

Docket Number: TC24-026
Subject Matter: Staff's Data Request 1
Request to: Local Exchange Carriers Association (LECA)
Request from: South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Staff
Date of Request: 07/26/24
Responses Due: 08/09/24

PLEASE NOTE that LECA asked Venture to respond to this Data Request as LECA is not involved in its member companies' interstate tariff decisions.

1.1. Why is the issuing carrier Venture Communications changing from NECA tariff to the John Staurulakis (JSI) FCC Tariff No. 1? Are the interstate rates different as a result of the change in tariff.

RESPONSE 1.1: Venture has the option to be a member of the NECA switched access tariff pool or to file a tariff based on its own costs outside the NECA pool. Starting in July 2024 Venture has chosen to file its own tariff rates in JSI FCC Tariff 1. Venture's primary motivation for exiting the NECA Switched Access pool was a reduction in monthly reporting requirements. Filing these rates outside the NECA Switched Access pool relieves Venture's staff of the requirement to input and certify switched access information on a monthly basis. Instead, non-NECA pool companies report the associated information to the FCC on an annual basis. The new Interstate Switched Access rates are 16.6% less than the prior NECA pool rates.

1.2. Provide a copy of the relevant page(s) of the John Staurulakis (JSI) FCC Tariff No. 1 that the intrastate rates will mirror.

RESPONSE 1.2: Please see attached relevant pages of JSI FCC Tariff No. 1.