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VIA E-FILING

Mr. Steve Reed Secretary Missouri Public Service Commission 200 Madison Street, Suite 100 Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Re: Verizon Access Transmission Services: Tariff No. 2

File No. TT-2012-0317
In the Matter of the Tariffs to Reduce Access Rates of Local
Telecommunications Companies Pursuant to Federal Communications
Commission Report and Order FCC 11-161

Dear Mr. Reed:

MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services ("Verizon Access) is filing with your office revisions to its MO P.S.C. Tariff No. 2 in compliance with the November 18, 2011, Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Report and Order FCC 11-161 ("FCC Order") and the Commission's April 4, 2012 "Order Establishing Procedures for Consideration of Access Rate Tariffs". The effective date of this filing is July 1, 2012, in accordance with the FCC Order.

In compliance with FCC Order, Verizon Access proposes the following tariff revisions:

- 1) Add language under Section 5.2.3.1.1 (Direct Connect), and eliminate the Direct Connect Tandem Overflow language and rate element in Sections 7.2.1 and 7.4.4.1. This change is necessary to conform the structure of the tariff to the interstate structure.
- Add language under Section 5.2.3.1.2 (Tandem Connect) and separate out the Tandem Connect Terminating Charges to 'Without Tandem Switching' and 'With Tandem Switching' under Section 7.4.4.2. This change is necessary to conform the structure of the tariff to the interstate structure.
- Reduce the Direct Connect and Tandem Connect terminating minute of use charges in accordance with C.F.R. §51.911.

In addition, Verizon Access is filing the following support documentation:

- 1) MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services Missouri Compliance Worksheet (**Proprietary** version);
- 2) MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services Missouri Compliance Worksheet (**Redacted** version);
- 3) MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC Tariff FCC No. 1 interstate tariff rate pages supporting the interstate rates used in the calculations set forth in the proprietary spreadsheet; and
- 4) Affidavit of Don Price, Director State Public Policy, on behalf of MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services, attesting that the calculations in the worksheet are correct.

If you have questions regarding this filing, please contact me at (888) 215-5680 or sandy.chandler@verizon.com.

Respectively submitted,

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Verizon Business

Enclosure

5. <u>SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE (Cont.)</u>

5.2.2 Manner of Provision

Trunks used for Switched Access Service may be configured for one-way (either originating only or terminating only) or for two-way directionality, It is the Customer's responsibility to order a sufficient number of trunks of each type in order to meet its desired grade of service objective. At the Customer's request, the Company will assist the Customer in sizing Switched Access Trunk groups.

5.2.3 Rate Categories

The following rate categories apply to Switched Access Service:

- A. Direct Connect
- B. Tandem Connect
- C. 800 Data Base Access Service
- D. Toll Free 8YY Transit Traffic Service
- E. Optional Features
- 5.2.3.1 Except as stated as follows Tandem Connect Service is provided in conjunction with the tandem provider serving the area. Charges are computed in accordance with Section 2.5.2.7 preceding (Ordering, Rating, and Billing of Access Services Where More Than One Exchange Carrier is Involved).

5.2.3.1.1 Direct Connect

The Company will provide Direct Connect between the Customer's Premises and the Company's Local Switching Center switch(es)The transmission path is dedicated to the use of a single Customer. A DS1 and DS3 facilities are available for Direct Connect Service. A DS1 facility is capable of Transmitting electrical signals at a nominal 1.544 Mbps, with the capacity to channelize up to 24 voice frequency transmission paths. A DS3 facility is capable of transmitting electrical signals at a nominal 44,736 Mbps, with the capacity to channelize up to 672 voice frequency transmission paths. For DS3 facilities, if the Company is required to install additional fiber optic equipment for the benefit of the customer, then the customer has the option to chose either an optical or electrical interface.

When a customer purchases Direct Connect, if the number of calls over the direct trunks has reached its maximum level, calls not able to be switched over the direct trunks will overflow/be routed to the customer via an ILEC access tandem. In that event, the customer will be assessed the Tandem Connect rates for such calls.

The Direct Connect rate is comprised of a per minute of use charge. The Direct Connect rate can be found in Section 7.4.4.1.

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5. SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE (Cont.)

5.2 <u>Provisions and Descriptions of Switched Access Service Arrangements (Cont'd)</u>

5.2.3 Rates Categories (Cont'd)

5.2.3.1 (Cont'd)

5.2.3.1.2 Tandem Connect:

Tandem Connect consists of circuits from the Customer's tandem provider to the Company's Local Switching Center.

Tandem Connect Charges apply on a per-minute-of-use basis when calls are switched by an ILEC's tandem switch to or from the Company's Local Switching Center or are switched through a tandem switch for which the Company pays the ILEC for the tandem switching capability. The rate will vary based on whether the Company pays the ILEC for leased tandem switching capability on a call.

Rates for Tandem Connect minutes for which the Company does not lease the tandem switching function from the ILEC do not contain the ILEC's tandem switching charge and are denoted in the Switched Access Rates section as Tandem Connect Without Tandem Switching. Rates and charges for Tandem Connect minutes for which the Company does lease the tandem switching function from the ILEC contain the ILEC's Tandem Switching Charge and are denoted in the Switched Access Rates section as Tandem Connect with Tandem Switching.

5.2.3.1.3 <u>800 Data Base Access Service:</u>

800 Data Base Access Service is a service offering utilizing originating Trunk side Switched Access Service. When an 8XX + NXX + XXXX call is originated by an End User, the Company will perform Customer identification based on screening of the full ten-digits of the 8XX number to determine the Customer location to which the call is to be routed.

The 800 Data Base charge, which consists of a single, fixed rate element, applies on a per query basis.

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SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE (Cont.)

5.2 <u>Provisions and Descriptions of Switched Access Service Arrangements (Cont'd)</u>

5.2.3 Rates Categories (Cont'd)

5.2.3.1 (Cont'd)

5.2.3.1.4 Toll Free 8YY Transit Traffic Service

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Toll Free 8YY Transit Traffic Service is an access service in which the Company transports Toll Free traffic originated by a third party that is not an end user or other user of the Company's local exchange or exchange access service through its wire center to an Interexchange Carrier Customer. The connection to the interexchange carrier can be either directly via a Direct End Office Trunk (DEOT) from the Company's switch to the IXC or indirectly via an ILEC tandem switch. In addition to the 800 Database Access Service described in Section 5.2.3.1.3 above. this service provides for the use of the Tandem Switching. Tandem Termination, and Tandem Transport facilities of the Company. In a Toll Free 8YY Transit Traffic Service call, the Company will charge only for 800 Data Base Access Service Basic Query, the tandem switching, common multiplexing and the tandem transport (termination and facility)functionalities. No charges for the carrier common line charge, the local switching charge nor the end office port charge are incorporated into the rate. The rates for Toll Free 8XX Transit Traffic Service set forth in Section 7.4.4.3 are usage sensitive. Records exchange, rating, and billing for Toll Free 8YY Transit Traffic Service is subject to the provisions of the Multiple Exchange Carrier Access Billing Guidelines (MECAB).

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To the extent the Company jointly provides Toll Free 8YY Transit Traffic Service in conjunction with a third party carrier that will bill Interexchange Carrier Customers of that third-party carrier's switched access service, pursuant to that third-party carrier's tariff or other authority, for that third party carrier's portion of the total service, the Company and third party carrier(s) will enter into a billing agreement with all billing carriers which is consistent with the provisions contained in MECAB. Toll Free 8YY Transit Traffic Service calls routed to an Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier's (ILEC) Tandem Switching facility will conform to the LATA restrictions as defined both in said ILEC's switched access tariff and in MECAB.

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SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE (Cont.)

5.2 <u>Provisions and Descriptions of Switched Access Service Arrangements (Cont'd)</u>

5.2.3 Rates Categories (Cont'd)

5.2.3.1 (Cont'd)

5.2.3.1.5 <u>Switched Access Service Optional Features</u>:

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- 5.2.3.1.5.1

 Non-Chargeable Optional Features:
 Where transmission facilities permit, the
 Company will, at the option of the Customer.
 Provide the following nonchargable optional
 feature, as described in Section 5.5.1, in
 association with Switched Access Service.
 - (a) Supervisory Signaling
- 5.2.3.1.5.2 Chargeable Optional Features:
 Where transmission facilities permit, the
 Company will, at the option of the Customer,
 provide the following chargable optional feature,
 as described in Section 5.5.2, in association
 with Switched Access Service.
 - (a) 800 data Base Access Service Basic Query
 - (b) Signaling Transfer Point Access

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7. <u>Switched Access Rates</u>

This section contains the specific regulations governing the rates and charges that apply for Switched Access Services:

- 7.1 There are two types of rates and charges that apply to Switched Access Service. These are usage rates and Non-Recurring Charges.
 - 7.1.1 <u>Usage Rates</u>: Usage rates are rates that are applied on a per access minute or per query basis. Usage rates are accumulated over a monthly period.
 - 7.1.2 <u>Non-Recurring Charges</u>: Non-Recurring charges are one time charges that apply for a specific work activity (i.e., installation of new service or change to an existing service).
 - 7.1.2.1 Installation of Service: Non-Recurring charges apply to each Switched Access Service installed. The charge is applied per line or Trunk.

7.2 Application of Rates

7.2.1 Direct Connect:

The Direct Connect rate is assessed based on a per minute of use basis.

Rates and charges for Direct Connect are set forth in Section 7.4.4.1.

7.2.2 <u>Tandem Connect</u>:

The Tandem Connect rate, described in Section 5.2.3.1.2, is assessed on a per-minute of use basis and is applicable to all tandem routed Switched Access Service minutes of use.

Rates and charges for Tandem Connect are set forth in Section 7.4.4.2.

7.2.3 8XX Number Translation Charge:

The 8XX Number Translation Charge applies for the translation of a specific 8XX number to a ten digit telephone number on a per query basis.

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7. Switched Access Rates (Cont'd)

7.3 Rates and Charges

7.4.4 Switched Access

7.4.4.1 <u>Direct Connect Charges</u>:

Per Access Minute of Use

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Originating: Terminating:

\$0.02269

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Switched Access Rates (Cont'd)

7.4 Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

7.4.4 Switched Access (Cont'd)

7.4.4.2 Tandem Connect Charges

Per Access Minute of Use

\$0.02269

Originating:

Terminating:

Tandem Connect – Without Tandem Switching: \$0.013149
Tandem Connect – With Tandem Switching: \$0.013437

7.4.4.3 Toll Free 8YY Transit Traffic Service¹

Per Direct Transit Minute of Use \$0.003659

Per Indirect Transit Minute of Use \$0.007317

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¹This is a blended rate comprised of the following ILEC rate elements at the time of this filing. The Direct Transit Minute of Use rate includes: Tandem Switching, one-half of the Transport Termination rate; one mile of Transport Facility, and one-half of the Common Multiplexer rate. The Indirect Transit Minute of Use rate includes: Tandem Switching, Transport Termination, two miles of Transport Facility, and the Common Multiplexer rate.