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EXHIBIT 1

For your action **CAF ICC data collection is open until May 12** **Changing switched access rates**

April 21, 2016

To: General and pooling contacts for TS pool members

Switched access rates

Commission rules require NECA to adjust our capped interstate switched access rates for July 1, 2016, to reflect 2016 pool election changes. Pool election changes for the upcoming tariff year will increase these rates by 0.589 percent. In the CAF ICC website (login required: visit neca.org under *Member Services>NECA Data Collections>CAF ICC Data Collection*), we have modified the following for test period 2016-2017:

- 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 \$0.005 per minute, and
- switched access revenues.

NECA will apply the 0.589 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 5 or greater and rounded down otherwise.

Other proposed July 1 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 TRP at Rate Element Level* 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, need to be filed with state regulatory commissions.**

ER and CAF ICC

The forecasts of interstate switched access minutes have also been updated on the CAF ICC Data Collection website based on the latest view for companies using NECA forecasts. The updated forecasts and the required switched access rate changes impact your interstate allocated switched access revenue, intrastate terminating switched access revenue, eligible recovery and CAF ICC support.

Test Period 2014-2015 true-up

The Test Period 2014-15 true-up calculations do not reflect April settlements data. This true-up data will be updated on April 29 when the April view of realized revenues is available in settlements and can be viewed when the website opens on May 16. As indicated in our February 17, 2016 letter (login required: visit neca.org under *Quick Links>Member Correspondence>2016>February*), no revisions to switched access revenue data for the Test Period 2014-15 will be accepted after April lock (average schedule lock on Monday, April 25; cost lock on Wednesday, April 27).

CAF ICC data

The CAF ICC website will remain open until **May 12** to allow for forecast updates and other changes. Companies will not be able to change any forecast data after May 12. Since no changes can be made after May 12, please review your inputs to be sure they are accurate.

Data certification

You will be able to certify your company's data online **beginning Monday, May 16, until 11:59 p.m. ET on Friday, May 27**. To comply with Commission rules, data must be certified by an officer of the company. Blank certification forms will be available on the website for companies unable to certify online; these are **due to your region office by May 27**.

Questions?

Please contact your member service team.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol A. Brennan". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Carol A. Brennan

cc: Authorized Consultants