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For your information **Switched access rate changes**

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TO: General and pool contacts at TS pool members

Commission rules require NECA to adjust capped interstate switched access rates, other than terminating end office rates, to reflect pool election changes. Pool election changes for the upcoming tariff year resulted in a 0.222 percent increase in these rates. NECA did not include the increase in the data shown in the CAF ICC website when it opened earlier this month for data entry, pending discussion with FCC staff to have the increase deemed de minimus.

NECA has recently been advised the FCC does not consider this increase de minimus. We will therefore adjust switched access rates for the upcoming tariff year. **Adjusted rates will be available in the CAF ICC website on April 10.**

NECA will apply the 0.222 percent rate increase related to pool election changes to originating end office rates and all transport rate elements. Rates are rounded up to the last significant decimal place for a five or greater and rounded down otherwise.

The proposed terminating end office rate will be \$0.002133, which is \$0.0007 plus one-third of the difference between \$0.005 and \$0.0007 per minute.

In the [CAF ICC website](#) (login required), we will modify the following for test period 2018-2019:

- interstate switched access rate levels,
- intrastate switched access rate levels for those companies with intrastate rates at parity with interstate rates,
- interstate terminating end office access service rates to not exceed \$0.002133 per minute, and
- switched access revenues.

Proposed interstate and intrastate monthly and nonrecurring switched access rates can be viewed in the CAF ICC Data Collection website in the Study Area Intrastate Data section by selecting the Intrastate Revenues (FCC TRP) Output link. Your company's existing local switching and local transport rate band assignments will remain unchanged in the upcoming filing. **Adjusted intrastate rates, both end office and transport, available April 10, need to be filed with state regulatory commissions.**

Questions?

If you have questions, please contact your member service manager.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carol A. Brennan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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cc: Authorized consultants