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Beth Salak, Director Competitive Markets and Enforcement Attn: Tariff Section 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd. Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Dear Ms. Salak:

Pursuant to Florida Statute 364.051 we are filing herewith revisions to our Private Line Services Tariff. Following are the affected pages:

Private Line Services Tariff

Section B7

Fourth Revised Page 62 Original Page 62.1

The purpose of this filing is to introduce a deferred billing provision for customers that are converting certain LightGate Service or SMARTRing Service arrangements to a higher capacity SMARTRing service in order to meet customer's communication needs.

Acknowledgment, date of receipt and authority number of this filing are requested.

Your consideration and approval will be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY (FL2006-133)

Present Tariff

LightGate Service and SMARTRing Service in the Private Line Services Tariff provide customers with service capabilities that transport large quantities of service arrangements. Presently, LightGate Service and SMARTRing Service customers that are upgrading their service to a higher level of SMARTRing Service must maintain billing on their existing and new service arrangement while their services are being converted to the higher level SMARTRing Service.

Proposed Tariff

With this filing, customers converting LightGate Service to a higher capacity OC-12, OC-48, OC-48+, OC-192 or OC-192+ SMARTRing Service and customer's converting their SMARTRing service to a higher capacity SMARTRing service arrangement, will be allowed to defer the start of ring level billing for the new SMARTRing service arrangement when it is provided under the Channel Services Payment Plan (CSPP). This deferral of the billing start for the new SMARTRing Service may be up to a maximum of 60 days.

This filing also adds text that for situations where a SMARTRing Service customer requests service to a central office via Local Channel and Interoffice Channel service components and alternate facilities are available that provide an equal or higher level of protection than the requested service arrangement, then the alternate facilities may by utilized, with concurrence of the customer, and the rate application to the central office will be that of the Local Channel and Interoffice Channel service components requested by the customer.

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B7. DIGITAL NETWORK SERVICE

B7.7 Self-Healing Multi-Nodal Alternate Route Topology Ring (SMARTRing) Service (Cont'd)

B7.7.2 Application of Rates (Cont'd)

- G. (Cont'd)
 - 7. (Cont'd)
 - b. The customer's SMARTRing service, to which the network services are reconfigured, must be ordered under a CSPP. However, individual DS1 and/or DS3 channel interfaces associated with SMARTRing service may be provided under month-to-month terms if the existing services were provided under month-to-month rates.
 - c. Special promotional waivers will be processed as projects for each customer designated location, and all associated connect and disconnect orders must be placed at the same time. Reconfiguration work must be completed within twelve months of the customer order date. Only one reconfiguration plan will be permitted per customer location.
 - d. Special promotional waivers shall not apply when the service is moved by the customer from one location to another.
 - e. In the event the SMARTRing service is disconnected at the customer's request prior to the expiration of the CSPP, full nonrecurring charges associated with ring level billing will apply.
- H. SMARTRing service Local Channel, Alternate Central Office Channel and Internodal Channel rates are distance sensitive. They are measured per quarter airline mile or fraction thereof from the customer's designated premises to the Serving Wire Center, Alternate Central Office, or other Customer Nodes. V&H coordinates are derived for each customer location through the use of longitude and latitude measurements. Using the V&H coordinate method as set forth in the NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. No. 4, compute the mileage, convert to quarter miles, and multiply the appropriate per quarter mile rate by the distance involved. Any portion of a quarter mile will always round up to the next quarter mile before determining the mileage and applying the rate. For channels which are less than one quarter mile, a minimum charge of one quarter mile applies.
- I. The SMARTRing service Interoffice Channel mileage is calculated per quarter airline mile between two directly connected central offices on the ring. Interoffice Channel mileage is computed by using the V&H coordinates method as set forth in the NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. No. 4. To determine the rate to be billed, multiply the appropriate per quarter mile rate by the distance involved. Fractions of a quarter mile always round up to the next quarter mile before determining the mileage and applying the rate. For channels which are less than one quarter mile, a minimum charge of one quarter mile applies.
- **J.** A nonrecurring charge applies for SMARTRing service Surveillance, one for each Customer Node and each Central Office Node, per SMARTRing service rearranged. A nonrecurring charge applies for Reconfiguration, one per reconfiguration of each STS-1 group at each node where such reconfiguration capability is desired. These rate elements apply when the Customer adds FlexServ service to an existing SMARTRing service.
- **K.** For SMARTRing service configured with a Virtual Packet Ring(s), an individual VPR requires multiple (i.e., two or more) Basic Shared Ethernet LAN Access Links.
- L. For conversions of LightGate service to a higher capacity OC-12, OC-48, OC-48+, OC-192 or OC-192+ SMARTRing service and for conversions of SMARTRing service to a higher capacity SMARTRing service arrangement, customers will be allowed to defer the start of SMARTRing service ring level billing when the new service arrangement is provided under the Channel Services Payment Plan (CSPP), as described in B2.4.9, preceding. The period of deferred billing shall be based on the Telephone Company's estimation of the time required for conversion, up to a maximum of 60 days. This applies to orders for new service associated with conversions, as described above, or orders associated with a project for conversion that is pending completion, as of September 22, 2006. For orders associated with a project for conversion that is pending completion, the deferred start of ring level billing shall be accomplished via credits to the customer's bill. For upgrades, as described above, that are completed in less than 60 days, the deferred start of ring level billing shall be associated with the completion of the upgrade. Customer's SMARTRing service CSPP arrangements shall begin after the deferral period and continue to completion, as described in B2.4.9, preceding, for the customers selected CSPP commitment period.

<u>Ring level billing is defined as billing for the following rate elements: Local Channel, Interoffice Channel, Internodal Channel</u> <u>Alternate Central Office Channel, Customer Node and Central Office Node.</u> <u>Billing for Customer Channel Interfaces and</u> <u>Central Office Channel Interfaces recurring will be effective upon activation of the interface and is not available for deferred</u> <u>billing.</u>

In case of a service outage associated with SMARTRing service ring level rate elements that have deferred billing, as described above, for new service associated with conversions or service associated with a project for conversion that is pending completion, a service outage credit will not apply.

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