

**TRI COUNTY TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION, INC.
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Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20054

Attention: Common Carrier Bureau

The accompanying tariff material, issued on behalf of the Tri County Telephone Association, Inc. and bearing Tariff F.C.C. No. 1, Access Service, is sent to you in duplicate for filing in compliance with the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

This filing, to become effective January 1, 1999, consists of the attached tariff pages. In addition, this filing is made in compliance with the Federal Communications Commission's Orders and revises rates for the interstate access services provided by Tri-County Telephone Association, Inc., and is made pursuant to the Commission's Report and Order on Universal Service (CC Docket No. 96-45) and the First Report and Order, Order on Reconsideration, and Second Reconsideration Order on Access Charge Reform (CC Docket Nos. 96-262, 94-1, 91-213 and 95-72).

Pursuant to Section 61.32(b) of the Commissions Rules, the original letter, FCC Form 159 and a check for \$630.00 have been submitted via courier to Mellon Bank, Pittsburgh, PA.

All correspondence and inquiries concerning this filing should be addressed to Messrs. Larry D. Van Ruler or Donald C. Jackson, ITCs, 4775 Barnes Road, Suite M, Colorado Springs, Colorado, 80917; telephone number (719) 574-5120.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures: Tariff Pages