

CITY OF BROOKINGS MUNICIPAL TELEPHONE DEPARTMENT  
INTERSTATE ACCESS TARIFF REVISIONS  
January 1, 2002

## **DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION**

The City of Brookings Municipal Telephone Department (Brookings) submits the accompanying access tariff revisions to its Access Service Tariff FCC No. 1. Their purpose is to revise its switched access rates pursuant to the requirements of the MAG Order (Multi-Association Group (MAG) Plan for Regulation of Interstate Services of Non-Price Cap Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers and Interexchange Carriers, *Second Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, FCC 01-304, released November 8, 2001).

Because Brookings is still a member of NECA's Common Line pool, the cost shift information has been coordinated with NECA, and the amounts shifted are based upon NECA's procedures as stated in NECA's letter, dated November 21, 2001, to Average Schedule Companies not Participating in NECA's Traffic Sensitive tariff.

### **Access Rates**

The MAG Order requires all incumbent local exchange carriers operating under rate-of-return regulation to adjust their access rates for the following:

- Beginning January 1, 2002, line-side port costs shall be assigned to the Common Line rate element. Non-price cap local exchange carriers may use thirty percent of the interstate Local Switching revenue requirement as a proxy for allocating line port costs to the Common Line category.
- Effective January 1, 2002, incumbent local exchange carriers may not assess a transport interconnection charge (TIC) expressed in dollars and cents per access minute upon interexchange carriers or upon other persons using their switched access network.
- In addition to the removal of the TIC, revenues from the TIC must be reallocated to other access elements. The total revenues reallocated from the TIC to other access categories are limited to the total revenues recovered through the TIC for the 12-month period ending June 30, 2001.

**Line-side Port Costs**

Brookings has assigned \$124,825 from its Traffic Sensitive Basic Schedule to the Common Line pool. This represents the amount of its port costs shifted to the Common Line pool.

**TIC**

Brookings did not charge a TIC during the 12-month period ending June 30, 2001. Therefore, no dollars have been reallocated from the TIC to the Common Line pool.

**Demand**

This filing is revenue neutral and all calculations are based on the demand data used in the last bi-annual access tariff filing made by Brookings.