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	<u>USOC</u>	<u>Rate Per Access Minute</u>	<u>Catalog Reference</u>
(3) <u>Tandem Switched Transport</u>			6.1.3(A)(3)
<u>Tandem Switched Facility</u>			
- Originating	LTF	\$0.000141	
- Terminating	LTF	\$0.000012	
<u>Tandem Switched Termination</u>			
- Originating	LTT	\$0.001405	
- Terminating	LTT	\$0.000011	
<u>Tandem Switching</u>			
- Originating	LTTAN	\$0.006000	
- Terminating	LTTAN	\$0.006756	
<u>Common Shared Tandem Multiplexing DS3-DS1</u>			
- Originating		\$0.000009	
- Terminating		\$0.000009	
<u>Shared Trunk Port</u>			
- Originating		\$0.001997	
- Terminating		\$0.000837 (R)	
<u>Monthly Rate</u>			
<u>Dedicated Trunk Port</u>			
- Per DS0		\$16.77	
- Per DS1		\$7.89	

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- 17. RATES AND CHARGES (Cont'd)
- 17.4 SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE (Cont'd)
- 17.4.3 END OFFICE

A. Local Switching

1. Premium

Local Switching 1 - Feature Groups A & B except: (1) Feature Group B utilized for the provision of MTS/WATS service and (2) Feature Groups A and B when utilized for the provision of terminating inward WATS and WATS-type services at an equal access WATS Serving Office.)

	<u>USOC</u>	<u>Rate Per Access Minute</u>	<u>Catalog Reference</u>
- Originating	EOLS1	\$0.020969	6.1.3(B)(1)
- Terminating	EOLS1	\$0.002100 (R)	6.1.3(B)(1)

Local Switching 2 - Feature Groups C & D (including: (1) Feature Group B when utilized for the provision of MTS/WATS service and (2) Feature Groups A and B when utilized for the provision of terminating inward WATS and WATS-type services at an equal access WATS Serving Office.)

- Originating	EOLS2	\$0.020969	6.1.3(B)(1)
- Terminating	EOLS2	\$0.002100 (R)	6.1.3(B)(1)

Monthly Rate

B. End Office Dedicated Trunk Port,[1]

- Per DS0	\$1.75 (R)
- Per DS1	\$0.09 (R)

- [1] The End Office Dedicated Trunk Port rate was calculated assuming a 50/50 split of the originating and terminating traffic using this flat-rated port. The FCC in their FCC 11-161 ICC Transformation order in section 51.907(d)(1) allowed Price Cap Carriers to use an equal split to divide the charge between originating and terminating elements. When the terminating portion of the rate is reduced and then combined with the originating portion of the rate a single flat rate is generated for billing purposes. The Originating portion of the DS0 charge is \$1.24 and the Originating portion of the DS1 charge is \$.06.

Description of Methodology

The following narrative describes the methodology and supporting calculations utilized by CenturyLink to implement the process of reducing terminating switched end office rates by two-thirds of the differential between end office rates and \$0.0007 as required by 47 C.F.R. §51.907(e) which addresses changes beginning July 2015. CenturyLink's supporting calculations utilize the "Access Reduction Spreadsheet" template released by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") on April 15, 2015, for calculating the July 1, 2015 intrastate access rate changes.

The FCC spreadsheet template also provides the methodology for calculating the rate changes and identifies in detail the interstate access rates that are required to be changed consistent with the rules. Step 4 of the USF ICC Transformation Order adjusts Interstate Terminating End Office Access rates down by two-thirds of the difference between the 2011 baseline composite rate and the target composite rate of \$0.0007. The interstate rates will then be mirrored on the intrastate side so that rates will remain in parity.

Section 51.907(e) of the FCC Rules required the Access Reduction Spreadsheet to be modified to reflect rate reductions for July 1, 2015. For Price Cap carriers that file interstate tariffs assessing a single rate applicable in different states, the interstate demand used shall be the sum of the demand for all of the states included in the tariff, rather than making separate state-by-state calculations. For companies with a single rate in multiple states, the calculations are done at the regional level and the regional rates are mirrored in each study area¹. For individual study areas, the calculations are done at the study area level. An overview of the methodologies necessary for reducing terminating end office access rates is as follows:

1. Establish the 2011 Baseline Composite Terminating End Office Access Rates, which reflects interstate rates and demand.
2. Calculate the 2015 Target Composite Terminating End Office Access Rate by reducing the 2011 Baseline Composite Terminating End Office Access Rate by two-thirds of the difference between the 2011 Baseline Composite Terminating End Office Access Rate and \$0.0007.
3. Calculate the individual Interstate Terminating End Office Access rate levels so that the reduced rates and demand will equal to the 2015 Target Composite Terminating End Office Access Rate.
4. Set Intrastate Terminating End Office Access rates equal to their functionally equivalent interstate rates.
5. Prepare intrastate and interstate tariff filing documents as required by each tariff jurisdiction.

¹ See footnote No. 27 in clarification order: Connect America Fund, et al., DA 14-434, WC Docket No. 10-90 et al.

CERTIFICATION

I am Vice President – Regulatory Operations for CenturyLink. I hereby certify that I have overall responsibility for supervision of the personnel who prepare all of the data supporting the CenturyLink Operating Companies– July 1, 2015 Annual Access Charge Tariff Filing bearing Tariff F.C.C. Nos. 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 11 for all issuing carriers and that I am authorized to execute this certification. Based upon the information provided to me by employees responsible for the preparation of, or for the supervision of the preparation of, the data submitted in support of the Tariff Review Plan information contained herewith, I hereby certify that the data has been examined and reviewed and is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Further, based upon the information provided to me by employees responsible for the preparation of, or for the supervision of the preparation of, the data submitted in support of the Eligible Recovery for Price Cap Carriers and Access Recovery Charge information contained herewith, I hereby certify that the data has been examined and reviewed and is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief, that the CenturyLink Operating Companies are not seeking duplicative recovery in the state jurisdiction for any Eligible Recovery subject to the recovery mechanism, and that CenturyLink Operating Companies have complied with sections 51.915(d), 51.915(e) and 51.915 (f) of the Commission's rules.

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