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Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street NW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Attention: Common Carrier Bureau

The accompanying interstate access service tariff issued by East Ascension Telephone Company, Inc. and bearing Tariff F.C.C. No. 1 is sent to you for filing in compliance with the requirements of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

This access service tariff filing consists of revised interstate access service rates to become effective January 1, 2002, pursuant to the Commission's 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, released November 8, 2001. Specifically, revised tariff pages incorporate the transfer of line port costs to the Common Line element and removal of the Transport Interconnection Charge.

In accordance with the Commission's Order, *In the Matter of December 17, 2001 MAG Access Charge Tariff Filings*, DA 01-2748, released November 26, 2001, supporting information is attached.

This filing consists of tariff pages to become effective January 1, 2002, as indicated on the following Check Sheet:

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Pursuant to Section 61.14(b) of the Commission's Rules, the original of this transmittal letter (without attachments), Form 159, and a check for \$655.00 have been sent via overnight delivery to the Mellon Bank in Pittsburgh, PA, as of this date.

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