

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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FROM: CAROLEE HALL

DATE: APRIL 15, 2016

RE: ATC COMMUNICATION TARIFF ADVICE FILING TO REVISE ITS
LOCAL TARIFF I.P.U.C. NO. 3. SEEKING COMMISSION APPROVAL
TO: 1) UPDATE ITSAP RATES TO REFLECT CURRENT
STATE/FEDERAL GUIDELINES; 2) INCREASE RATES FOR
MEASURED SERVICE TO COMPORT WITH FCC MANATED FLOOR;
3) CORRECT REPAIR TIME DEFINITIONS TO COMPORT WITH
COMMISSION'S TELEPHONE CUSTOMER RELATIONS RULES AND
4) REPLACE EXCHANGE AREA MAPS WITH THOSE THAT MATCH
THE FCC DATA IN DA-12-1777.

BACKGROUND

On April 11, 2016, ATC submitted a tariff advice letter seeking Commission approval to:

1. Update ITSAP Rates to reflect current State and Federal Guidelines.
2. Increase its Measured Service Rates for residential customers from \$16.00 to \$18.00.
3. Correct its repair time definitions to comport with the Commission's Customer Relations Rules. IDAPA 31.41.01.502.
4. Replace the Company's exchange area maps with those that were obtained in FCC DA-12-1777.

DISCUSSION

ITSAP Rates

The Lifeline rates for the Idaho Telecommunications Service Assistance Program (ITSAP) have changed and the Company is revising its tariff to reflect those rates for both the state and federal guidelines. The lifeline rates are used as a reduction or credit to the local service charges normally paid by qualifying low-income consumers. The changes are:

1. Federal Lifeline Reduction for residential access line: \$9.25
2. State matching local rate reduction: \$2.50

These reductions or credits are for residential one-party service.

MEASURED SERVICE RATES

Monthly Residential Measured Service rates will increase from \$16.00 to \$18.00 as a result of the FCC's *USF/ICC Transformation Order* No. 11-161, released on November 18, 2011. The Order established certain criteria for rate-of-return carriers to receive federal high cost loop support (HCLA). One such criterion was that the carrier's local rate plus state fees must meet the FCC's established rate floor if it wished to avoid a corresponding reduction in its HCLs. In its June 10, 2014 order (*See* FCC 14-54 Report and Order) a multi-year schedule was implemented for a multi-year transition for incumbent carriers and state commissions to make any necessary rate adjustments.

REPAIR TIME FOR INTERRUPTION OF SERVICE

The Commission has revised its guidelines for service outages and repairs. The company is updating its tariff advice to reflect the changes in the Commission's Customer Relations Rules. The changes reflect the wording in rule IDAPA 31.41.02.502.

EXCHANGE MAP UPDATES

The FCC collected data on the study area boundaries of all incumbent local exchange carriers (ILECs) to use in the implementation of certain universal service reforms adopted in the *USF/ICC Transformation Order*. The Company wishes to replace its original exchange maps with the updated maps.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff has reviewed ATC's filing and finds it to be in compliance with federal and state requirements. Staff recommends Commission approval with the requested effective date of May 20, 2016.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to approve ATC's filing to be effective May 20, 2016?



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