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**SECTION 1 - DEFINITION OF TERMS**

**Non-Toll Free: All calls that are not toll free (8YY) as established by the FCC’s 8YY Access Charge Reform Order (FCC 20-143) released on October 9, 2020.**

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PIU: Percent Interstate Usage

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Premises: The space occupied by a Customer, Authorized User or Joint User in a building or buildings or contiguous property (except railroad rights-of-way, etc.) not separated by a highway.

Recurring Charges: The monthly charges to the Customer for services, facilities and equipment, which continue for the duration of the service.

Service Commencement Date: The first day following the date on which the Company notifies the Customer that the requested service or facility is available for use, unless extended by the Customer's refusal to accept service which does not conform to standards set forth in the Service Order or the tariffs of the Company, in which case the Service Commencement Date is the date of the Customer's acceptance. The Company and Customer may mutually agree on a substitute Service Commencement Date. In the case of Tandem Connect service ordered under option (2) of Section 12.1.1.2, the Service Commencement Date is the date on which the Customer first sends Switched Access Service traffic to the Company or accepts Switched Access Service traffic from the Company.

Service Order: A written request for Company Services that may be submitted by the Customer in the format devised by the Company. The signing of a Service Order by the Customer and acceptance by the Company will initiate the respective obligations of the parties as set forth herein, but the duration of the service is calculated from the Service Commencement Date.

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**SECTION 1 - DEFINITION OF TERMS (CONT'D)**

Shared: A facility or equipment system or subsystem that can be used simultaneously by several Customers.

Switched Access Service: Access to the switched network of an Exchange Carrier for the purpose of originating or terminating communications. Switched Access service includes Local Switching, Local Transport, and Carrier Common Line.

Toll Free: The terms "Toll Free" or "Toll Free Service" refer to an inbound telecommunications service which permits calls to be completed to the customer's location without charge to the calling party. Access to the service is gained by dialing a ten-digit telephone number which terminates at the customer's location or a location designated by that customer. Toll Free Services typically originate via normal shared use facilities and are terminated via the customer's local exchange service access line.

**Toll Free Code (TFC): The term "Toll Free Code" denotes a three-digit Numbering Plan Area (NPA) or Area Code that is specifically assigned by the telecommunications industry for use by Telecommunications Service Providers in the provision of telephone numbers that, unlike traditional telephone numbers and calls, when dialed are toll free to the originating caller. The specific codes assigned and used, or reserved for use, for this purpose are 800, 822, 833, 844, 855, 866, 877, and 888.**

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Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic: The term Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic denotes a customer's interexchange voice traffic exchanged with the Telephone Company in Time Division Multiplexing format over PSTN facilities, which originates and/or terminates in Internet Protocol (IP) format. Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic originates and /or terminates in IP format when it originates from and/or terminates to an end user customer of a service that requires IP-compatible customer premises equipment.

Transmission: The sending of electrical or optical signals over a line to a destination.

User: A Customer, Joint User, or any other person authorized by a Customer to use service provided to the Customer under a Level 3 Communications, LLC tariff.

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**SECTION 14 - SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE**

14.1 General

Switched Access Service, which is available to Customers for their use in furnishing their services to End Users, provides a communications path between a Customer’s Premises and a service obtained by an End User from the Company or (if the Switched Access Service is provided by more than one local exchange carrier as provided in Section 4.2.9 of this Tariff) from another carrier whose network subtends the Company’s facilities. It provides for the use of common terminating, switching and transport facilities. Switched Access Service provides the ability to originate calls from an End User’s service to a Customer’s Premises, and to terminate calls from a Customer’s Premises to an End User’s service.

**As established in the 8YY Access Charge Reform (FCC 20-143), existing tandem switching charges and transport charges for originating 8YY traffic are eliminated and a single joint tandem switched access service rate element for 8YY originating access service is established as 8YY Joint Tandem Switched Transport.**

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Rates and charges are set forth in Section 15. The application of rates for Switched Access Service is described in Section 15.1.3.4.

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**SECTION 14 - SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE**

14.2 Provision and Description of Switched Access Service Agreements

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Switched Access Service is provided in the following service type:

14.2.1 Feature Group D (FGD) Access

FGD Access, which is available to all customers, is provisioned at the DSI level and provides trunk-side access to Company switches with an associated uniform 101-XXXX Access Code for Customer's use in originating and terminating communications. FGD service will be provided with SS7 signaling. (Multi-Frequency In-Band signaling may also be available, for a separate charge established under Section 11 of this Tariff.) End Users of Customer's service may also originate calls to certain FGD Access Customers without dialing the 101-XXXX Access Code if End User is presubscribed, as described herein.

The Access Code for FGD switching is a uniform Access Code of the form 10XXXX. A single Access Code will be the assigned number of all FGD access provided to the Customer by the Company. No Access Code is required for calls to a customer over FGD Switched Access Service if the End User's telephone exchange service is arranged for Presubscription to that Customer, as set forth herein

Where no Access Code is required, the number dialed by the Customer's End User shall be a seven or ten digit number for calls in the North American Numbering Plan (NANP), except for 00-dialed calls which are routed to the predesignated Customer. For international calls outside the NANP, a seven to twelve digit number maybe dialed. The form of the numbers dialed by the Customer's End User is NXX-XXXX, 0 or 1 + NXX-XXXX, NPA + NXX-XXXX, 0 or 1 + NPA = NXX-XXXX, and when the local Switching Center is equipped for International Direct Distance Dialing (IDDD), O+ CC + NN or 011 + CC + NN.

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**SECTION 15 – RATES AND CHARGES (CONT'D)**

15.1.3.2	Change Charges (Per Order)	
		<u>Per Occurrence</u>
	A. Service Date	\$10.00
	B. Design Changes	\$25.00
	C. Expedite Charge	\$100.00
15.1.3.3	Cancellation Charges (Per Order)	
		\$25.00
15.1.3.4	Terminating Switched Access	
	15.1.3.4.1 Local End Office Switching	
		<u>Per Access Minute of Use</u>
	Local End Office Switching	Note 1
	Port Charge	Note 1
	15.1.3.4.2 Carrier Common Line Rates	
		<u>Per Access Minute of Use</u>
	Originating	\$0.004700
	Terminating	\$0.000000

Note 1: See **CenturyLink Competitive Operating Companies Tariff** F.C.C. No. 4.

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**SECTION 15 – RATES AND CHARGES (CONT'D)**

15.1.3.4.3 Switched Transport Usage Rates  
Access Rate Per Minute

-Switched Transport			(C)
Originating <b>Non-Toll Free</b> <sup>[2]</sup>			
0-8 miles		\$0.000191	
8-25 miles		\$0.000245	
25-50 miles		\$0.000252	
50+ miles		\$0.000254	
Terminating		Note 1	
-Tandem Switching Charge			(C)
Originating <b>Non-Toll Free</b> <sup>[2]</sup>		\$0.002592	
Terminating		Note 1	
-Switched Transport per mile			(C)
Originating <b>Non-Toll Free</b> <sup>[2]</sup>			
0-8 miles		\$0.000019	
8-25 miles		\$0.000022	
25-50 miles		\$0.000022	
50+ miles		\$0.000022	
Terminating–3 <sup>rd</sup> Party		\$0.000022	
Terminating–Company		\$0.000000	
End Office			
<b>8YY Joint Switched Transport</b>			(N)
<b>Originating Toll Free</b> <sup>[2]</sup>		<b>0.001000</b>	(N)

15.1.3.4.4 Direct-Trunked Transport

Monthly Recurring Rate  
Fixed                      Per Mile

-DS1, **DS3** (T)  
 Note 1                      Note 1 (D)

Note 1: See **CenturyLink Competitive Operating Companies** Tariff F.C.C. No. 4. (T)

<sup>[2]</sup> Pursuant to FCC 20-143, separate rate elements for Toll Free and Non-Toll Free originating transport services were established. The Originating Toll Free rate element for combined transport services is displayed as 8YY Joint Tandem Switched Transport, above. (N)  
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**SECTION 15 – RATES AND CHARGES (CONT'D)**

		<u>Access Rate per Minute</u>	
15.1.3.4	Originating Switched Access		
	Local Switching <b>Non-Toll Free</b>	\$0.019400 [C]	
	Local Switching <b>Toll Free</b>	<b>\$0.001974 [R]</b>	
15.1.3.5	Toll Free Data Base Access Service		
	Customer Identification ( <b>aka Basic Query</b> )		(T)
	- Per Query	\$0.003500	
	Customer Delivery Charge		
	- Per Query	<b>\$0.000000 [R]</b>	
15.1.3.6	Toll Free Inter-Exchange Delivery Service ( <b>Originating</b> )		(T)
		<u>Access Rate per Minute</u>	
	Tandem Switching	<b>\$0.000000 [R]</b>	
	Tandem Termination	<b>\$0.000000 [R]</b>	
	Tandem Transport per Mile	<b>\$0.000000 [R]</b>	
15.1.3.7	<b>8YY Joint Switched Transport</b>		[N]
	<b>Originating Toll Free</b> <sup>[1]</sup>	<b>0.001000</b>	[N]

<sup>[1]</sup> Pursuant to FCC 20-143, separate rate elements for Toll Free and Non-Toll Free originating transport services were established. The Originating Toll Free rate element for combined transport services is displayed as 8YY Joint Tandem Switched Transport, above. [N]  
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