

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. 160, 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, 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 adds additional exchanges where Local Number Portability (LNP) is now available and increases its USF Recovery Charge rate.

II. Local Number Portability (LNP)

In this Transmittal, Citizens adds additional exchanges where Local Number Portability (LNP) is now available so that Citizens may recover the LNP investment and expenses. The recovery of these costs was provided for in the FCC's Third Report and Order in Docket CC No. 95-116, "In the Matter of Telephone Number Portability," released May 12, 1998.

Citizens has received bona fide requests for Local Number Portability in numerous additional switches. In this filing, Citizens implements the LNP Surcharge to the exchanges served by these switches and their associated host-remote complexes. Demand and costs for all of Citizens' exchanges, including the ones subject to the current request, were included in the cost study filed under Transmittal No. 149. These costs have not changed since that filing and still remain applicable. The five year cost recovery period is set to start on April 1, 2005. Citizens will have the ability to provide permanent LNP to competitors in the requested exchanges effective with that date.

III. USF Recovery Charge

On March 10, 2005, the Commission released a *Public Notice*, Proposed Second Quarter 2005 Universal Service Contribution Factor, DA 05-648 ("*2Q05 USF Notice*"). In the *2Q05 Notice*, the USF Contribution Factor is set at 11.1%. In this filing, Citizens changes its USF Recovery Charge rate element to 11.1% in keeping with the change in the underlying contribution factor.

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.