



June 29, 2012

Ms. Beth Salak
Director, Division of Competitive Markets and Enforcement
Attention: Tariff Section
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

RE: **TL727**

Dear Ms. Salak:

Attached for filing, please find the following revised pages for the Embarq Florida, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink Access Service Tariff. This filing is submitted with a proposed effective date of July 3, 2012.

The tariff pages being revised with this filing are as follows:

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This filing proposes intrastate access tariff reductions, to be effective July 3, 2012, pursuant to the FCC's November 18, 2011 Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in WC Docket Nos. 10-90, etc. (FCC 11-161). The Transitional Intrastate Access Service reductions proposed herein are as required by 47 C.F.R. §51.907(b).

On March 28th, 2012, the FCC released an Order granting a limited waiver of the July 1, 2012 effective date for the 2012 annual access filings specifically including §51.907(b) and setting July 3, 2012 as the effective date for the 2012 rate changes required by its Transformation Order.¹ The intrastate rate changes proposed under this filing are intended to mirror the effective date of the interstate rate changes.

This filing is the first step in implementing the "Transitional Intrastate Access Service" reductions mandated by the FCC. Specifically this filing proposes a reduction of switched access service rates by 50% of the difference between the intrastate and interstate revenue, as mandated in the FCC's November 18, 2011 Report and order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in WC Docket Nos. 10-90, etc. (FCC 11-161). Attachment A describes the methodology used for calculating the rate reductions proposed herein.

¹ See Para. 15 of DA 12-482, released on March 28, 2012. See also, FCC Order DA 12-870, released on June 5, 2012.

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Pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Report and Order released November 18, 2011 in WC Docket No. 10-90, et al. (USF/ICC Transformation Order) and associated FCC rules (specifically, 47 C.F.R. 51.915(d)(3)), price cap carriers are required to certify to the FCC and to state commissions that they are not seeking duplicative recovery in the state jurisdiction for any Eligible Recovery subject to the recovery mechanism created by the USF/ICC Transformation Order. In accordance with this requirement, attached is the certification for Embarq Florida, Inc., a CenturyLink Operating Company. CenturyLink also made the required certification to the FCC in filings dated June 18, 2012.

If you have questions or need additional information regarding this filing, please contact Sandy Khazraee at 850-847-0173 or me at the phone number or the e-mail address listed below.

Sincerely,



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**Embarq Florida, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink
FCC ICC/USF Compliance Filing Rate Decreases**

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF ACCESS RATE REDUCTION

The FCC provided the methodology for calculating the rate reductions and identified in detail the intrastate access rates that are required to be reduced consistent with the rules. The access rates to be reduced are referred to by the FCC as “Transitional Intrastate Access Service” and defined to include rates within the following categories:

- Terminating End Office Access Service
- Terminating Tandem-Switched Transport Access Service
- Originating and Terminating Dedicated Transport Access Service

Section 51.907(b) of the FCC Rules sets forth the specific steps to calculate the rates for Transitional Intrastate Access Service:

1. Calculate total revenue from Transitional Intrastate Access Service at the interstate access rates in effect on December 29, 2011 using Fiscal Year 2011 intrastate switched access demand for each rate element (defined by the FCC as the period from October 2010 through September 2011).
2. Calculate total revenue from Transitional Intrastate Access Service at the intrastate access rates in effect on December 29, 2011 using Fiscal Year 2011 intrastate switched access demand for each rate element.
3. Calculate the Step 1 Access Revenue Reduction which is equal to one-half of the difference between the amounts calculated in steps 1 and 2 above.
4. Calculate the rates for Transitional Intrastate Access Service such that the revenues from Transitional Intrastate Access Service revenue at the proposed rates is no greater than the total revenues calculated in step 2 less the access revenue reduction calculated in step 3.

Certain terminating common line and local switching access service carrier charges were reduced sufficient to produce the required Access Revenue Reduction produced by Step 3.

CERTIFICATION

I am Vice President – Regulatory Operations for the CenturyLink Operating Companies together with Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC (CenturyLink). I have overall responsibility for supervision of the personnel who prepared all of the data supporting CenturyLink’s annual access charge tariff filings with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and I am authorized to execute this certification. I provide this certification based upon the information provided to me by employees responsible for the preparation of the data submitted in support of CenturyLink’s 2012 FCC annual access charge tariff filings. I hereby certify, pursuant to 47 C.F.R 51.915(d)(3), that CenturyLink is not seeking duplicative recovery in the state jurisdiction for any Eligible Recovery subject to the recovery mechanism established by the FCC’s November 18, 2011 USF ICC Transformation Order, FCC 11-161 (WC Docket No. 10-90).

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E3. CARRIER COMMON LINE ACCESS

E3.8 Rates and Charges

A. The rate for Carrier Common Line Access is:

1. Carrier Common Line

	<u>Rate</u>	
(a) Originating Access Minute, each	\$0.003272	
(b) Terminating Access Minute, each	\$0.000000	(R)

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E6. SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE

E6.8 Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

E6.8.3 End Office

A. Local Switching	<u>Rate</u>	
1. Per Access Minute		
Originating	\$0.017700	(C)
Terminating	\$0.012605	(R) (C)
2. Local Switching Nonchargeable Optional Features		
a. Call denial on line or hunt group, available with FGA, Per Transmission Path or Transmission Path Group		
b. Service Code Denial on line or hunt group, available with FGA, Per Transmission Path or Transmission Path Group		
c. Hunt Group Arrangement, available with FGA, Per Transmission Path Group		
d. Uniform Call Distribution Arrangement, available with FGA, Per Transmission Path Group		
e. Nonhunting Numbers for use with Hunt Group Arrangements or U.C.D. Arrangement available with FGA, Per Transmission Path		
f. Automatic Number Identification, available with FGB, FGC and FGD, Per End Office By Type of Capacity		
g. Up to 7 Digit Outpulsing of Access Digits to IC, available with FGB, Per Entry Switch		
h. Cut-Through, available with FGD, Per End Office or Access Tandem		
i. Revertive Pulse Address Signaling, available with FGC, Per Transmission Path Group		
j. Delay Dial Start-Pulsing Signaling, available with FGC, Per Transmission Path Group		
k. Immediate Dial Pulse Address Signaling, available with FGC, Per Transmission Path Group		