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## WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU ANNOUNCES POSTING OF 2026 TARIFF REVIEW PLAN FOR EXOGENOUS COST FILINGS BY RATE-OF-RETURN CARRIERS THAT ELECTED INCENTIVE REGULATION FOR BUSINESS DATA SERVICES

WC Docket Nos. 26-50, 17-144

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) announces the release of the 2026 tariff review plan (TRP) workbooks for rate-of-return local exchange carriers (carriers) that elected incentive regulation for their business data services (BDS) pursuant to the *Rate-of-Return BDS Order* to calculate exogenous cost adjustments to their tariffed BDS rates.<sup>1</sup> The TRP workbooks are posted on the Commission's website at: <https://www.fcc.gov/wireline-competition/2026-2027-mid-course-bds-trps-incentive-regulation-ilecs>.

The *2026 Tariff Review Plan Order* requires rate-of-return carriers that elected BDS incentive regulation to file TRP workbooks reflecting any exogenous cost adjustment for Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS), North American Numbering Plan Administration (NANPA), and regulatory fees in BDS rates to be effective October 1, 2026.<sup>2</sup> The TRP workbooks adjust BDS rates using the most recent factors for TRS contribution fees, NANPA contribution fees, and regulatory fees for interstate telecommunications service providers.<sup>3</sup> The TRP workbooks gross-up the going-forward exogenous cost adjustment to BDS rates for TRS. As the Bureau explained in the *2026 Tariff Review Plan Order*, the exogenous cost adjustment for TRS must be "grossed up" to spread the entire adjustment over the

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<sup>1</sup> *Regulation of Business Data Services for Rate-of-Return Local Exchange Carriers*, WC Docket No. 17-144, Report and Order, Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, and Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 33 FCC Rcd 10403 (2018) (*Rate-of-Return BDS Order*); see 47 CFR § 61.50. But see *Regulation of Business Data Services for Rate-of-Return Local Exchange Carriers et al.*, WC Docket Nos. 21-17 and 17-144, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Third Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, and Order, 40 FCC Rcd 6275 (2025) (seeking comment on eliminating ex ante pricing regulation and tariffing obligations for rate-of-return carriers' BDS).

<sup>2</sup> See *July 1, 2026 Annual Access Charge Tariff Filings*, WC Docket No. 26-50, Order, DA 26-474, 2026 WL 1013464, at \*9, para. 27 (WCB May 15, 2026) (*2026 Tariff Review Plan Order*).

<sup>3</sup> See *Telecommunications Relay Services and Speech-to-Speech Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities, et al.*, CG Docket Nos. 03-123 and 10-51, Order, DA 26-646, at 1-2, para. 4 (CGB June 30, 2026) (approving a carrier contribution factor of 0.00021 for TRS support provided through state programs, and a carrier contribution factor of 0.02276 for Internet-based TRS support—IP captioned telephone service (or CTS), IP relay, and video relay service (or VRS)); *Wireline Competition Bureau Announces the Proposed North American Numbering Plan Administration Fund Size Estimate and Contribution Factor for Fiscal Year 2027*, CC Docket No. 92-237, Public Notice, DA 26-731, at 2 (WCB July 15, 2026) (proposing a NANPA contribution factor of 0.0001134 that was adopted by operation of law); *Review of the Commission's Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2026*, MD Docket No. 26-94, Report and Order, FCC 26-59, at 37, Appx. B (Aug. 27, 2026) (adopting a fiscal year 2026 regulatory fee (per revenue dollar) for interstate telecommunications service providers of \$0.0055).

remaining months in the tariff year because the final contribution factor was not available by May 1, 2026, and the TRS fees are tariff-year obligations.<sup>4</sup>

The TRP workbooks posted on the Commission's website were prepared by the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) for electing carriers for which NECA files BDS rates and are designed to ensure that carriers make exogenous cost and rate adjustments in accordance with the Commission's rules.<sup>5</sup> Carriers that do not participate in the NECA tariff should also file a TRP.<sup>6</sup> Commission staff reviewed the TRP workbooks released today and carriers are encouraged to use them. Carriers may alternatively create and submit their own TRP workbooks, as long as those TRP workbooks comply with the Commission's rules and provide the same level of detail as the workbooks prepared by NECA. Carriers should submit their TRP workbooks, data, and formulas in an Excel format rather than a PDF format.<sup>7</sup> For exogenous cost tariff filings to be effective October 1, 2026, tariff filings made on 15 days' notice are due on September 16, 2026 and tariff filings made on 7 days' notice are due on September 24, 2026.<sup>8</sup>

Consistent with the *2026 Tariff Review Plan Order*, the October 1, 2026 exogenous cost filing and rate adjustment is optional for electing carriers if the total amount of such exogenous cost adjustments would either increase rates or equal or fall below the *de minimis* threshold of \$1,040.00, which is the current standard tariff filing fee.<sup>9</sup> Finally, we remind carriers submitting tariff revisions reflecting exogenous cost adjustments that they must pay the \$1,040.00 standard tariff filing fee through the payment system in the Commission's Registration System (CORES).<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> *2026 Tariff Review Plan Order* at 12-13, para. 38.

<sup>5</sup> See 47 CFR § 61.50(c).

<sup>6</sup> See *2026 Tariff Review Plan Order* at 113, paras. 37-38. Carriers that elected BDS incentive regulation should complete and file one of two Excel workbooks: (1) the "TY 2026-2027 Individual Study Area BDS Midcourse TRP" workbook is for carriers that establish a Price Cap Index (PCI), Actual Price Index (API), Service Band Indices (SBIs), and upper SBI limits separately for each study area; or (2) the "TY 2026-2027 Holding Company BDS Midcourse TRP" workbook is for carriers that establish a PCI, API, SBIs and upper SBI limits at the holding company level.

<sup>7</sup> *2026 Tariff Review Plan Order* at 13, para. 40.

<sup>8</sup> See 47 U.S.C. § 204(a)(3); 47 CFR § 61.58(a)(2)(i).

<sup>9</sup> *2026 Tariff Review Plan Order* at 9, para. 27; 47 CFR § 1.1105.

<sup>10</sup> See 47 CFR § 1.1105; FCC, Commission Registration System for the FCC, <https://www.fcc.gov/licensing-databases/commission-registration-system-fcc> (last visited Aug. 28, 2026).