

**DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION
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DESCRIPTION

Asymmetrical Digital Subscriber Line (ADSL) Service is the Company's primary broadband offering to its customers. This filing institutes an ADSL promotion to increase the broadband penetration within the Company's service areas. The Company proposes to reduce the monthly recurring rate for its ADSL service by \$10.00 to a \$12.00 rate per month for new ADSL customers only.

Customers will be required to sign up for a 12-month commitment period to receive the promotional rate. Early termination will result in the customer being billed for the difference between the regular ADSL rate of \$22.00 and the promotional rate of \$12.00 times the months in service. This recovers the revenue lost when the customer accepted the promotional rate.

Both business and residential customers are eligible for this promotion. Due to the extremely favorable pricing for ADSL, it may not be used with any other promotional offers or special discounts.

This promotional rate remains above the LRIC filed by the Company in its original ADSL tariff.

JUSTIFICATION

The Federal Communications Commission has identified a goal of increasing the broadband penetration in the country. This filing intends to do exactly that for the Company's exchanges by using a promotional rate.

This promotion is expected to generate 1,690 new ADSL customers, most of whom will retain their service after the promotional period ends, thus furthering the Commission's broadband goals along with the Company's goal of increasing its ADSL penetration.