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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 Embarg Florida, Inc. General Exchange Tariff. This filing is submitted with a proposed effective date of October 28, 2008. The Company's tariffs are available on its website at www2.embarq.com/tariffs.

Section A2	Second Revised Sheet 53	Section A3 Cont'd	Second Revised Sheet 34.1
Section A3	Sixth Revised Sheet 23		Eighteenth Revised Sheet 59
	Sixth Revised Sheet 24		

This filing makes text corrections and deletes references that should have been eliminated in previous filings but were overlooked. Also, this filing changes an example given in the OEAS Dialing Plan. This example is being changed to reflect the actual rates so as not to confuse customers. These changes have no affect on customer services or rates. In addition, this filing reflects an October 1, 2008 change in the Interstate Subscriber Line Charge rates as they pertain to Lifeline Assistance.

Commission consideration and timely approval of these pages are respectfully requested. If you have questions or need additional information regarding this filing, please call me at the number below or Tamela Kelly at 850-599-1029.

Sincerely,

Mary L. Matthews

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BY: John M. Felz Director SECTION A2 Second Revised Sheet 53 Cancelling First Revised Sheet 53 Effective: October 28, 2008

GENERAL REGULATIONS

I. TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACCESS SYSTEM ACT (TASA) OF 1991

- 1. In Order No. 24581, Docket No. 910496-TP, Telecommunications Access System Act of 1991, the Commission requires each local exchange telecommunications company to begin **assessing** and collecting a surcharge per access line per month on bills rendered on or after July 1, 1991, for remission to the administrator for deposit in the operational fund. Each local exchange telecommunications company shall remit moneys collected to the administrator. On August 15, 1991, each local exchange telecommunications company shall begin remitting the moneys collected to the administrator on a monthly basis and in a manner as prescribed by the Commission. The administrator shall use such moneys to cover costs incurred during the development of the telecommunications relay services and to establish and administer the specialized telecommunications devices system.
- 2. The Commission requires all local exchange telecommunications companies to impose the monthly surcharge on all local exchange telecommunications company subscribers on an individual access line basis, except that such surcharge shall not be imposed upon more than 25 basic telecommunications access line per account bill rendered. The Commission is interpreting "account bill rendered" for purposes of determining the 25 access line limit using the methodology each local exchange company currently uses to define an individual account.
- 3. The surcharge will be itemized on the first bill rendered after July 1, 1991, at the time of the annual inventory statement and each time the surcharge is changed, as well as any other time a completely itemized bill is rendered. However, the surcharge will be itemized no more often than the total bill is itemized.

By: John M. Felz Director SECTION A3 Sixth Revised Sheet 23 Cancelling Fifth Revised Sheet 23 Effective: October 28, 2008

BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

C. DIALING PLANS

1. EAS - Extended Area Service

Telephone service which is provided under tariff whereby subscribers of a given exchange may complete and receive calls from one or more exchanges without the application of long distance message telecommunications charges.

- 2. \$.20 EAS
 - a. Calls from the referenced exchange to any exchange listed, but not shown in the corresponding local calling area, will be charged at the following rates:
 - Business Service:
 \$.20 per completed call up to a total of 60 minutes per message. Usage exceeding the sixty minutes per message limit will be charged for on a usage basis at the long distance message rates shown in A18.

By: John M. Felz Director SECTION A3 Sixth Revised Sheet 24 Cancelling Fifth Revised Sheet 24 Effective: October 28, 2008

BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

C. DIALING PLANS

3. ECS - Extended Calling Scope

Also called Message Rate Plan, this plan was instituted in Docket No. 891239-TL, Order No. 24595, and established a \$.25 per call message rate plan for exchanges with rate centers within a 1-10 mileage band of each other. The plan may also be established for exchanges with rate centers over 11 miles, with the approval of the Florida Public Service Commission.

Each call between the designated exchanges listed under Plan A will be charged for at a flat rate of \$.25 per call of unlimited duration. Such calls will be dialed as seven-digit local calls where the involved exchanges are in the same NPA. Where the exchanges are in different NPA's, the plan may be implemented on a 10 digit basis due to NXX code conflicts. This rate is applicable to business customers.

Plan A includes calls dialed or placed through an operator from all single party access lines, rotary lines, Centrex lines, PBX trunks, and pay telephone lines. Plan A calls placed from message-rated PBX trunks will be assessed \$.25 per call. Calls placed as landline-to-mobile will be billed at \$.25 per call. Operator assisted local call charges are applicable to plan calls placed through an operator.

Plan B routes include calls dialed and placed from business access lines, business rotary, business Centrex, pay telephones and business PBX and will be billed at \$.10 for the first minute and \$.06 for each additional minute of use. Calls placed as landline-to-mobile will be billed at \$.10/.06 per minute for business services. Operator assisted local call charges are applicable to plan calls placed through an operator.

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BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

C. DIALING PLANS

- 6. OEAS (Cont'd)
 - h. Rates and Charges
 - 1) The rates for OEAS Options I, II, III, and IV are in addition to the rates and charges applicable to the basic local exchange service with which the options are associated.

If a customer subscribes to OEAS Options I, III or IV and the customer has more than one access line on the same account, each access line will be billed a monthly minimum charge. For example, a customer with two access lines subscribing to Option I is billed two **\$3.00** monthly minimum charges totalling **\$6.00** and has available 60 minutes for each line totalling 120 minutes that can be originated from either line.

2) During the six month period following the effective date of each authorized OEAS plan, the secondary service ordering charge will be waived for the initial subscription to one of the options and for one subsequent change.

By: John M. Felz Director SECTION A3 Eighteenth Revised Sheet 59 Cancelling Seventeenth Revised Sheet 59 Effective: October 28, 2008

BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

J. LIFELINE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

- 1. General
 - a. The Interstate Subscriber Line Charge Waiver and Matching Program adopted by the Florida Public Service Commission is a Lifeline Assistance Program and provides for a federal credit equal to 100% of the Interstate Subscriber Line Charge (SLC) of \$6.42 as shown in the Interstate Access Tariff, Section 4, an equivalent Company provided subsidy of \$8.00, plus an additional federal reduction of \$3.50 for a total credit of up to \$17.92 per month. Effective October 1, 2000, eligible applicants living on federally recognized Native American reservations will receive an additional credit of up to \$25.00 sufficient to reduce the monthly rate for local service to no less than \$1.00 inclusive of the subscriber line charge.
 - b. The federal and Company credits are applied to the local service bills for qualified residential recipients of public assistance who apply for the credits and authorize agency verification of their participation in at least one of the following programs: Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), Medicaid, Supplementary Security Income (SSI), food stamps, Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8), Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and National School Lunch Program (free meals program only).
 - c. An applicant living on federally recognized Native American reservations is eligible for additional credit as outlined in J.1.a. preceding, if he/she is currently a recipient of benefits from one of the following assistance programs: Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), Medicaid, Supplementary Security Income (SSI), food stamps, Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8), Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Federal Public Housing Assistance, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) General Assistance, Tribally Administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Head Start (only for those meeting its income qualifying standard) and National School Lunch Program (free meals program only).
 - d. Additionally, customers not receiving benefits under one of the preceding programs, and whose total gross annual income does not exceed 135% of the federal poverty guidelines, meet the requirements of a State established means test and may apply directly to the Office of Public Counsel (OPC) for eligibility certification.
 - e. Lifeline Assistance is available for one telephone line per residence, at the customer's principle place of residence.

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By: John M. Felz Director SECTION A3 Sixth Fifth Revised Sheet 23 Cancelling Fifth Fourth Revised Sheet 23 Effective: October 28, 2008 March 11, 2008

BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

C. DIALING PLANS

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 - Business Service:
 \$.20 per completed call up to a total of 60 minutes per message. Usage exceeding the sixty minutes per message limit will be charged for on a usage basis at the long distance message rates shown in A18.
 - b. For calls from the Tallahassee exchange to the Chattahoochee exchange, see note on Sheet 14 of this section.

By: John M. Felz Director SECTION A3 Sixth Fifth Revised Sheet 24 Cancelling Fifth Fourth Revised Sheet 24 Effective: October 28, 2008 March 11, 2008

BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

C. DIALING PLANS

3. ECS - Extended Calling Scope

Also called Message Rate Plan, this plan was instituted in Docket No. 891239-TL, Order No. 24595, and established a \$.25[±] per call message rate plan for exchanges with rate centers within a 1-10 mileage band of each other. The plan may also be established for exchanges with rate centers over 11 miles, with the approval of the Florida Public Service Commission.

Each call between the designated exchanges listed under Plan A will be charged for at a flat rate of \$.25 per call of unlimited duration. Such calls will be dialed as seven-digit local calls where the involved exchanges are in the same NPA. Where the exchanges are in different NPA's, the plan may be implemented on a 10 digit basis due to NXX code conflicts. This rate is applicable to business customers.

Plan A includes calls dialed or placed through an operator from all single party access lines, rotary lines, Centrex lines, PBX trunks, and pay telephone lines. Plan A calls placed from message-rated PBX trunks will be assessed \$.25 per call. Calls placed as landline-to-mobile will be billed at \$.25 per call. Operator assisted local call charges are applicable to plan calls placed through an operator.

Plan B routes include calls dialed and placed from business access lines, business rotary, business Centrex, pay telephones and business PBX and will be billed at \$.10 for the first minute and \$.06 for each additional minute of use. Calls placed as landline-to-mobile will be billed at \$.10/.06 per minute for business services. Operator assisted local call charges are applicable to plan calls placed through an operator.

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BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

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2) During the six month period following the effective date of each authorized OEAS plan, the secondary service ordering charge will be waived for the initial subscription to one of the options and for one subsequent change.

By: John M. Felz Director SECTION A3 <u>Eighteenth</u> Seventeenth Revised Sheet 59 Cancelling Seventeenth Sixteenth Revised Sheet 59 Effective: October 28, 2008 August 30, 2008

BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

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