

Citizens Telecommunications Companies
Tariff F.C.C. No. 1
Description and Justification
Transmittal No. 130
October 31, 2002

Citizens Telecommunications Companies ("Citizens") submits herewith its Description and Justification ("D&J") in support of changes to its Tariff F.C.C. No. 1 filed under Transmittal No. 130, pursuant to sections 61.41 through 61.49 of the Commission's rules and relevant Commission orders. This filing is made on behalf of the exchange carriers issuing Citizens Tariff F.C.C. No. 1. In this tariff, five separate rate schedules are maintained. These rate schedules are referred to as Rate Group 1 through Rate Group 5, and correspond to the COSA codes CTC1 through CTC5. In this filing, Citizens adds Dickey Rural Access, Inc. ("Dickey") as a concurring carrier. This filing is being made on less than statutory notice under authority of Special Permission No. 02-135.

On November 1, 2002, Citizens is closing the sale of its Lisbon, ND and Gwinner, ND exchanges to Dickey. Dickey has indicated its intention to participate in the National Exchange Carrier Association Tariff F.C.C. No. 5. The multiline business end user common line rates applicable to Dickey under that tariff would be \$9.20, as opposed the rate of \$6.00 that is applicable under Citizens Tariff F.C.C. No. 1. Dickey has indicated that

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it has not done the required customer notification for this rate increase, and needs to concur in Citizens Tariff F.C.C. No. 1 for a period of time sufficient to accomplish that notification. Dickey desires to concur in the rates applicable to its exchanges prior to the sale until the customer notification issue can be addressed. This filing implements Dickey's concurrence in Citizens Rate Group 5, which consists of the rates applicable to Dickey's exchanges prior to Dickey's acquisition of the properties.

Citizens includes an electronic copy of the concurrence letter received from Dickey with this transmittal.