

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of)	
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National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc.)	
2002 Modification of Average Schedules)	CCB/CPD No. 02-04
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ORDER

Adopted: June 11, 2002

Released: June 12, 2002

By the Chief, Pricing Policy Division:

1. On December 28, 2001, the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. (“NECA”) filed proposed modifications to the current average schedule formulas to become effective July 1, 2002.¹ NECA’s filing was submitted in accordance with Commission rules that require NECA to submit proposed modifications to the average schedule formulas annually or to certify that no modifications are warranted.² In its Filing, NECA proposed revisions to the Common Line Access Line and Rate of Return formulas, as well as to the following Traffic Sensitive formulas: Central Office, Intertoll Switching, Line Haul Distance Sensitive, Line Haul Non-distance Sensitive, Special Access, Traffic Sensitive Rate of Return, Signaling System 7, and Network Administration formulas. NECA also added the following formulas to implement the requirements of the *Rate-of-Return Access Charge Reform Order*:³ Common Line Line Port, Common Line Transport, Traffic Sensitive Central Office, and Traffic Sensitive Transport. NECA requested that these modifications take effect on July 1, 2002, and remain in effect through June 30, 2003.⁴

¹ See *National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. 2002 Modification of Average Schedules*, filed December 28, 2001.

² 47 C.F.R. § 69.606(b).

³ *Multi-Association Group (MAG) Plan for Regulation of Interstate Services of Non-Price Cap Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers and Interexchange Carriers*, CC Docket No. 00-256, Second Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 16 FCC Rcd 19613 (2001) (“*Rate-of-Return Access Charge Reform Order*”).

⁴ By Public Notice issued February 22, 2002, we sought comment on NECA’s filing. See *National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc.’s Proposed 2002 Modification of Average Schedule Formulas*, CCB/CPD No. 02-04, Public Notice, DA 02-418, released February 22, 2002. The Organization for the Promotion and Advancement of Small Telecommunications Companies filed comments supporting NECA’s proposed revisions on March 11, 2002.

2. We have reviewed NECA's filing and find that its proposed formulas are reasonable. Therefore, pursuant to section 69.606(a) of the Commission's rules,⁵ we approve the proposed average schedule formulas as submitted in NECA's filing.

3. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to sections 0.91 and 0.291 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.291, that the average schedule formulas proposed by the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. on December 28, 2001, SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE July 1, 2002, and remain in effect through June 30, 2003.

4. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to section 4(i) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 154(i), section 553(6)(B) of the Administrative Procedures Act, 5 U.S.C. § 553(6)(B), and sections 0.91 and 0.291 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.291, that THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE UPON ITS RELEASE.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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⁵ 47 C.F.R. § 69.606(a).