

EATEL

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East Ascension Telephone Company, Inc.
913 South Burnside Avenue
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Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

Attention: Wireline Competition Bureau

The accompanying interstate access service tariff issued by East Ascension Telephone Company and bearing Tariff F.C.C. No. 1 is sent to you for filing in compliance with the requirements of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

This access service tariff filing proposes to reduce the Local Switching rate. Pursuant to the waiver granted to EATEL in *FCC Order* in CC Docket No. 96-45, released November 22, 2005, DA 05-3024, EATEL is proposing to reduce its local switching rate to incorporate new local switching support in the rate development. This filing consists of tariff pages to become effective March 31, 2006, as indicated on the following Check Sheet:

Tariff F.C.C. No. 1
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In accordance with the Commission's Part 61.39(b) rules, supporting information is not required with this filing.

Pursuant to Section 61.14(b) of the Commission's Rules, the original of this transmittal letter (without attachments), Form 159, and a check for \$720.00 have been sent via overnight delivery to the Mellon Bank in Pittsburgh, PA, as of this date.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Liz Veasman", followed by a horizontal line.

Liz Veasman
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Enclosures

cc: Jovanka Mersman, Alexicon Telecommunications Consulting