



June 16, 2021

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Oregon Public Utility Commission
201 High Street SE, Suite 100
Salem, OR 97301-3612

RE: Home Telephone Company Tariff P.U.C. Or. No. 3, Advice Letter 149 – Access

To Whom It May Concern:

Historically, this annual filing would be made to ensure the appropriate intrastate switched access tariff rates were in parity with the interstate switched access rates but because there were no changes in interstate rates this year, no changes to intrastate rates are required.

This filing is solely being made to incorporate the following updates as a result of the FCC 8YY Access Charge Reform Order (WC Docket No. 18-156) released on October 9, 2020.

1. Bring any intrastate originating 8YY end office access rates that exceed the comparable interstate rates into parity with the comparable interstate rates.
2. Establish new Joint Tandem Switched Transport (JTST) Access Charge for tandem providers - A single uniform nationwide rate cap of \$0.001 per minute for originating 8YY tandem switching and transport access charges.
3. 8YY Database query rates capped at the national average rate of \$0.004248 and will transition down over a three year period.
 - a. Effective July 1, 2021 - \$.004248
 - b. Effective July 1, 2022 - \$.002224
 - c. Effective July 1, 2023 - \$.0002

Please email the stamped/approved tariff pages to courtney.spears@vantagepnt.com. We request that this filing become effective on July 1, 2021.

Please feel free to call or email me at 830.895.7221 or courtney.spears@vantagepnt.com with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

/s/ Courtney Spears
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ACCESS SERVICES

2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Continued)

2.6 Definitions (Continued)

Intrastate Call

Any toll communications within a state subject to oversight by the state regulatory commission.

Joint Tandem Switched Transport

The term "Joint Tandem Switched Transport" denotes the rate element accessible for the transmission of originating toll free minutes. The rate element includes both the transport between the end office and the tandem switch and the tandem switching. It does not include transport of traffic over dedicated transport facilities between the service wire center and the tandem switching office.

(N)

(N)

Line Side Connection

A connection of a transmission path to the line side of a local exchange switching system.

Local Access and Transport Area

A geographical area established for the provision and administration of communications service. It encompasses one or more designated exchanges, which are grouped to serve common social, economic, and other purposes.

Local Exchange Carrier

Any individual, partnership, association, cooperative, joint stock company, trust, or corporation engaged in Intrastate communications for hire by wire, radio, or other means within one or more exchanges.

Loop Around Test Line

An arrangement utilizing a Company central office to provide a means to make certain two-way transmission tests on a manual basis. This arrangement has two central office terminations, each reached by means of separate telephone numbers and does not require any specific customer premises equipment. Equipment subject to this test arrangement is at the discretion of the customer.

Market Share Percentage

The percentage of an Interexchange Carrier's use of the Telephone Company(s) facilities.

Meet Point

See Interconnection Point.

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4. **SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE** (Continued)

4.8 Rates and Charges

	<u>Rates</u>	
(A) <u>Non Recurring Charges</u>		
(1) <u>Local Transport - Installation</u>		
<u>Per Entrance Facility</u>		
- Voice Grade Two-Wire	\$480.90	
- Voice Grade Four-Wire	\$480.90	
- High Capacity DS1	\$352.68	
- High Capacity DS3	\$475.56	
(2) <u>Interim NXX Translation Per Order</u>		
<u>Per LATA or Market Area</u>	\$235.11	
(3) <u>Trunk Activation</u>		
<u>Per Order</u>		
- Per 24 Trunks Activated or		
Fraction thereof, on a Per Order		
Basis	\$490.51	
(B) <u>Local Transport</u>		
(1) <u>Entrance Facility</u>		
<u>Per Termination</u>		
- Voice Grade Two-Wire	\$22.44	
- Voice Grade Four-Wire	\$35.93	
- High Capacity DS1	\$109.44	
- High Capacity DS3	\$999.40	
(1.2) <u>Joint Tandem Switched Transport per MOU</u> *		(N)
(if tandem switching provided – originating toll free only)		(N)

*Company concurs with NECA FCC 5. For this rate element. (N)

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By: DeeDee Kluser

Title: Manager

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4. **SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE** (Continued)

4.8 Rates and Charges (Continued)

(B) <u>Local Transport</u> (Continued)	<u>Rates</u>	
<u>Direct Trunked Transport</u>		
- <u>Direct Trunked Facility</u>		
Per Mile		
- Voice Grade	\$1.60	
- High Capacity DS1	\$7.50	
- High Capacity DS3	\$65.33	
- <u>Direct Trunked Transport Termination</u>		
Per Termination		
- Voice Grade	\$16.07	
- High Capacity DS1	\$38.91	
- High Capacity DS3	\$249.83	
<u>Multiplexing</u>		
Per Arrangement		
- DS3 to DS1	\$227.95	
- DS1 to Voice	\$88.00	
<u>Tandem Switched Transport</u>		
- <u>Tandem Switched Facility</u> **		(C)
Per Access Minute Per Mile		
- Terminating	\$0.000430	
- Originating	\$0.000418	
- <u>Tandem Switched Termination</u> **		(C)
Per Access Minute Per Termination		
- Terminating	\$0.002233	
- Originating	\$0.002171	
- <u>Tandem Switching</u> **		(C)
Per Access Minute Per Tandem		
- Terminating	\$0.005633	
- Originating	\$0.005476	

**These rates do not apply to toll free traffic. (N)

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4. **SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE** (Continued)

4.8 Rates and Charges (Continued)

	<u>Rates</u>	
(B) <u>Local Transport</u> (Continued)		
<u>800 Data Base Access Service Queries</u>		
Basic & Vertical Per Query		(C)
- Effective July 1, 2021	\$0.004248	(R)
- Effective July 1, 2022	\$0.002224	(N)
- Effective July 1, 2023	\$0.0002	(N)
		(D)
		(D)
(C) <u>End Office</u>		
(1) <u>Local Switching, Per Access Minute</u>		(C)
LS2 Toll Free Traffic		(N)
-Originating Only	**	(N)
LS2 (All Feature Groups excludes toll free)		(N)
- Terminating, per access minute	\$0.000000	(C)
- Originating, per access minute	\$0.018658	(C)
(2) <u>Information Surcharge, Per 100 Access Minutes</u>		(C)
Toll Free (per 100 Access Minutes)	**	(N)
(Per 100 Access minutes)		(N)
- Terminating	*	
- Originating	\$N/A	

* The terminating Information Surcharge is included in the terminating Local Switching rate.
 ** Effective July 1, 2021 – rate element required to be in parity with interstate levels for all intrastate originating toll-free rates. Concurs with NECA FCC No. 5 for this rate element unless intrastate tariff end office originating local switching rate is less in which case the lesser rate will apply.