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DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION

Balloting And Allocation Process For Equal Access

Section 6.5 of the tariff details the procedures whereby end users, end user agents, and local service providers that resell services select an interexchange carrier by balloting or appearing on an Interexchange Carrier list when a central office is converted to provide Equal Access. Iowa Telecom commenced operations on July 1, 2000, after the purchase of access lines and related assets from GTE (now part of Verizon) in Iowa. At the time of purchase, the conversion of all central offices to Equal Access had already been completed. The balloting and allocation process had already been completed. This filing proposes to remove the tariff provisions relating to the balloting and allocation process for Equal Access, as such provisions are no longer required.

Presubscribed Interexchange Carrier Charge

On February 10, 2005, the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") modified its policies concerning charges assessed by incumbent local exchange carriers ("ILECs") on end users who change their presubscribed interexchange carrier ("PIC"). *Presubscribed Interexchange Carrier Charges*, Report and Order, 20 FCC Rcd 3855 (2005), *effective date extended in Presubscribed Interexchange Carrier Charges*, Order, 20 FCC Rcd 7661 (2005), 70 FR 21778 (Apr. 27, 2005). Effective November 1, 2005, ILECs are required to create separate PIC-change charges based on the method used to process the request. The Order established safe harbor levels of \$1.25 for electronically-processed PIC changes and \$5.50 for manually-processed PIC changes.

This filing proposes to revise the tariff provisions describing the application of PIC Charges in the tariff sections governing the Balloting and Allocation Process for Equal Access to reflect the completion of Equal Access. The revision retains the current rules that remain applicable and incorporates the new safe harbor levels for electronically-processed and manually-processed PIC Change Charges. The electronically-processed charge will apply for changes submitted by access customers using a mechanized interface to the service order entry, other electronic processing systems, or magnetic tape. The manually-processed charge will apply to access or end user customers who submit changes via fax, e-mail, U.S. mail, telephone, or in person.

Notification of this pricing change was provided to customers in the September billing statements.