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REGULATIONS

2.9 Identification and Rating of VoIP-PSTN Traffic

(A) Scope

VoIP-PSTN Traffic is defined as traffic exchanged between the Telephone Company end user and the customer in time division multiplexing ("TDM") format that originates and/or terminates in Internet protocol ("IP") format. This section governs the identification of VoIP-PSTN Traffic that is required to be compensated at interstate access rates by the Federal Communications Commission in its Report and Order in WC Docket No. 10-90, etc., FCC Release No. 11-161 (November 18, 2011) ("FCC Order"). Specifically, this section establishes the method of separating such traffic (referred to in this tariff as "Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic") from the customer's traditional intrastate access traffic, so that such Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic can be billed in accordance with the FCC Order. The term "Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic" denotes a customer's interexchange voice traffic exchanged with the Telephone Company in Time Division Multiplexing format over Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN) facilities, which originates and / or terminates in Internet Protocol (IP) format. "Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic" originates and/or terminates in IP format when it originates from and / or terminates to an end user customer of a service that requires IP-compatible customer premises equipment.

(B) Rating of VoIP-PSTN Traffic

The Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic identified in accordance with this tariff section will be billed at rates equal to the Telephone Company's applicable tariffed interstate switched access rates as specified in the Telephone Company's applicable federal access tariff.

(C) <u>Calculation</u> and Application of Percent-VoIP-Usage Factor

The Telephone Company will determine the number of Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic minutes of use ("MOU") to which interstate rates will be applied under subsection (B), above, by applying a Percent-VoIP-Usage("PVU") factor to the total terminating intrastate access MOU received by the Telephone Company from the customer. The PVU will be derived and applied as follows:

(1) The customer will calculate and furnish to the Telephone Company a factor (the "PVU") representing the percentage of the total intrastate and interstate access MOU that the customer terminates to the Telephone Company in the State that is sent to the Telephone Company and that originated in IP format. This PVU shall be based on information such as traffic studies, actual call detail, or other relevant and verifiable information.

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2.9 <u>Identification and Rating of VoIP-PSTN Traffic (Cont'd)</u>

(C) <u>Calculation and Application of Percent-VoIP-Usage Factor</u> (Cont'd)

- (2) The Telephone Company will apply the PVU factor to the total terminating intrastate access MOU received from the customer to determine the number of Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic MOUs.
- (3) If the customer does not furnish the Telephone Company with a PVU pursuant to the preceding paragraph 1, the Telephone Company will utilize a PVU equal to zero.

(D) <u>Initial Implementation of PVU Factor</u>

The Telephone Company will apply the Initial PVU factor on the next bill date provided that the PVU factor and the relevant and verifiable supporting documentation described above are provided to the Telephone Company at least 15 days prior to the next bill date. A factor received less than 15 days before the next bill date, will be applied on the bill date following the next bill date unless otherwise agreed to by the Telephone Company and the customer. Otherwise, the Telephone Company will set the initial PVU equal to zero, as specified in subsection (C)(3), above.

(E) <u>PVU Factor Updates</u>

The customer may update the PVU factor quarterly using the method set forth in subsection (C)(1), above. If the customer chooses to submit such updates, it shall forward to the Telephone Company, no later than 15 days after the first day of January, April, July and/or October of each year, a revised PVU factor based on data for the prior three months, ending the last day of December, March, June and September, respectively. The revised PVU factor will apply prospectively and serve as the basis for billing until superseded by a new PVU.

(F) PVU Factor Verification

Not more than four times in any year, the Telephone Company may ask the customer to verify the PVU factor furnished to the Telephone Company. The party so requested shall comply, and shall reasonably provide the records and other information used to determine the PVU factors.

The customer-provided PVU and supporting documentation for the factor shall be based on information that is verifiable by the Telephone Company, including but not limited to the number of the customer's retail VoIP subscriptions in the state (e.g. as reported on FCC Form 477), traffic studies, actual call detail or other relevant and verifiable information.

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