

Citizens Telecommunications Companies
TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 1
DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION
TRANSMITTAL NO. 165
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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. 165, 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 increases its USF Recovery Charge rate.

On March 13, 2006, the Commission released a *Public Notice*, Proposed Second Quarter 2006 Universal Service Contribution Factor, DA 06-571 ("*2Q06 USF Notice*"). In the *2Q06 Notice*, the USF Contribution Factor is set at 10.9%. In this filing, Citizens changes its USF Recovery Charge rate element to 10.9% 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.