

Docket Number: TC21-035  
Subject Matter: Staff Data Request  
Request to: Local Exchange Carriers Association ("LECA")  
Request from: South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Staff  
Date of Request: 6/9/2021  
Responses Due: 6/15/2021

**1-1. Refer to proposed Tariff No. 1, 25<sup>th</sup> Revised Page 17-4. Explain the information Surcharge – 8YY. What portion of the final rules found in Appendix A of the FCC Release No. 20-143 Order does this pertain to:**

**Response:** § 51.909 (n) (1) states the carrier will establish separate rate elements for interstate and intrastate toll free originating end office access service and (n) (2) (iv) states intrastate rates for End Office shall equal interstate rate structure and rates. Since information surcharge is an End Office rate element, it was added to the tariff.

**1-2. Does LECA have Joint Tandem Switched Transport Access rate elements for Toll Free Calls that should be no more than \$0.001 per minute? Explains and point to the location in the tariff if applicable.**

**Response:** No, LECA will not have a Joint Tandem Switched Transport element because all of the LECA members tandem their traffic at SDN. SDN will be the carrier billing the Joint Tandem Switched Transport.

**1-3. Has NECA filed revisions to its FCC Tariff No. 5 to make the necessary changes due to FCC Release No. 20-143?**

**Response:** NECA has provided a draft of the tariff changes it will be filing at the FCC on June 16, 2021, which is the required filing date for interstate revisions that are effective July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**1-4. LECA has removed the terminating transitional rates on some pages in this filing. Explain why LECA did not also remove the terminating transitional rates on Pages 17-4.1 through 17-14.12, 17-4.14 through 17-4.19, 17-4.22 through 17-4.24, 17-4.26, and 17-4.27.**

**Response:** LECA only removed the transitional rate for the companies that were part of a merger, as the rate for merged companies was not accurate for the time period stated in the tariff. LECA did not update tariff pages of member companies that were not part of a merger, as those rates for the time period stated in the tariff are accurate.