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**NECA FILES ANNUAL UPDATE**

**COST ALLOCATION MANUAL REVISION**

**WCB/Pricing File No. 14-01**

**Comment Date**: **April 9, 2014**

**Reply Comment Date**: **April 24, 2014**

The Commission has received a revised cost allocation manual (CAM) from the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. (NECA).[[1]](#footnote-1) The revisions reflect changes that occurred during the 2013 calendar year. Specifically, changes were made to Section I, Section III and Section VI. These sections were revised to consolidate various cost pools, eliminate a cost pool reassignment of NECA’s core expenses, and to broaden the list of incidental activities. NECA states that it made these changes to improve reporting accountability and more accurately reflect NECA cost pools.

Interested parties may file comments on or before **April 9, 2014**, and reply comments on or before **April 24, 2014.** Such filings shall refer to the internal **WCB/Pricing File No. 14-01.** Comments in this proceeding may not be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS).

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For further information regarding this proceeding, contact Athula Gunaratne, Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 202-418-0876, or via e-mail at athula.gunaratne@fcc.gov.

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1. *See* National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. Cost Accounting and Procedures Manual (Revised December 31, 2012). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 *et seq.* [↑](#footnote-ref-2)