

Illinois Consolidated Telephone Company

Tariff FCC NO. 2

Streamlined Tariff Filing

Transmittal No. 121

Description and Justification

For Tariff Changes

To be effective March 24, 2004

## **Description and Justification**

### **Introduction**

Illinois Consolidated Telephone Company ("ICTC") submits herewith its Description and Justification ("D&J") in support of changes to its Tariff F.C.C. No. 2 filed under Transmittal No. 121. In this Transmittal, ICTC incorporates new special access high capacity term discount rates and language; revises and incorporates general regulations language for Payment of Rates, Charges and Deposits; incorporates new language for ordering options for switched access and special access; revises channel mileage termination language; increases rates for basic and overtime labor; revises and incorporates new jurisdictional verification language; introduces language and rates pertaining to Symmetric Digital Subscriber Line Access Service (SDSL); and incorporates a new Digital Subscriber Line wholesale rate option.

This tariff filing is made on a streamlined basis under Section 204(a)(3) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. This filing is being made on 15 days' notice.

### **High Capacity Optional Rate Plan**

In this filing, ICTC incorporates new term discount rates and language for DS1 and DS3 High Capacity Service in ICTC Tariff F.C.C. No. 2. Specifically, ICTC is offering a 10% discount for a 36-Month Term Discount Plan and 20% Discount for the 60-month plan.

### **General Regulations Language for Payment of Rates, Charges and Deposits**

ICTC revises existing language and incorporates new language for deposits, bill dates, and billing disputes in ICTC Tariff F.C.C. No. 2. Specifically, ICTC is revising its tariff to incorporate language to clarify issues pertaining to payment due dates, billings corrections, late usage billing, and billing disputes.

### **Switched Access and Special Access Ordering Options**

ICTC incorporates new language in its Ordering Conditions for Switched Access and Special Access Service in ICTC Tariff F.C.C. No. 2. Specifically, ICTC is incorporating language related to the requirement of accurate submission of Access Service Requests.

### **Channel Mileage Termination Language**

ICTC revises existing language for Channel Mileage Termination in order to clarify the conditions under which Channel Mileage Termination charges are applied in ICTC Tariff F.C.C. No. 2.

### **Labor Rates**

ICTC increases its basic rate to \$63.00 and overtime labor rate to \$94.50 as a result of increased labor costs in its ICTC Tariff F.C.C. No. 2.

### **Jurisdiction Verification Language**

ICTC revises existing language and incorporates new language for Jurisdictional Report Requirements in ICTC Tariff F.C.C. No. 2. Jurisdictional Verification language provides additional clarification for percentage interstate usage audits and adjustments.

### **Symmetric Digital Subscriber Line Access Service (SDSL)**

ICTC introduces new language and rates for SDSL in ICTC Tariff F.C.C. No. 2. The SDSL service will provide customers with an option for service to transmit data to (upstream rate) and receive data from (downstream rate) DSL Access Service Connection Point at the same speed using the Telephone Company's existing local exchange copper facilities.

### **Wholesale Digital Subscriber Line**

ICTC incorporates in ICTC Tariff F.C.C. No.2. Wholesale Digital Subscriber Line (DSL) Transport service enabling customer data providers to purchase DSL on a wholesale basis and direct bill their end users.

### **Cost and Revenue Impacts**

The foregone revenue from offering High Capacity Term Discounts and Wholesale Digital Subscriber Line will have a negligible effect on overall special access revenue. The increased demand due to stimulation as a result of the offering will lower future special access costs, stabilize special access earnings, and improve overall network efficiency.