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**NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC.'S PROPOSED  
2018 MODIFICATION OF AVERAGE SCHEDULE FORMULAS  
PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED**

**WC Docket No. 17-346**

**Comment Date: February 15, 2018**  
**Reply Comment Date: March 2, 2018**

With this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau seeks comment on the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. (NECA) proposed modification of average schedule formulas. On December 21, 2017, NECA filed with the Commission its proposed modification of average schedule formulas, pursuant to section 69.606 of the Commission's rules.<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, 2018, through June 30, 2019.<sup>2</sup>

NECA states that the methods described in its filing represent the same methods employed in prior years.<sup>3</sup> NECA proposes formula changes that would result in a 5.6% overall increase of settlements at constant demand.<sup>4</sup> NECA states that actual settlements are expected to be lower due to projected losses of access lines and non-DSL demand.<sup>5</sup> In addition, NECA states that impacts of the proposed formula changes on individual average schedule companies will vary, depending on each company's size and demand trends and characteristics.<sup>6</sup>

Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the dates indicated above. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS). *See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

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<sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 69.606(b). *See* National Exchange Carrier Association, 2018 Modification of Average Schedules, attached to Letter from Richard A. Askoff, Executive Director-Regulatory, NECA, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket No. 17-346 (filed Dec. 21, 2017).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* at Introduction-1.

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

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

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

<sup>6</sup> *Id.*

- Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs2/>.
- Paper Filers: Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing. 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. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.
  - All hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary must be delivered to FCC Headquarters at 445 12<sup>th</sup> St., SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. The filing hours are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. All envelopes and boxes 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 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701.
  - U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail must be addressed to 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Washington DC 20554.

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<sup>7</sup> 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*