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COMPANY NAME: CenturyLink Communications, LLC d/b/a Embarq Communications d/b/a Lumen d/b/a Lumen Technologies d/b/a Lumen Technologies Group

A. SYNOPSIS

- 1. ANTICIPATED EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/31/2021
- 2. IF DIFFERENT, COMPANY REQUESTED EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/31/2021
- 3. DESCRIPTION OF THE FILING:

This filing proposes the first step in implementing the 8YY Access Service reductions mandated in the Federal Communications Commission's October 9, 2020 Report and Order in WC Docket No. 18-156, (FCC 20-143), (8YY Access Charge Reform). This filing also updates references to the company's interstate access services tariff.

B. ACTION TO BE TAKEN WITH THIS FILING

- 1. TO BECOME EFFECTIVE _A1_ (A1 or A2)
- 2. PLACE ON COMMISSION AGENDA FOR DATE:
- 3. RECOMMENDATION DUE DATE:
- 4. DOCKET NO:
- 5. ORDER NO:

SUBJECT:

C. FINAL ACTION

- 1. EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/31/2021 PROTESTED? YES OR NO (CIRCLE ONE)
- 2. REVISION REPLACEMENTS? REQUESTED: _____ RECEIVED: _____
- 3. REVISION DISCREPANCIES:

4. COMMENTS: See attached notes. _____

- 5. REVISIED PAGES VERIFIED AGANIST E-TARIFF: _____
- 6. E-TARIFF UPDATED: _____

2/16/2022

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Staff was unable to locate any record of a Florida Price List No. 4 for CenturyLink Communications, LLC d/b/a Lumen Technologies Group (formerly known as Qwest Communications Company, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink QCC) on file with the FPSC. The company indicated it would research the company records to see if it could determine if or when it was filed and review the information.

Staff re-reviewed the price list filings made on behalf of CenturyLink Communications, LLC d/b/a Embarq Communications d/b/a Lumen d/b/a Lumen Technologies d/b/a Lumen Technologies Group and none of the previous filings listed include a Price List No. 4 being submitted.

Since the company publicly publishes Price List No. 4 on its company website and the currently posted version is up to date and incorporates this revision, it wasn't necessary to file a revision here. Staff recommended the easiest remedy for the company would be to withdraw this filing as redundant, but a response has not been timely received.

Since a Price List No. 4 is not on file with the FPSC, staff will insert these pages in the price list books as is.

From: [Terry, Darlene N](#)
To: [Jeff Bates](#)
Cc: [Mark Long](#)
Subject: RE: T20210051 - Qwest/CenturyLink
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 1:49:25 PM

Hi Jeff,

I apologize for not responding to your earlier emails sooner. I will review and respond to this and other review results you've provided for recent filings and handle as needed this week. Thank you for your thorough reviews and direction.

From: Jeff Bates <JBates@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2021 1:45 PM
To: Terry, Darlene N <Darlene.Terry@lumen.com>
Cc: Mark Long <MLONG@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: T20210051 - Qwest/CenturyLink

Darlene,

As we discussed previously, I was unable to locate any record of a Florida Price List No. 4 for CenturyLink Communications, LLC d/b/a Lumen Technologies Group (formerly known as Qwest Communications Company, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink QCC) on file with the FPSC. You indicated you would research the company records to see if you could determine if or when it was filed and review the information with me.

In the interim, I've re-reviewed the price list filings made on behalf of the company – a PDF list is attached for your review – and none of the filings listed include a Price List No. 4 being submitted.

Since the company publicly publishes Price List No. 4 on its company website and the currently posted version is up to date and incorporates this revision, it wasn't necessary to file a revision here.

At your earliest convenience, please withdraw the filing since the underlying price list isn't publicly published at the Commission. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Jeff Bates
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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

July 23, 2021

Mr. Cayce Hinton
Director, Office of Industry Development & Market Analysis
Attention: Tariff Section
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Re: TX273

Dear Mr. Hinton:

Attached for filing are the following revisions to the CenturyLink Communications, LLC Florida Price List No. 4, issued July 23, 2021 with a proposed effective date of July 31, 2021:

<u>Section</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Release</u>
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If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Darlene N. Terry".

Darlene N. Terry

Attachments

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COMPETITIVE ACCESS SERVICE

2. GENERAL REGULATIONS

2.3 OBLIGATIONS OF THE CUSTOMER

2.3.10 DETERMINATION OF INTRASTATE CHARGES FOR MIXED INTERSTATE AND INTRASTATE ACCESS SERVICE (Cont'd)

B. Identification and Rating of VoIP-PSTN Traffic

VoIP-PSTN Traffic is defined as traffic exchanged between a Company end user and the customer in Time Division Multiplexing (TDM) format that originates and/or terminates in Internet Protocol (IP) format. This section governs the identification of VoIP-PSTN Traffic that is required to be compensated at interstate access rates unless the parties have agreed otherwise by the F.C.C. in its Report and Order in WC Dockets Nos. 10-90, etc., F.C.C. Release No. 11-161 (November 18, 2011) (F.C.C. Order).

The Company affirms that all of its Florida traffic either originates from or terminates to a VoIP end user and is therefore, VoIP PSTN. VoIP-PSTN Traffic identified in accordance with this Price List section will be billed at rates equal to the Company's applicable tariffed interstate switched access rates as set forth in **the CenturyLink Competitive Operating Companies** Tariff F.C.C. No. 1. These rates are contained in Sections 3.7.1 and 6.8.1, following.

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COMPETITIVE ACCESS SERVICE

2. GENERAL REGULATIONS

2.6 DEFINITIONS (Cont'd)

Multiplexing (MUX)

Denotes a method of concentrating information via signal processing techniques (i.e., frequency division, multiplexing, time division multiplexing, etc.)

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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Nonrecurring Charge

Denotes those charges which are one time charges to the customer, i.e., not monthly charges.

North American Numbering Plan (NANP)

Denotes a numbering scheme which includes a three-digit (Numbering Plan Area) code and a seven-digit telephone number which consists of a three-digit central office code plus a four-digit station number.

Office Replacement

Denotes a situation where the hardware and software in a Company switching office is replaced with different hardware and software for the establishment and maintenance of a given switching office.

Originating Direction

Denotes the use of Access Service for the origination of calls from an end user's premises to a customer's premises.

Percent Interstate Use (PIU)

The term "Percent Interstate Use" (PIU) refers to traffic that originates in one state and terminates in a different state.

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COMPETITIVE ACCESS SERVICE

2. GENERAL REGULATIONS

2.6 DEFINITIONS (Cont'd)

Signaling

Denotes the process of passing information, identifying the called subscriber or addressee and for supervising and controlling the connection once it has been established.

Signaling System 7 (SS7)

Denotes the signaling protocol.

Switching System

Denotes the hardware and/or software utilized by the Company for the establishment and maintenance of a given wire center.

Tandem-Switched Transport (TST)

Denotes the transport between an access tandem and Company end office that subtends the access tandem that utilizes tandem switching functions. Tandem-Switched Transport consists of circuits used in common by multiple customers from the tandem to an end office.

Terminating Direction

Denotes the use of Access Service for the completion of calls from a customer's premises to an end user's premises.

Third Party Carrier

A Local Exchange Carrier or CMRS provider other than the Company.

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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COMPETITIVE ACCESS SERVICE

6. SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE

6.1 GENERAL

6.1.2 RATE CATEGORIES

A. Switched Transport (Cont'd)

2. Switched Transport TST Rate Category

TST provides the transmission facilities between a LEC tandem and the Company's end offices subtending that tandem. For TST, the Company will determine the type of facilities to the end office(s) based on the customer's order for service on a per-trunk basis.

The TST rate category is composed of the Tandem Transmission rate element, a fixed per-MOU rate and per-mile/per-MOU rate. The fixed rate provides for the circuit equipment at the end of the interoffice transmission paths. The per-mile rate provides for the transmission facilities, including intermediate transmission circuit equipment between the end points of the interoffice circuit. For purposes of determining the per-mile rate, mileage will be measured as airline mileage using the V & H coordinates method. Mileage measurement rules are set forth in 6.7.7, and rates and charges are set forth in Section 6.8, following.

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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3. Tandem Switching

Tandem Switching is per-MOU rate assessed for utilization tandem switching functions when tandem routing is requested for trunkside services.

4. Common Transport Multiplexing

Common Transport multiplexing equipment is utilized in the end office side of the access tandem when common transport is provided between the access tandem and the subtending end offices. This rate is assessed on the per-MOU basis.

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6. SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE

6.8 RATES AND CHARGES

6.8.1 SWITCHED RECURRING RATES

A. Tandem-Switched Transport Usage Rates

	RATE PER ACCESS MINUTE		
	FIXED	PER MILE	
• Tandem Transmission:			
Facility Termination			
- Originating Non-Toll Free ^[2]	7.3.1.A.[1]	7.3.1.A.[1]	(C)
- Terminating	7.3.1.A.[1]	7.3.1.A.[1]	
	RATE PER ACCESS MINUTE		
• Tandem Switching Charge			
- Originating Non-Toll Free ^[2]		7.3.1.A.[1]	(C)
- Terminating		7.3.1.A.[1]	
• Common Transport Multiplexing			
- Originating Non-Toll Free ^[2]		7.3.1.A.[1]	(C)
- Terminating		7.3.1.A.[1]	
• 8YY Joint Tandem Switched Transport			(N)
- Originating –Toll Free ^[2]		7.3.1.A.[1]	(N)

[1] The rate for this element is as specified in the CenturyLink **Competitive Operating**(T)
Companies Tariff F.C.C. No. 1 as it now exists, and as it may be revised, added to,(T)
or supplemented.

[2] Pursuant to FCC 20-143, separate rate elements for Toll Free and Non-Toll Free(N)
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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6.8 RATES AND CHARGES

6.8.1 SWITCHED RECURRING RATES

B. Local Switching

RATE PER ACCESS MINUTE

- Local End Office Switching:
 - Originating **Non-Toll Free** 7.3.1.B.[1] (C)
 - **Originating Toll Free** 7.3.1.B.[1] (C)
 - Terminating 7.3.1.B.[1]
- End Office Shared Port
 - Originating **Non-Toll Free** 7.3.1.B.[1] (C)
 - **Originating Toll Free** 7.3.1.B.[1] (C)
 - Terminating 7.3.1.B.[1]

RATE PER
CALL/QUERY

- Toll Free Data Base Access Service
 - Basic Query 7.3.1.B.[1]
 - Complex Query 7.3.1.B.[1]

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6. SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE

6.8 RATES AND CHARGES (Cont'd)

6.8.2 NONRECURRING RATES

A. Trunk Installation

NONRECURRING
CHARGE

- First trunk 7.3.2.A.[1]
- Each additional trunk 7.3.2.A.[1]

B. Moves within the Same Serving Wire Center

Switched Access Service,
per trunk

- First trunk 7.3.2.B.[1]
- Each additional trunk 7.3.2.B.[1]

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