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The following final pages are submitted for filing with your Commission on behalf of Level 3 Communications, LLC. These final pages are being filed pursuant to the Memorandum of April 23, 2012 stating the approval of the revisions and requesting the filing of final pages.

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SECTION 1 - DEFINITION OF TERMS

Certain terms used generally throughout this tariff for Communications Service of this Company are defined below.

Advance Payment: Part or all of a payment required before the start of service.

<u>Authorized User:</u> A person, firm or corporation which is authorized by the Customer or Joint User to be connected to the service of the Customer or Joint User, respectively.

Bit: The smallest unit of information in the binary system of notation.

<u>Carrier Common Line:</u> Carrier Common Line Access provides for the use of End Users' Company provided common line by Customers for access to such End Users to furnish Communications Services.

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<u>Customer:</u> The person, firm or corporation which purchases service and is responsible for the payment of charges and compliance with the Company's regulations.

<u>Dedicated:</u> A facility or equipment system or subsystem set aside for the sole use of a specific Customer.

<u>End Office</u>: The term "end office" denotes the switching system office or serving wire center where Customer station loops are terminated for purposes of interconnection to each other and/or to trunks.

End Office Access Service: For the purpose of this tariff, End Office Access Service shall mean: (1) The switching of access traffic at the carrier's end office switch and the delivery of such traffic to or from the called party's premise; (2) The routing of interexchange telecommunications traffic to or from the called party's premises, either directly or via contractual or other arrangements with an affiliated or unaffiliated entity, regardless of the specific functions provided or facilities used; (3) Any functional equivalent of the incumbent local exchange carrier access service provided by Company including local switching, the carrier common line rate elements, and intrastate access services. End Office Access Service rate elements for Company includes any functionally equivalent access service, or (4) The origination and termination of interexchange telecommunications traffic to any end user, either directly or via contractual arrangement with an affiliated or unaffiliated provider of interconnected VoIP service, as defined in 47 U.S.C. § 153(25), or a non-interconnected VoIP service, as defined in 47 U.S.C. § 153(36), that does not itself seek to collect reciprocal compensation charges prescribed by this subpart for that traffic, regardless of the specific functions provided or facilities used.

<u>End User</u> – A non-carrier customer of an intrastate telecommunications service. If a carrier uses telecommunications service for administrative purposes, it shall be deemed to be an End User.

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SECTION 1 - DEFINITION OF TERMS (CONT'D)

<u>Individual Case Basis (ICB):</u> A service arrangement in which the regulations, rates and charges are developed based on the specific circumstances of the case.

<u>Interconnect Carrier:</u> Any carrier that connects to Company's network for exchange of communications traffic.

<u>Joint User:</u> A person, firm or corporation which is designated by the Customer as a user of services furnished to the Customer by the Company and to whom a portion of the charges for the service will be billed under a Joint User arrangement as specified in the Company's tariff.

<u>LATA:</u> A Local Access and Transport Area established pursuant to the Modification of Final Judgement entered by the United States District Court for the District of Columbia in Civil Action No. 82-0192; or any other geographic area designated as a LATA in the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. Tariff F.C.C. No. 4.

<u>Major Service Interruption</u>: An interruption of Customer service due to the Company's negligence or due to its noncompliance with the provisions of this tariff.

PIU: Percent Interstate Usage

<u>Premises:</u> The space occupied by a Customer, Authorized User or Joint User in a building or buildings or contiguous property (except railroad rights-of-way, etc.) not separated by a highway.

<u>Recurring Charges:</u> The monthly charges to the Customer for services, facilities and equipment, which continue for the duration of the service.

Service Commencement Date: The first day following the date on which the Company notifies the Customer that the requested service or facility is available for use, unless extended by the Customer's refusal to accept service which does not conform to standards set forth in the Service Order or the tariffs of the Company, in which case the Service Commencement Date is the date of the Customer's acceptance. The Company and Customer may mutually agree on a substitute Service Commencement Date. In the case of Tandem Connect service ordered under option (2) of Section 12.1.1.2, the Service Commencement Date is the date on which the Customer first sends Switched Access Service traffic to the Company or accepts Switched Access Service traffic from the Company.

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SECTION 1 - DEFINITION OF TERMS (CONT'D)

<u>Service Order:</u> A written request for Company Services that may be submitted by the Customer in the format devised by the Company. The signing of a Service Order by the Customer and acceptance by the Company will initiate the respective obligations of the parties as set forth herein, but the duration of the service is calculated from the Service Commencement Date.

<u>Shared:</u> A facility or equipment system or subsystem that can be used simultaneously by several <u>Customers.</u>

<u>Switched Access Service</u>: Access to the switched network of an Exchange Carrier for the purpose of originating or terminating communications. Switched Access service includes, but is not limited to, Local Switching, Common Transport, and Carrier Common Line.

<u>Toll Free</u>: The terms "Toll Free" or "Toll Free Service" refer to an inbound telecommunications service which permits calls to be completed to the customer's location without charge to the calling party. Access to the service is gained by dialing a ten-digit telephone number which terminates at the customer's location or a location designated by that customer. Toll Free Services typically originate via normal shared use facilities and are terminated via the customer's local exchange service access line.

<u>Transmission:</u> The sending of electrical or optical signals over a line to a destination.

<u>User:</u> A Customer, Joint User, or any other person authorized by a Customer to use service provided to the Customer under a Level 3 Communications, LLC tariff.

<u>Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic:</u> The term Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic as used in this tariff denotes a customer's interexchange toll voice traffic exchanged with the Telephone Company in Time Division Multiplexing format over PSTN facilities, which originates and/or terminates in Internet Protocol (IP) format. 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.

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SECTION 3 – OBLIGATIONS OF THE CUSTOMER (CONT'D)

- 3.4.4 Effective on the first day of January, April, July and October of each year the Customer shall update its interstate and intrastate jurisdictional report. The Customer shall forward to the Company, to be received no later than 15 days after the first day of such month, a revised report showing the interstate and intrastate percentage of use for the past three months ending the last day of December, March, June and September, respectively, for each service arranged for interstate use, based solely on the traffic originating from or terminating to the Company Local Switching Center. The revised report will serve as the basis for the next three months billing and will be effective on the bill date for that service. If the Customer does not supply the reports for those services where reports are needed, the Company will assume the percentage to be the same as that provided previously. For those cases in which a quarterly report has never been received from the Customer, the Company will assume the percentages to be the same as those provided in the Access Service Request or, in the absence of an Access Service Request PIU, the Company will set the projected PIU on a default basis of 50 percent interstate traffic and 50 percent intrastate traffic.
- 3.4.5 Jurisdictional Reports Verification: For Switched Access Service, if a billing dispute arises or a regulatory commission questions the projected PIU factor, the Customer will provide the data used to determine the projected PIU factor. The Customer will supply the data within 30 days of the Company request.

The Customer shall keep records of call detail from which the percentage a interstate and intrastate use can be ascertained and, upon request of the Company, shall make the records available for inspection as reasonably necessary for purposes of verification of the percentages. The Company reserves the right to conduct an audit at any time during the year. The Customer, at its own expense, has the right to retain an independent auditing firm.

3.4.6 Identification and Rating of Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic

This section governs the identification of Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic that is required to be compensated at interstate access rates unless the parties have agreed otherwise by the F.C.C. in its Report and Order in WC Dockets Nos. 10-90, etc., F.C.C. Release No. 11-161 (November 18, 2011) (F.C.C. Order). Specifically, this section establishes the method of separating Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic from the Customer's traditional intrastate access traffic, so that Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic can be billed in accordance with the F.C.C. Order. Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic identified in accordance with this tariff section will be billed at rates equal to the Company's applicable tariffed interstate switched access rates as set forth in the Company's Tariff F.C.C. No. 4. This section of the tariff does not preclude carriers from negotiating different rates, terms and conditions governing compensation for toll VoIP-PSTN traffic in existing interconnection agreements. Rates, term and conditions governing compensation for toll VoIP-PSTN traffic in this tariff apply prospectively unless specifically stated in this tariff.

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SECTION 3 – OBLIGATIONS OF THE CUSTOMER (CONT'D)

3.4.6 Identification and Rating of Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic (Cont'd)

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Calculation and Application of Percent-VoIP-Usage Factor

The Company will determine the number of Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic minutes of use (MOU) to which interstate rates will be applied by applying a Percent VoIP Usage (PVU) factor to the total intrastate access MOU exchanged between a Company end user and the Customer. The PVU will be derived and applied as follows:

- a. The Customer will calculate and furnish to the Company a factor (PVU-A) representing the whole number percentage of the total intrastate access MOU that the Customer exchanges with the Company in the State that (i) is sent to the Company that originated in IP format or (ii) is received from the Company and terminated in IP format.
- b. The Company will calculate a factor (PVU-B) representing the whole number percentage of the Customer's total intrastate access MOU in the State that originates or terminates in IP format.
- c. The Company will use the PVU-A and PVU-B factors to calculate a PVU factor that represents the percentage of total intrastate access MOU exchanged between a Company end user and the Customer that is originated or terminated in IP format, whether at the Company's end, at the customer's end or at both ends. The PVU will be the sum of (i) the PVU-A factor and (ii) the PVU-B factor times (1 minus the PVU-A factor). The Company will apply the PVU factor to the total intrastate access MOU exchanged with the Customer to determine the number of Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic MOUs.

Example 1: The PVU-B is 10% and the PVU-A is 40%. The PVU factor is equal to $40\% + (10\% \times 60\%) = 46\%$. The Company will bill 46% of the Customer's intrastate access MOU at its applicable interstate switched access rates.

Example 2: The PVU-B is 10% and the PVU-A is 0%. The PVU factor is equal to $0\% + (100\% \times 10\%) = 10\%$. The Company will bill 10% of the Customer's intrastate access MOU at the Company's applicable interstate switched access rates.

Example 3: The PVU-A is 100%. No matter what the PVU-B factor is, the PVU is 100%. The Company will bill 100% of the Customer's intrastate access MOU at the Company's applicable interstate switched access rates.

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SECTION 3 – OBLIGATIONS OF THE CUSTOMER (CONT'D)

- 3.4.6 Identification and Rating of Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic (Cont'd)
 - d. The Customer shall not modify its reported PIU factor to account for Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic.
 - e. Both the PVU-A and the PVU-B factors shall be based on information such as the number of each party's retail VoIP subscriptions in the state (e.g. as reported on F.C.C. Form 477), traffic studies, actual call detail or other relevant and verifiable information which will be provided to the Company upon request.
 - f. The Customer shall retain the call detail, work papers, and information used to develop the PVU-A factor for a minimum of one year.
 - g. The Company shall use a default PVU factor until such time as Customer supplies a PVU-A factor. For this purpose, Company will utilize a PVU equal to the percentage of VoIP subscribers in the state based on the Local Competition Report, as released periodically. Under the Local Competition Report methodology, the PVU will be the total number of incumbent LEC and non-incumbent LEC VoIP subscriptions in a state divided by the sum of those reported VoIP subscriptions plus incumbent LEC and non-incumbent LEC switched access lines.

The preceding section will be applied to the billing of switched access charges to a Customer that is a local exchange carrier only to the extent that the Customer has also implemented billing of interstate access charges for VoIP-PSTN Traffic in accordance with FCC orders, rules and regulations.

Initial Implementation of PVU Factors

- a. If the PVU factor cannot be implemented in the Company's billing systems by December 29, 2011, once the factor can be implemented the Company will adjust the Customer's bills to reflect the applicable PVU factor retroactively to December 29, 2011. If the Company receives a PVU-A from the Customer prior to April 15, 2012, it will apply that PVU-A pursuant to the formula contained herein retroactive to December 29, 2011. If the Company does not receive a PVU-A within 30 days from the effective date of this tariff, it will apply the default PVU retroactive to December 29, 2011 and will apply the PVU-A beginning on the next billing period following the Company's receipt of the PVU-A.
- b. The Company shall provide credits based on the reported PVU factors on a quarterly basis until such time as the billing system modifications can be implemented.

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3.4.6 Identification and Rating of Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic (Cont'd)

PVU Factor Update

The Customer may update the PVU-A factor quarterly using the method set forth herein. If the Customer chooses to submit such updates, it shall forward to the Company, no later than 15 days after the first day of January, April, July and/or October of each year, a revised PVU-A factor based on data for the prior three months, ending the last day of December, March, June and September, respectively. The revised PVU-A factor will serve as the basis for future billing and will be effective on the bill date of each such month and shall serve as the basis for subsequent monthly billing until superseded by new PVU-A factors.

PVU Factor Verification

Not more than twice in any year, the Company may ask the Customer to verify the PVU-A factor furnished to the Company, and the Customer may ask the Company to verify the PVU-B factor, and the respective calculations thereof. The party so requested shall comply, and shall reasonably provide the records and other information used to determine the applicable PVU-A and PVU-B factors. Notwithstanding the prior sentence, if the Customer updates its PVU-A more than twice in a year, the Company may seek to verify the PVU-A factor each time it is updated. In the event that the Customer fails to provide adequate records to enable the Company or an independent auditor to verify the Customer's PVU-A factor, the Company will continue using the most recent undisputed PVU-A factor reported by the Customer or, if no PVU-A has been provided, the default PVU.

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SECTION 4 - PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS (CONT'D)

- 4.6.3 Where the Company incurs any expense in connection with special construction, or where special arrangements of facilities or equipment have begun, before the Company receives a cancellation notice, a charge equal to the costs incurred, less net salvage, applies. In such cases, the charge will be based on such elements as the cost of the equipment, facilities, and material, the cost of installation, engineering, labor, and supervision, general and administrative expense, other disbursements, depreciation, maintenance, taxes, provision for return on investment, and any other costs associated with the special construction or arrangements.
- 4.6.4 The special charges described in paragraphs 4.6.1 through 4.6.3, above, will be calculated and applied on a case-by-case basis.

4.7 Changes in Service Requested

If the Customer makes or requests material changes in circuit engineering, equipment specifications, service parameters, premises locations, or otherwise materially modifies any provision of the application for service, the Customer's installation fee shall be adjusted accordingly.

4.8 Taxes

The Customer is responsible for the payment of Federal excise taxes, gross receipts, access, state and local sales and use taxes and all taxes, fees, surcharges (however designated) and other exactions imposed on the Company or its services by governmental jurisdictions, other than taxes imposed generally on corporations. Any taxes imposed by a local jurisdiction (e.g. county and municipal taxes) will only be recovered from those customers residing in the affected jurisdictions. All such taxes, fees, and charges shall be separately designated on the Company's invoices, and are not included in the tariffed rates. It should be the responsibility of the Customer to pay any such taxes that subsequently become applicable retroactively.

4.9 Disputed Bills

(1) The Customer may dispute a bill in good faith only by written notice to the Company. Unless such notice is received within 90 days (commencing 5 days after such bills have been mailed or otherwise rendered per the Company's normal course of business), the bill statement shall be deemed to be correct and payable in full by Customer. Any Customer who has a dispute shall be advised by the Company that the Customer may file a formal or informal complaint with the Commission. Such claim must identify in detail the basis for the dispute, and if the Customer withholds disputed amounts, it must identify the account number under which the bill has been rendered, the date of the bill, and the specific items on the bill being disputed to permit the Company to investigate the merits of the dispute.

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4.9 <u>Disputed Bills (Cont'd)</u>

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- (2) The date of the dispute shall be the date on which the Customer furnishes the Company the following account information:
 - · A clear explanation of the basis of the dispute, including what the Customer believes is incorrect (e.g., nonrecurring charge; mileage; circuit identification) and the reason why the Customer believes the bill is incorrect (e.g., monthly rate billed not same as in tariff; facility not ordered; service not received);
 - The account number under which the bill was rendered:
 - · The date of the bill:
 - · The invoice number:
 - · The exact dollar amount in dispute;
 - The universal service order code(s)(USOCs) and/or rate element associated with the service;
 - Details sufficient to identify the specific amount(s) and item(s) in dispute;
 - · The name of the person initiating the Customer's dispute;
- (3) The Customer shall provide additional data as the Company reasonably requests from the Customer to resolve the dispute. The request for such additional information shall not affect the Customer's dispute date as set forth preceding.
- (4) The date of resolution is the date the Company completes the investigation and credits the Customer account or confirms the billing as accurate and denies the dispute.
- (5) In the event that a billing dispute concerning any charges billed to the Customer by the Company is resolved in favor of the Company, any payments withheld pending settlement of the dispute shall be subject to the late payment penalty set forth in 4.2.6 preceding.

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