

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

In the Matter of
July 1, 2008
Annual Access Charge Tariff Filings
WCB/Pricing File No. 08-14

ORDER

Adopted: March 28, 2008

Released: March 28, 2008

By the Chief, Pricing Policy Division:

SHORT FORM TRP: May 1, 2008
COMMENTS: May 15, 2008
REPLIES: May 22, 2008
15-DAY TARIFF FILINGS June 16, 2008
PETITIONS: June 23, 2008
REPLIES: June 26, 2008
7-DAY TARIFF FILINGS: June 24, 2008
PETITIONS: June 26, 2008 (due no later than 12:00 p.m. (noon) Eastern Time)
REPLIES: June 27, 2008 (due no later than 12:00 p.m. (noon) Eastern Time)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. This order establishes procedures for the 2008 filing of annual access charge tariffs and Tariff Review Plans (TRPs) for incumbent local exchange carriers (ILECs) subject to price cap regulation and those ILECs subject to section 61.38 of the Commission's rules. This order: (1) sets an effective date of July 1, 2008 for the July 2008 annual tariff filings; (2) establishes the dates for filing petitions to suspend or reject the ILEC tariff filings and replies to such petitions; and (3) addresses service of copies of the petitions and replies. It also sets the date that price cap carriers must file the short form TRP. All

1 47 C.F.R. § 61.38.

2 The price cap ILECs that must file a short form TRP on May 1, 2008, are: the Ameritech Operating Companies; BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.; CenturyTel Operating Companies; Cincinnati Bell Telephone; Citizens Telecommunications Companies; Embarq Local Telephone Companies; the Fairpoint Telephone Companies; Frontier Communications of Minnesota and Iowa; Frontier Communications of Rochester; Hawaiian Telecom, Inc.; Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc.; Micronesian Telecommunications, Corp.; Nevada Bell Telephone Company; Pacific Bell Telephone Company; Qwest Corporation; Southern New England Telephone; Southwestern Bell Telephone; Valor Telecommunications Enterprises, LLC; the Verizon Telephone Companies, and Windstream (continued...)

correspondence and comments in connection with these filings should refer to the caption of this proceeding, July 1, 2008 Annual Access Charge Tariff Filings, WCB/Pricing File No. 08-14.

II. DISCUSSION

A. Tariff Effective Date and Tariff Filing Dates

2. ILECs are permitted to make their tariff filings either 15 or seven days prior to the effective date of their tariffs, depending on the type of changes the tariffs propose.³ The Commission's rules require that annual access tariff filings must be filed with a scheduled effective date of July 1.⁴ ILECs filing tariffs on 15 days' notice must make their annual tariff filings on June 16, 2008 and ILECs filing tariffs on 7 days' notice must make their annual tariff filings on June 24, 2008.

3. ILECs that file tariffs under the price cap ratemaking methodology are required to file revised annual access tariffs every year.⁵ ILECs that file tariffs under rate-of-return ratemaking methodology are required to file every other year.⁶ In addition, ILECs filing pursuant to the requirements of section 61.38 of the Commission's rules are required to file in even-numbered years.⁷ Those filing pursuant to section 61.39 of the Commission's rules are required to file in odd-numbered years and are not required to submit supporting material with the revised tariff.⁸ Because 2008 is an even-numbered year, only the price cap ILECs and the ILECs filing pursuant to section 61.38 are required to file revised access tariffs. Any rate-of-return ILEC subject to section 61.39 may elect to make a voluntary tariff filing at this time.

B. Tariff Review Plan Filing Dates

4. Price cap ILECs are required to submit both a short form TRP and a long-form TRP. Section 61.49(k) of the Commission's rules requires price cap ILECs to file a short form TRP without rate detail information 90 days prior to the usual tariff effective date of July 1, 2008.⁹ Again, for this year's filing, we waive the 90-day requirement and permit the short form TRP to be filed on May 1, 2008.¹⁰ As in the past, we will issue a separate order that will provide the details of the price cap short form and regular TRPs. Comments on the short form TRP will be due on May 15, 2008. Reply comments will be due May 22, 2008.

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Telephone System. On January 9, 2008, the Commission approved the transfer of assets in Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont from Verizon to FairPoint and found that in these states, FairPoint will be treated as a Bell Operating Company. *See Applications Filed for the Transfer of Certain Spectrum Licenses and Section 214 Authorizations in the States of Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont from Verizon Communications Inc. and its Subsidiaries to FairPoint Communications, Inc.*, WC Docket No. 07-22, Memorandum Opinion and Order, FCC 07-226 (rel. Jan. 9, 2008).

³ 47 U.S.C. §204(a)(3).

⁴ 47 C.F.R. § 69.3(a).

⁵ 47 C.F.R. § 61.43.

⁶ 47 C.F.R. § 69.3(f).

⁷ 47 C.F.R. § 61.38; *see also* 47 C.F.R. § 69.3(f)(1).

⁸ 47 C.F.R. § 61.39; *see also* 47 C.F.R. § 69.3(f)(2).

⁹ 47 C.F.R. § 61.49(k).

¹⁰ *See* C.F.R. § 61.49(k).

C. Tariff and Tariff Review Plan Filing Instructions

5. ILECS must use the Commission's Electronic Tariff Filing System (ETFS) to file all of their tariff material.¹¹ ILECs should make every effort to file as early in the day as possible to avoid any complications in meeting the May 1, 2008, June 16, 2008 and June 24, 2008, pre-7:00 p.m. Eastern Time deadlines for filing with the ETFS. Price cap ILEC short form TRP filings must be received by ETFS after 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time on April 30, 2008 and before 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time on May 1, 2008 for the filing to be considered officially received on May 1, 2008. ILEC tariff filings must be received by ETFS after 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time on June 13, 2008 and before 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time on June 16, 2008 for the filing to be considered officially received on June 16, 2008. ILEC tariff filing must be received after 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time on June 23, 2008 and before 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time on June 24, 2008 for the filing to be considered officially received on June 24, 2008.

6. Copies of the information filed electronically may be obtained via the Internet using the ETFS at <http://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ccb/etfs>, or from Best Copy and Printing, Inc., (202) 488-5300 or 1-800-378-3160, Portals II, at 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554. For more information on any of the cost support, contact Raj Kannan at (202) 418-1540, Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau.

D. Pleading Filing Dates and Procedures

7. In accordance with the tariff filing schedule, petitions to suspend or reject tariff filings made on 15 days' notice will be due June 23, 2008 and replies will be due June 26, 2008. Petitions to suspend or reject tariff filings made on seven days' notice will be due by 12:00 p.m. (noon) Eastern Time on June 26, 2008 and reply comments will be due no later than 12:00 p.m. (noon) Eastern Time on June 27, 2008.

8. Parties filing pleadings are encouraged to use ETFS in order to facilitate access to these documents. Comments and reply comments should reference **WCB/Pricing File No. 08-14**. Parties filing paper copies must file an original and four (4) copies of each filing.

9. Paper 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 and the Commission advises that electronic media NOT be sent through the U.S. Postal Service).

10. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Marlene H. Dortch, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC.

- The Commission's contractor 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 8:00 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.

¹¹ 47 C.F.R. § 61.13(b).

- U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, SW, Washington DC 20554.

11. Three (3) paper copies and one e-mail copy of the comments and reply comments should also be sent to Raj Kannan, Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW, Room 5-A221, Washington, DC 20554, <raj.kannan@fcc.gov>. A courtesy copy should be addressed to Assistant Chief, Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th Street, SW, Room 5-A225, Washington, DC 20554 and e-mailed to pamela.arluk@fcc.gov. Parties shall also serve one copy with Best Copy and Printing, Inc., Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554, (202) 488-5300, or via e-mail to FCC@BCPIWEB.COM.

E. SERVICE

12. Because there is limited time available for review of the petitions and replies, we establish the following service requirements for copies of these filings. On the date one of these filings is submitted to the Commission, a copy shall be served upon the filing local exchange carrier or the petitioner, respectively, or its attorney or other duly constituted agent, by personal delivery or by facsimile transmission.¹² Parties are instructed to provide contact persons and facsimile numbers in their filings. Parties filing petitions and replies electronically are reminded that they are still required to serve copies in accordance with the requirements stated in this paragraph.

¹² 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.773(a)(4) and (b)(3). We waive any inconsistent portions of section 1.47(d) of the Commission's rules. 47 C.F.R. § 1.47(d).

III. ORDERING CLAUSES

13. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that, pursuant to sections 1, 4(i) and (j), 201-209, of the Communications Act, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 151, 154(i) and (j), 201-209, and pursuant to authority delegated in sections 0.91 and 0.291 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91 and 0.291, this order IS HEREBY ADOPTED as described above.

14. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to section 1.3 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.3, and pursuant to authority delegated in sections 0.91 and 0.291 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91 and 0.291, section 61.49(k) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 61.49(k), IS WAIVED for the purpose specified in paragraph 4 *supra*.

15. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to section 1.3 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.3, and pursuant to authority delegated in sections 0.91 and 0.291 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91 and 0.291, sections 1.4(f) and 1.773(b) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.4(f), 1.773(b) ARE WAIVED for the purpose specified in paragraph 7 *supra*.

16. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to section 1.3 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.3, and pursuant to authority delegated in sections 0.91 and 0.291 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91 and 0.291, section 1.47(d) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.47(d), IS WAIVED for the purpose specified in paragraph 12, note 10 *supra*.

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