.