

## Request for Additional Information Regarding Status of Rate Integration in American Samoa

### Questions for the American Samoa Telecommunications Authority

1. Reorganization of the telephone company. In the *1997 Rate Integration Plan*, the American Samoa Government indicated that it would reorganize its telephone system and split the telephone company's functions into local exchange carrier (LEC) and interexchange carrier (IXC) functions.<sup>1</sup> It appears that the American Samoa Government created the American Samoa Telecommunications Authority (ASTCA), a governmental entity, and created separate LEC and IXC divisions within the ASTCA. Is this correct? If not, please describe the alternative that was chosen.
  
2. Rates. American Samoa filed local, long distance, and access service rates in its *1997 Rate Integration Plan*. In its *2004 Amendment*, the ASTCA indicated that it is now a member of the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA).<sup>2</sup> The ASTCA, however, did not update its rates in its *2004 Amendment* to reflect its membership in NECA. Please provide the current rates for these services. In particular, please provide the following information:
  - a. A current and complete list of local services offered by the ASTCA LEC and corresponding rates;
  - b. The current and complete list of ASTCA LEC interstate switched and special access rates and end user rates; and
  - c. A current and complete list of ASTCA IXC interstate long distance services available and the corresponding rates.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *1997 Rate Integration Plan* at 12.

<sup>2</sup> *2004 Amendment* at 2.

<sup>3</sup> In the *2004 Amendment*, ASTCA noted that it established integrated outbound rates – *i.e.*, identical long distance rates for calls ASTCA carries from American Samoa to all other U.S. points – effective October 1, 1997. *2004 Amendment* at 1.