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NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC.'S PROPOSED 2003 MODIFICATION OF AVERAGE SCHEDULE FORMULAS

PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED WC Docket No. 03-9

Comments Due: January 24, 2003

Reply Comments Due: February 3, 2003

On December 31, 2002, the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. (NECA) filed with the Commission its proposed modification of average schedule formulas for interstate traffic-sensitive and common line settlements, pursuant to section 69.606 of the Commission's rules.¹ In its filing, NECA proposes to revise the formulas for average schedule interstate settlement disbursements in connection with the provision of interstate access services for the period beginning July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004.

Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules,² interested parties may file comments no later than January 24, 2003. Interested parties may file reply comments no later than February 3, 2003. **All responsive filings must reference the docket number of this proceeding, WC Docket No. 03-9.** Comments and reply comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies.

Comments and reply comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number (WC Docket No. 03-9). Parties may also submit an electronic copy by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and should include the following words in the body of the message: "get form <your email address>." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply.

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 69.606.

² 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.415, 1.419.

Commenters also may obtain a copy of the ASCII Electronic Transmittal Form (FORM-ET) at <http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/email.html>.

Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing. Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail). The Commission's contractor, Vistronix, Inc., will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Suite 110, Washington, D.C. 20002. The filing hours at this location are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building. Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. U.S. Postal Service first-class mail, Express Mail, and Priority Mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Marlene H. Dortch, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

Regardless of whether parties choose to file electronically or by paper, parties also should send an electronic copy of their filings to Paul Moon, Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, pmoon@fcc.gov, and one paper copy to the Commission's duplicating contractor, Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554, telephone (202) 863-2893, facsimile (202) 863-2898, or via e-mail to qualexint@aol.com. Documents filed in this proceeding will be available for public inspection during regular business hours in the Commission's Reference Information Center, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554, and will be placed on the Commission's Internet site.

This proceeding will be governed by "permit-but-disclose" *ex parte* procedures that are applicable to non-restricted proceedings under section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules.³ Parties making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentation must contain a summary of the substance of the presentation and not merely a listing of the subjects discussed. More than a one- or two-sentence description of the views and arguments presented generally is required.⁴ Other rules pertaining to oral and written presentations are set forth in section 1.1206(b) as well. In addition, interested parties are to file any written *ex parte* presentations in this proceeding with the Commission's Secretary, Marlene H. Dortch, 445 12th Street, S.W., TW-B204, Washington, D.C. 20554, and serve with three copies: Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Attn: Paul Moon, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. Parties shall also serve with one copy: Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554, (202) 863-2893.

³ 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206.

⁴ 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2).

For further information, contact Paul Moon, Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, at (202) 418-1530.

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