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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Ms. Barcy F. McNeal, Secretary  
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
180 East Broad Street, 10th Floor  
Columbus, OH 43215-3793

RE: Verizon Access Transmission Services: Tariff No. 2  
Reduce Terminating Access Rates Pursuant to Federal Communications Commission  
Connect America Fund Order (FCC 11-161)  
PUCO Case No. 10-2387-TP-COI

Dear Ms. McNeal:

MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services ("Verizon Access") is filing with your office an original and ten (10) copies of revisions to its P.U.C.O. Tariff No. 2. The effective date of this filing is July 1, 2014, in accordance with the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC") 2011 *Connect America Fund Order*, 26 FCC Rcd 17663, and Commission Entry dated March 26, 2014 in PUCO Case No. 10-2387-TP-COI.

The *Connect America Fund Order* requires that Verizon Access reduce its default terminating switched access rates – both interstate and intrastate – effective July 1, 2014, as part of a multi-step transition towards “bill and keep” rates. See, *Connect America Fund Order* at Figure 9, summarizing the steps in the transition. Competitive LECs (“CLECs”) such as Verizon Access are subject to the FCC’s “benchmarking rule” for their interstate access charges. Para. 807 of the *Connect America Fund Order* states:

For interstate switched access rates, competitive LECs are permitted to tariff interstate access charges at a level no higher than the tariffed rate for such services offered by the incumbent LEC serving the same geographic area (the benchmarking rule).

The *Connect America Fund Order* also adopted rule §51.911, which states in pertinent part:

(c) Effective July 1, 2013, notwithstanding any other provision of the Commission’s rules, all Competitive Local Exchange Carrier Access Reciprocal Compensation rates for switched exchange access services subject to this subpart shall be no higher than the Access Reciprocal Compensation rates charged by the competing incumbent local exchange carrier, in accordance with the same procedures specified in §61.26 of this chapter.

The “benchmarking rule,” FCC Rule 61.26, states:

c) The benchmark rate for a CLEC's switched exchange access services will be the rate charged for similar services by the competing ILEC. If an ILEC to which a CLEC benchmarks its rates, pursuant to this section, lowers the rate to which a CLEC benchmarks, the CLEC must revise its rates to the lower level within 15 days of the effective date of the lowered ILEC rate.

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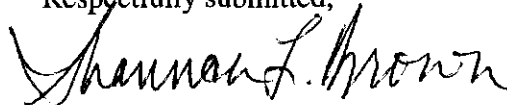
These requirements differ from those applicable to the incumbent LECs. Whereas the ILECs' access rates are calculated in accordance with prescriptive rules adopted by the FCC, the benchmark rule for CLECs is reactive, based on the competing ILEC's rates. The effect of this benchmark rule means that Verizon Access will not have the data necessary to calculate its new default terminating switched access rates until mid-June, when the ILECs file their interstate rates with the FCC.

For this reason and for administrative simplicity, Verizon Access' tariff amendments contained herein make express reference to its interstate tariff for terminating switched access rates. Verizon Access will revise its default terminating interstate rates in accordance with 47 C.F.R. 61.26 when the relevant ILEC rates become available, and at that time, the Verizon Access intrastate tariff will likewise reference those new rates.

Verizon Access's interstate rates are located in MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC Tariff FCC No. 1, Section E.4.3, and may be viewed at the following web address:  
<http://www.verizon.com/tariffs/PDFViewer.aspx?doc=169129>.

Please date stamp and return the extra copy of this letter to me in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope. If you have any questions regarding this filing, please call me at (312) 894-2349 or send me an email at [shannon.brown@verizon.com](mailto:shannon.brown@verizon.com).

Respectfully submitted,



Shannon L. Brown  
Tariff Manager  
Verizon

Enclosure

*The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio*  
**TELECOMMUNICATIONS FILING FORM**  
 (Effective: 01/20/2011)

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This form is intended to be used with most types of required filings. It provides check boxes with rule references for the most common types of filings. It does not replace or supersede Commission rules in any way.

In the Matter of the Application of MCImetro Access ) TRF Docket No. 90- 9006  
Transmission Services LLC d/b/a Verizon Access )  
Transmission Services ) Case No. 10 - 2387 - **TP** - COI  
 to make revisions to its tariff P.U.C.O. No. 2. ) **NOTE: Unless you have reserved a Case #, leave the "Case No" fields BLANK.**

Name of Registrant(s) MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services  
 DBA(s) of Registrant(s) Verizon Access Transmission Services  
 Address of Registrant(s) One Verizon Way, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920  
 Company Web Address www.verizon.com  
 Regulatory Contact Person(s) Shannon L. Brown Phone (312) 894-2349 Fax (312) 894-4064  
 Regulatory Contact Person's Email Address shannon.brown@verizon.com  
 Contact Person for Annual Report Haleh Davary Phone (415) 228-1072  
 Address (if different from above) 201 Spear Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, San Francisco, CA 94105  
 Consumer Contact Information Mike Riddle Phone (319) 892-2106  
 Address (if different from above) 500 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Cedar Rapids, IA 52401  
 Motion for protective order included with filing?  Yes  No  
 Motion for waiver(s) filed affecting this case?  Yes  No [Note: Waivers may toll any automatic timeframe.]

**Notes:**

Section I and II are Pursuant to Chapter 4901:1-6 OAC.  
 Section III – Carrier to Carrier is Pursuant to 4901:1-7 OAC, and Wireless is Pursuant to 4901:1-6-24 OAC.  
 Section IV – Attestation.

- (1) Indicate the Carrier Type and the reason for submitting this form by checking the boxes below.
- (2) For requirements for various applications, see the identified section of Ohio Administrative Code Section 4901 and/or the supplemental application form noted.
- (3) Information regarding the number of copies required by the Commission may be obtained from the Commission's web site at [www.puco.ohio.gov](http://www.puco.ohio.gov) under the docketing information system section, by calling the docketing division at 614-466-4095, or by visiting the docketing division at the offices of the Commission.
- (4) An Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) offering basic local exchange service (BLES) outside its traditional service area should choose CLEC designation when proposing to offer BLES outside its traditional service area or when proposing to make changes to that service.

**All Filings that result in a change to one or more tariff pages require, at a minimum, the following exhibits.**

Exhibit	Description:
A	The tariff pages subject to the proposed change(s) as they exist before the change(s)
B	The Tariff pages subject to the proposed change(s), reflecting the change, with the change(s) marked in the right margin.
C	A short description of the nature of the change(s), the intent of the change(s), and the customers affected.
D	A copy of the notice provided to customers, along with an affidavit that the notice was provided according to the applicable rule(s).

**Section I – Part I - Common Filings**

<b>Carrier Type</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Other</b> (explain below)	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>For Profit ILEC</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Not For Profit ILEC</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>CLEC</b>
Change terms & conditions of existing BLES	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>ATA 1-6-14(H)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>ATA 1-6-14(H)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>ATA 1-6-14(H)</u> (Auto 30 days)
Introduce non-recurring charge, surcharge, or fee to BLES			<input type="checkbox"/> <u>ATA 1-6-14(H)</u> (Auto 30 days)
Introduce or Increase Late Payment	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>ATA 1-6-14(I)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>ATA 1-6-14(I)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>ATA 1-6-14(I)</u> (Auto 30 days)
Revisions to BLES Cap.	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>ZTA 1-6-14(F)</u> (0 day Notice)		
Introduce BLES or expand local service area (calling area)	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>ZTA 1-6-14(H)</u> (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>ZTA 1-6-14(H)</u> (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>ZTA 1-6-14(H)</u> (0 day Notice)
Notice of no obligation to construct facilities and provide BLES	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>ZTA 1-6-27(C)</u> (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>ZTA 1-6-27(C)</u> (0 day Notice)	
Change BLES Rates	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>TRF 1-6-14(F)</u> (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>TRF 1-6-14(F)(4)</u> (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>TRF 1-6-14(G)</u> (0 day Notice)
To obtain BLES pricing flexibility	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>BLS 1-6-14</u> <u>(C)(1)(c)</u> (Auto 30 days)		
Change in boundary	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>ACB 1-6-32</u> (Auto 14 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>ACB 1-6-32</u> (Auto 14 days)	
Expand service operation area			<input type="checkbox"/> <u>TRF 1-6-08(G)(0 day)</u>
BLES withdrawal			<input type="checkbox"/> <u>ZTA 1-6-25(B)</u> (0 day Notice)
<b>Other*</b> (explain) _____			

**Section I – Part II – Customer Notification Offerings Pursuant to Chapter 4901:1-6-7 OAC**

Type of Notice	Direct Mail	Bill Insert	Bill Notation	Electronic Mail
<input type="checkbox"/> 15-day Notice	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> 30-day Notice	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Date Notice Sent:</b>				

**Section I – Part III –IOS Offerings Pursuant to Chapter 4901:1-6-22 OAC**

IOS	Introduce New	Tariff Change	Price Change	Withdraw
<input type="checkbox"/> IOS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Section II – Part I – Carrier Certification - Pursuant to Chapter 4901:1-6-08, 09 & 10 OAC**

Certification	ILEC (Out of Territory)	CLEC	Telecommunications Service Provider Not Offering Local	CESTC	CETC
* See Supplemental form	<input type="checkbox"/> ACE <u>1-6-08</u> * (Auto 30- day)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACE <u>1-6-08</u> *(Auto 30 day)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACE <u>1-6-08</u> *(Auto 30 day)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACE <u>1-6-10</u> (Auto 30 day)	<input type="checkbox"/> UNC <u>1-6-09</u> *(Non-Auto)

\*Supplemental Certification forms can be found on the Commission Web Page.

**Section II – Part II – Certificate Status & Procedural**

Certificate Status	ILEC	CLEC	Telecommunications Service Provider Not Offering Local
Abandon all Services		<input type="checkbox"/> ABN <u>1-6-26</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ABN <u>1-6-26</u> (Auto 30 days)
Change of Official Name *	<input type="checkbox"/> ACN <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACN <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO <u>1-6-29(C)</u> (0 day Notice)
Change in Ownership *	<input type="checkbox"/> ACO <u>1-6-29(E)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACO <u>1-6-29(E)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO <u>1-6-29(C)</u> (0 day Notice)
Merger *	<input type="checkbox"/> AMT <u>1-6-29(E)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> AMT <u>1-6-29(E)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO <u>1-6-29(C)</u> (0 day Notice)
Transfer a Certificate *	<input type="checkbox"/> ATC <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATC <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO <u>1-6-29(C)</u> (0 day Notice)
Transaction for transfer or lease of property, plant or business *	<input type="checkbox"/> ATR <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATR <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO <u>1-6-29(C)</u> (0 day Notice)

\* Other exhibits may be required under the applicable rule(s). ACN, ACO, AMT, ATC, ATR and CIO applications see the 4901:1-6-29 Filing Requirements on the Commission's Web Page for a complete list of exhibits.

**Section III – Carrier to Carrier (Pursuant to 4901:1-7), and Wireless (Pursuant to 4901:1-6-24)**

Carrier to Carrier	ILEC	CLEC
Interconnection agreement, or amendment to an approved agreement	<input type="checkbox"/> NAG <u>1-7-07</u> (Auto 90 day)	<input type="checkbox"/> NAG <u>1-7-07</u> (Auto 90 day)
Request for Arbitration	<input type="checkbox"/> ARB <u>1-7-09</u> (Non-Auto)	<input type="checkbox"/> ARB <u>1-7-09</u> (Non-Auto)
Introduce or change c-t-c service tariffs,	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-7-14</u> (Auto 30 day)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-7-14</u> (Auto 30 day)
Request rural carrier exemption, rural carrier suspension or modification	<input type="checkbox"/> UNC <u>1-7-04 or 05</u> (Non-Auto)	
Changes in rates, terms & conditions to Pole Attachment, Conduit Occupancy and Rights-of-Way.	<input type="checkbox"/> UNC <u>1-7-23(B)</u> (Non-Auto)	
<b>Wireless Providers</b> See <u>4901:1-6-24</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> RCC [Registration & Change in Operations]	<input type="checkbox"/> NAG [Interconnection Agreement or

**Section IV. – Attestation**

Registrant hereby attests to its compliance with pertinent entries and orders issued by the Commission.

**AFFIDAVIT**  
*Compliance with Commission Rules*

I am an officer/agent of the applicant corporation, MCImetro Access, and am authorized to make this statement on its behalf.  
Transmission Services LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services  
(Name)

Please Check ALL that apply:

I attest that these tariffs comply with all applicable rules for the state of Ohio. I understand that tariff notification filings do not imply Commission approval and that the Commission's rules as modified and clarified from time to time, supersede any contradictory provisions in our tariff. We will fully comply with the rules of the state of Ohio and understand that noncompliance can result in various penalties, including the suspension of our certificate to operate within the state of Ohio.

I attest that customer notices accompanying this filing form were sent to affected customers, as specified in Section II, in accordance with Rule 4901:1-6-7, Ohio Administrative Code.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on (Date) 4/30/2014 at (Location) Chicago, IL

\*(Signature and Title) Shannon L Brown (Date) 4/30/14  
(Tariff Manager)

- This affidavit is required for every tariff-affecting filing. It may be signed by counsel or an officer of the applicant, or an authorized agent of the applicant.

**VERIFICATION**

I, Shannon L. Brown verify that I have utilized the Telecommunications Filing Form for most proceedings provided by the Commission and that all of the information submitted here, and all additional information submitted in connection with this case, is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

\*(Signature and Title) Shannon L Brown Tariff Manager (Date) 4/30/14  
\*Verification is required for every filing. It may be signed by counsel or an officer of the applicant, or an authorized agent of the applicant.

Send your completed Application Form, including all required attachments as well as the required number of copies, to:

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
Attention: Docketing Division  
180 East Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43215-3793  
Or

Make such filing electronically as directed in Case No 06-900-AU-WVR

# EXHIBIT A

**PUCO NO. 2**

**PRICE LIST**

**SWITCHED ACCESS RATES**

Switched Access

Change Charges (per order)

	<u>Per Occurrence</u>
A. Service Date	\$0.00*
B. Design Changes	\$0.00*
C. Expedite Charge	ICB

Cancellation Charges (per order):      \$0.00\*

Direct Connect Charges:

Per Minute Charge:<sup>1</sup>

	<u>Zone 1</u>	<u>Zone 2</u>	<u>Zone 3</u>	<u>Zone 4</u>
Direct Connect:**	\$0.003487	\$0.003755	\$0.004639	\$0.004049

\* Charge may be reinstated at a later date.

\*\* These are blended rates. The following AT&T-OH, Frontier Communications, Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company and Embarq OH rate elements are included for Zones 1-4 respectively: Local Switching + Common Trunk Port. C

<sup>1</sup>These rates shall apply in all ILEC territories served by the Company.

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Shannon L. Brown, Tariff Administrator  
205 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 700  
Chicago, IL 60601



**PUCO NO. 2**

**PRICE LIST**

**SWITCHED ACCESS RATES (CONT.)**

Tandem Connect Charges

	<u>Zone 1</u>	<u>Zone 2</u>	<u>Zone 3</u>	<u>Zone 4</u>
Without Tandem Switching:*	\$0.003806	\$0.003783	\$0.007117	\$0.005356
With Tandem Switching:**	\$0.004926 (R)	\$0.006183	\$0.009118	\$0.005480

Toll Free 8YY Transit Traffic Service<sup>1</sup>

	<u>Zone 1</u>	<u>Zone 2</u>	<u>Zone 3</u>	<u>Zone 4</u>
8YY Direct:***	\$0.001231		\$0.002538	
8YY Indirect:***	\$0.001306		\$0.003075	

- \* This is a blended rate. The following ILEC rate elements are included: Local Switching + Common Trunk Port + Common Multiplexer + Transport Termination + an average of 14 miles of Local Transport Facility.
- \*\* This is a blended rate. The following ILEC rate elements are included: Local Switching + Tandem Switching + Common Trunk Port + Common Multiplexer + Transport Termination + an average of 14 miles of Local Transport Facility.
- \*\*\* This is a blended rate. The Direct Transit Minute of Use rate includes the following AT&T-OH and Cincinnati Bell rate elements: Tandem Switching, one-half of the Transport Termination rate, one mile of Transport Facility, and one-half of Common Multiplexer. The Indirect Transit Minute of Use rate includes the following AT&T-OH and Cincinnati Bell rate elements: Tandem Switching, Transport Termination, two miles of Transport Facility, and the Common Multiplexer rates.

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<sup>1</sup>Toll Free 8YY Transit Traffic Service is available in AT&T Ohio and Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company exchanges only.

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Chicago, IL 60601

# EXHIBIT B

**PUCO NO. 2**

**PRICE LIST**

**SWITCHED ACCESS RATES**

Switched Access

Change Charges (per order)

	<u>Per Occurrence</u>
A. Service Date	\$0.00*
B. Design Changes	\$0.00*
C. Expedite Charge	ICB

Cancellation Charges (per order):      \$0.00\*

Direct Connect Charges:

Per Minute Charges:<sup>1</sup>

Direct Connect:\*\*

	<u>Zone 1</u>	<u>Zone 2</u>	<u>Zone 3</u>	<u>Zone 4</u>	
Per Minute of Originating Use:	\$0.003487	\$0.003755	\$0.004639	\$0.004049	C   C/R
Per Minute of Terminating Use:	***	***	***	***	

\* Charge may be reinstated at a later date.

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\*\*\* For terminating rates, refer to MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC Tariff FCC No. 1.

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**PUCO NO. 2**

**PRICE LIST**

**SWITCHED ACCESS RATES (CONT.)**

Tandem Connect Charges

	<u>Zone 1</u>	<u>Zone 2</u>	<u>Zone 3</u>	<u>Zone 4</u>
Without Tandem Switching:*				
Per Minute of Originating Use:	\$0.003806	\$0.003783	\$0.007117	\$0.005356
Per Minute of Terminating Use:	****	****	****	****
With Tandem Switching:**				
Per Minute of Originating Use:	\$0.004926	\$0.006183	\$0.009118	\$0.005480
Per Minute of Terminating Use:	****	****	****	****

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Toll Free 8YY Transit Traffic Service<sup>1</sup>

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