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Michigan Public Service Commission
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Dear Director:

The attached Tariff, effective October 11, 2012 is to add language to mirror F.C.C. No. 2 Interstate Guidebook and to remove Equal Access Recover Charge that expired in 2001.

Tariff M.P.S.C. No. 20R
Number of Sheets
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As an acknowledgment that this filing has been received, we request the return of the letter stamped by the Commission, to me at the above address.

Sincerely,

Maryanne Zavagnin
Director – Regulatory

Attachment(s)

APPLICATION OF PART 21

This Part applies to the provision of Intrastate Access Services.

Regulations, Rates and Charges applying to the provision of Access Services within a Local Access and Transport Area (LATA) for Connection to Intrastate Communications Facilities for Intrastate Customers within the operating territory of the Michigan Bell Telephone Company in the State of Michigan are as specified in the Ameritech Operating Companies Tariff F.C.C. No. 2, Access Services, as it now exists, and as it may be revised, added to or supplemented.

Michigan Bell Telephone Company (MBT) in providing Intrastate IntraLATA communications retains Dial-I+, 0+ and 0- Message Telecommunications Services (MTS).

Broadband Access Services have been de-tariffed from F.C.C. No. 2, and can now be found at www.att.com/guidebook

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In those cases where the customer is unable, or does not, provide Percentage of Intrastate IntraLATA Use (PILU) as specified herein, the Telephone Company shall compute the PILU as a residual of the Percentage of Interstate Use (PIU) and Percentage of Intrastate InterLATA Use (PIIU) reported by the customer.

Access Services are provided by means of wire, fiber optics, radio or any other suitable technology or a combination thereof.

VoIP-PSTN Traffic

This section applies to VoIP-PSTN traffic exchanged between the Telephone Company and the customer in time division multiplexing ("TDM") format that originates and/or terminates in Internet protocol ("IP") format. VoIP-PSTN traffic originates and/or terminates in IP format if it originates from and/or terminates to an end-user customer of a service that requires Internet protocol-compatible customer premises equipment. The transitional Intercarrier Compensation framework for VoIP-PSTN traffic adopted by the Federal Communications Commission in its Report and Order, Release No. 11-161 (Nov. 18, 2011) ("FCC Order") directed that this intrastate VoIP-PSTN traffic be billed employing interstate rates.⁽¹⁾

The intrastate switched access rates in this tariff are the same as the interstate rates for Switched Access rate elements. Thus, no modifications to the rates and/or billing are necessary as a result of the VoIP-PSTN provisions of the FCC Order.

(1) Although the Telephone Company has taken the position that this tariff, by its own terms, already applies to VoIP-PSTN traffic, as defined herein, the Telephone Company has included this Section in the tariff out of an abundance of caution to prevent any claim that it does not so apply, and to implement the decision by the Federal Communications Commission in its Report and Order in WC Docket Nos. 10-90, etc., FCC Release No. 11-161 (Nov. 18, 2011) ("FCC Order") that VoIP-PSTN access traffic should be exchanged at interstate access rates (unless the parties have agreed otherwise). By its terms, the FCC Order is prospective only, and does not address preexisting law with regard to the applicability of intercarrier compensation or the enhanced service providers ("ESP") exemption to VoIP-PSTN Traffic. Including this section in the tariff in no way alters or otherwise affects the applicability of this tariff to VoIP-PSTN Traffic before the effective date of the FCC Order.

EXCEPTIONS TO AMERITECH OPERATING COMPANIES TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 2 - SECTION 6

6. Switched Access Service

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6.2 Provision and Description of Switched Access Service Feature Groups

6.2.3 Feature Group C (FGC) and Feature Group D (FGD)

When routed through an access tandem, only those valid NXX codes served by offices subtending the access tandem may be accessed /a/.

/a/ Pursuant to the M.P.S.C. Order dated December 20, 1990 in Case Nos. U-9004, 9006 and 9007, when routed from a GTE North, Inc., end office, for which GTE North, Inc. is the primary exchange carrier, and which toll homes on a Michigan Bell Telephone Company (MBT) access tandem, those valid NXX codes served by end offices subtending the access tandem as well as those valid NXX codes served by end offices subtending other access tandems within the LATA may be accessed. When completion of these calls requires MBT to route through a second access tandem, an additional local transport termination charge will apply. When routed through both a MBT access tandem and a GTE North, Inc. access tandem only one half of this additional local transport termination charge will apply.