

I. Introduction

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. 158. This filing is made on behalf of the exchange carriers issuing Citizens Tariff F.C.C. No. 1. In this tariff, four separate rate schedules are maintained. These rate schedules are referred to as Rate Group 1 through Rate Group 4, and correspond to the COSA codes CTC1 through CTC4. In this filing, Citizens increases its USF Recovery Charge rate and establishes rates for Clear Channel Service for Rate Group 3.

II. USF Recovery Charge

On December 13, 2004, the Commission released a *Public Notice*, Proposed First Quarter 2005 Universal Service Contribution Factor, DA 04-3902 ("*1Q05 USF Notice*"). In the *1Q05 Notice*, the USF Contribution Factor is set at 10.7%. In this filing, Citizens changes its USF Recovery Charge rate element to 10.7% in keeping with the

change in the underlying contribution factor.

III. Clear Channel Capability

In this filing, Citizens establishes rates for Clear Channel Capability for Rate Group 3. The rates are set at the same level as Rate Group 1. This service is provided under price cap regulation, and is included in the High Capacity band of the Special Access basket.

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