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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING AND EXPRESS DELIVERY

Walter L. Thomas, Jr., Secretary
Alabama Public Service Commission
100 North Union Street
RSA Union Building, Suite 950
Montgomery, Alabama 36104

Re: 8YY / Toll Free Access Charge Reform Intrastate Access Revisions

Dear Mr. Jones:

On behalf of Hayneville Telephone Company, Inc., please find the attached tariff revisions to the intrastate access service tariffs. The purpose of this filing is to comply with Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") amended rules which implement 8YY access charge reform. FCC 8YY access charge reform requires all rate-of-return incumbent local exchange carriers ("LECs") to modify all the originating 8YY rates in the following groups: End Office/Local Switching, Transport, and query charge.

Local Switching:

The FCC order requires LECs to transition their interstate and intrastate toll free (or 8YY) originating end office access service rates to bill-and-keep over a three-year period. As part of the transition, beginning July 1, 2021, carriers are required to tariff separate rate elements for toll free and non-toll free interstate and intrastate originating end office access service. In 2021 the intrastate toll free originating end office access service rates must be reduced to interstate levels if intrastate rates exceed comparable interstate rates. Next year these local switching rates will be reduced by 50% and then to zero in year three: 2023.

Transport:

All incumbent LECs are required to tariff rate elements for interstate and intrastate non-toll free originating transport service between an end office and tandem switch and remove these rate elements from their tariffs for toll free originating traffic, and tariff a new single rate element of no more than \$0.001 per minute for joint tandem switched transport access service for toll free calls. The Joint Tandem Switched Transport access service rate element may only be charged if the company has a tandem. No additional adjustments will be made to the transport rate elements in

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subsequent years. Although this transport rate element is new, it will not result in an increase in access charges due to the reduction in other rate elements.

Query Charge:

Finally, incumbent LECs are required to reduce the intrastate and interstate toll free database query charges in their tariffs to no more than \$0.004248 per query. Further reductions will be made to the query rate in 2022 and 2023.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Lans Chase

Lans Chase – Director – Regulatory Affairs

cc: Evelyn Causey, Hayneville Telephone Company, Inc.

GENERAL SUBSCRIBER SERVICES TARIFF

Hayneville Telephone Company, Inc.

Section 200
Second Revised Sheet 1

S200. INTRASTATE ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

S200.1 INTRASTATE ACCESS SERVICES

A. Hayneville Telephone Company adopts the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc.'s ("NECA") Interstate Access Charge Tariff F.C.C. No. 5, effective as of April 16, 1996 and any successive issues thereto, as found at <https://www.neca.org/member-services/tariff-5> and approved by the FCC for intrastate use. For Special Access services specifically, this Company adopts rate band 7 of the NECA Tariff. This Tariff was filed with the FCC by the NECA on behalf of the NECA's member companies. This Tariff, along with S200.1.A.4., includes all the rules, regulations, rates and charges under which intrastate access services will be offered to all telecommunications providers.

Exceptions to this adoption of the tariff schedules are as follows:

1. Originating Switched Access Rates (PerMOU):

	<u>Non-Toll Free</u>	<u>Toll Free Only</u>	(N)
A. Common Carrier Line	\$0.000000	\$0.000000	
B. Tandem Switched Facility	\$0.000116		
C. Tandem Switched Termination	\$0.000539		
D. Tandem Switching	\$0.000937		
E. Joint Tandem Switched Transport		\$0.001	(N)
F. Residual Interconnection Charge	\$0.000000		(C)
G. Local Switching	\$0.029800	\$0.014395	(C)
H. Information Surcharge	\$0.000000		(C)
I. 8YY Database Query-Basic & Vertical		\$0.004248	(N)

2. The discount rate for all traffic sensitive non-premium access will be 35%.

3. Unless otherwise specified by contract, the NECA Tariff rates and charges shall apply to terminating traffic transported over BellSouth facilities pursuant to interconnections or resale arrangements between BellSouth and other telecommunications providers.

*The Joint Tandem Switched Transport rate element applies per tandem to originating toll free minutes only in lieu of the Tandem Switched Facility, Tandem Switched Termination and Tandem Switching rate elements as of July 1, 2021. The Joint Tandem Switched Transport rate is only billed by the tandem company that performs the tandem switching function.

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