

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE**

DATE: June 21, 2023

TO: File through Bryan Conway

FROM: Laurel Anderson

SUBJECT: **Colton Telephone Company, Docket No ADV 1517/Advice Letter No. 12. Revises tariff PUC Or. No. 5 Access Services as required by FCC Order No. 20-143.**

I have reviewed this filing and recommend that an acknowledgement letter be sent. The filing was submitted on May 30, 2023, and will go into effect on July 1, 2023.

This filing is made in compliance with the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) Order 20-143; Part 51 – Interconnection; Subpart M – 8YY Transition; §51.909 Transition of rate-of-return carrier access charges; Step 4. Step 4 requires interstate and intrastate originating End Office Access Service rate elements for Toll Free Calls to be reduced to bill-and-keep (i.e., reduced to zero) as set forth in paragraph (o)(1) of 47 CFR §51.909. It also requires the rates for intrastate and interstate Toll Free Database Query Charges to be reduce to the transitional rate of \$0.0002 per query set forth in paragraph (o)(2) of 47 CFR §51.909. Colton proposes a reduction to the required rate level.

Additionally, Federal Communication Commission (“FCC”) rules require National Exchange Carrier Association (“NECA”) member companies to adjust their capped interstate switched access rates for July 1, 2023. NECA has informed its member companies that pool election changes for the upcoming tariff year will increase rates by 0.4225 percent. On June 16, 2023, NECA will file modified rates for interstate access rates with the FCC. This filing adjusts the terminating intrastate access rates to maintain parity with interstate rates in accordance with federal rules.

The state terminating switched access rate changes match the CAF ICC Intrastate Tariff Rate Plan (TRP), which are proposed for July 1, 2023.

It is requested that this filing become effective July 1, 2023.