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## NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC.'S PROPOSED 2008 MODIFICATION OF AVERAGE SCHEDULE FORMULAS

### PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED WC Docket No. 07-290

**Comments Due: January 30, 2008**  
**Reply Comments Due: February 11, 2008**

On December 21, 2007, the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. (NECA), pursuant to section 69.606 of the Commission's rules, filed with the Commission its proposed modification of average schedule formulas for interstate settlements.<sup>1</sup> 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, 2008, through June 30, 2009.

Modifications to the average schedule formulas are based on a statistical sampling of the costs and demand of comparable cost companies. NECA indicates that the proposal includes stabilized account growth, and significant reductions in some access demand elements.<sup>2</sup> NECA proposes to limit access minute volumes and line haul circuit counts that would be eligible for average schedule settlements to levels analyzed in its study.<sup>3</sup> NECA estimates that, under the proposed changes to the formula, the majority of carriers would receive a small increase in settlements, averaging 2.7 percent, given constant demand.<sup>4</sup> NECA asserts that the effects of these formula changes on individual average schedule companies will vary depending on each company's size and demand characteristics.<sup>5</sup>

Interested parties may file comments on or before **January 30, 2008**, and reply comments on or before **February 11, 2008**. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies.<sup>6</sup> Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic

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<sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 69.606(b).

<sup>2</sup> See *National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc.'s 2008 Modification of Average Schedule Formulas*, WC Docket No. 07-290, at Summary-1 (filed Dec. 21, 2007).

<sup>3</sup> *Id.*

<sup>4</sup> *Id.*

<sup>5</sup> *Id.*

<sup>6</sup> See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, GC Docket No. 97-113, Report and Order, 13 FCC Rcd 11322 (1998).

file via the Internet to <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/>. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed.<sup>7</sup> In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number, in this case **WC Docket No. 07-290**. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to [ecfs@fcc.gov](mailto:ecfs@fcc.gov), and should include the following words in the body of the message, “get form <your e-mail address>.” A sample form and directions will be sent in reply. 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). **Parties are strongly encouraged to file comments electronically using the Commission’s ECFS.**

The Commission's contractor, Natek, Inc., will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, NE, Suite 110, Washington, DC 20002.

- The filing hours at this location are 8 a.m. to 7 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, SW, Washington, DC 20554.

All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Marlene H. Dortch, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Room TW-A325, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554. Parties should also send a copy of their filings to Douglas Slotten, Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, Room 5-A233, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20554, or by e-mail to [douglas.slotten@fcc.gov](mailto:douglas.slotten@fcc.gov). Parties shall also serve one copy with the Commission’s copy contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc. (BCPI), Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554, (202) 488-5300, or via e-mail to [fcc@bcpiweb.com](mailto:fcc@bcpiweb.com).

NECA’s filing and comments filed by participating parties will be available for public inspection and copying during business hours at the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12<sup>th</sup> St. SW, Room CY-A257, Washington, DC 20554. The documents may also be purchased from BCPI, telephone (202) 488-5300, facsimile (202) 488-5563, TTY (202) 488-5562, or by e-mail at [fcc@bcpiweb.com](mailto:fcc@bcpiweb.com). To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an e-mail to [fcc504@fcc.gov](mailto:fcc504@fcc.gov) or call the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 (voice), (202) 418-0432 (TTY).

This matter shall be treated as a “permit-but-disclose” proceeding in accordance with the Commission’s *ex parte* rules.<sup>8</sup> Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda

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<sup>7</sup> If multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of a proceeding, however, commenters must transmit one electronic copy of the comments to each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. Similarly, commenters filing paper copies must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number.

<sup>8</sup> See 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200, 1.1206.

summarizing the presentations must contain summaries of the substance of the presentations 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.<sup>9</sup> Other requirements pertaining to oral and written *ex parte* presentations are set forth in section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules.<sup>10</sup>

For further information, contact Douglas Slotten of the Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau at (202) 418-1572.

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<sup>9</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2).

<sup>10</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).