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VIA E-TARIFF SYSTEM

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South Carolina Public Service Commission
Synergy Business Park 101 Executive Center Drive
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Re: *Piedmont Rural Telephone Coop., Inc.'s Revisions to its Intrastate Access Service Tariff*

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Enclosed for filing please find revisions to Piedmont Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.'s ("Piedmont") Intrastate Access Service Tariff. The tariff pages enclosed for review and approval are as follows:

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1 st Revised Page 5	1 st Revised Page 19	1 st Revised Page 31
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Piedmont's current Intrastate Access Service Tariff references the NECA interstate Tariff FCC No. 5 ("NECA Tariff") for many of the intrastate rates, terms, and conditions. Effective July 1, 2016 Piedmont is exiting the NECA Tariff and is moving to the John Staurulakis, Inc. interstate Tariff FCC No. 1 ("JSI Tariff"). The revisions to the Piedmont Intrastate Access Service Tariff reflect this change. With this change all terminating intrastate access rates referenced to the JSI Tariff will be lower than the current intrastate rates referenced in the NECA Tariff. These revisions should be effective July 1, 2016 to correspond with the interstate effective date.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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General Concurrence

For Intrastate Access Services, Piedmont Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the Telephone Company, assents to, adopts and concurs with the terms and conditions for the provision of Access Services as specified in the John Staurulakis, Inc. Tariff FCC No. 1 ("JSI Tariff"), filed with the Federal Communications Commission as such tariff now exists, and as may be subsequently modified, with exceptions as noted in the following sections.

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1. Application of Tariff

The Telephone Company assents to, adopts and concurs with the terms and conditions for the provision of Access Services as specified in this section of the Access Service Tariff John Staurulakis, Inc. Tariff FCC No. 1, filed with the Federal Communications Commission as such tariff now exists, and as may be subsequently modified, with exceptions as noted below.

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- 1.1 This tariff contains regulations, rates and charges applicable to the provision of carrier common line, switched access and special access service, and miscellaneous services, hereinafter referred to collectively as service(s), provided by the Telephone Company, Intrastate InterLATA Toll Carrier(s), hereinafter referred to as IC(s).
- 1.2 The provision of such services by the Telephone Company as set forth in this tariff does not constitute a joint undertaking with the IC for the furnishing of any service.
- 1.3 The regulations, rates and charges contained herein are in addition to the applicable regulations, rates and charges specified in other tariffs of the Telephone Company which are referenced herein.
- 1.4 This tariff contemplates no subscriber (end user) charge.
- 1.5 The term "LATA" refers to Local Access Transport Area.

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2. General Regulations

2.1 – 2.6 General Regulations for this tariff are contained in the following sections of the Access Service Tariff, John Staurulakis, Inc. Tariff FCC No. 1, filed with the Federal Communications Commission as such tariff now exists and as may be subsequently modified.

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- 2.1 Undertaking of the Telephone Company
- 2.2 Use
- 2.3 Obligations of the Customer
- 2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances
- 2.5 Connections
- 2.6 Definitions

Exceptions to the above-referenced John Staurulakis, Inc. Tariff FCC No. 1 sections are as follows:

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2.7 Identification and Rating of VoIP-PSTN Traffic

(A) Scope

- (1) VoIP-PSTN Traffic is defined as traffic exchanged between the Telephone Company end user and the customer in time division multiplexing (“TDM”) format that originates and/or terminates in Internet protocol (“IP”) format. This section governs the identification of VoIP-PSTN Traffic that is required to be compensated at rates not to exceed interstate access rates by the Federal Communications Commission in its Report and Order in WC Docket No. 10-90, *etc.*, FCC Release No. 11-161 (November 18, 2011) (“FCC Order”). Specifically, this section establishes the method of separating such traffic (referred to in this tariff as “Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic”) from the customer’s traditional intrastate access traffic, so that such Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic can be billed in accordance with the FCC Order. The term “Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic” denotes a customer’s interexchange voice traffic exchanged with the Telephone Company in Time Division Multiplexing format over Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN) facilities, which originates and/or terminates in Internet Protocol (IP) format. “Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic” originates and/or terminates in IP format when it originates from and/or terminates to an end user customer of a service that requires IP-compatible customer premises equipment.

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5. Access Ordering

5.1 – 5.5 Regulations pertaining to the Access Ordering Service are contained in the following sections of the Access Service Tariff, John Staurulakis, Inc. Tariff FCC No. 1, filed with the Federal Communications Commission as such tariff now exists and as may be subsequently modified.

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- 5.1 General
- 5.2 Ordering Requirements
- 5.3 Access Orders for Services Provided by More than One Telephone Company
- 5.4 Charges Associated with Access Ordering
- 5.5 Minimum Periods and Cancellations

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6. Switched Access Service

6.1 – 6.10 Regulations pertaining to the Switched Access Service are contained in the following sections of the Access Service Tariff, John Staurulakis, Inc. Tariff FCC No. 1, filed with the Federal Communications Commission as such tariff now exists and as may be subsequently modified.

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- 6.1 General
- 6.2 Undertaking of the Telephone Company
- 6.3 Obligations of the Customer
- 6.4 Rate Regulations
- 6.5 Description and Provision of Feature Group A (FGA)
- 6.6 Description and Provision of Feature Group B (FGB)
- 6.7 Description and Provision of Feature Group C (FGC)
- 6.8 Description and Provision of Feature Group D (FGD)
- 6.9 Chargeable and Nonchargeable Optional Features
- 6.10 Database Services

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7. Special Access Service

7.1 – 7.12 Regulations pertaining to the Special Access Service are contained in the following sections of the Access Service Tariff, John Staurulakis, Inc. Tariff FCC No. 1, filed with the Federal Communications Commission as such tariff now exists and as may be subsequently modified.

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- 7.1 General
- 7.2 Rate Regulations
- 7.3 Surcharge for Special Access
- 7.4 Metallic Service
- 7.5 Telegraph Grade Service
- 7.6 Voice Grace Service
- 7.7 Program Audio Service
- 7.8 Video Service
- 7.9 Digital Data Service
- 7.10 High Capacity Service
- 7.11 Synchronous Optical Channel Service – Not Adopted
- 7.12 Digital Access Cross Connect Service – Not Adopted
- 7.13 Individual Case Filings

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10. Special Federal Government Services

10.1 – 10.6 Regulations pertaining to the Special Federal Government Service are contained in the following sections of the Access Service Tariff, John Staurulakis, Inc. Tariff FCC No. 1, filed with the Federal Communications Commission as such tariff now exists and as may be subsequently modified.

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- 10.1 General
- 10.2 Emergency Conditions
- 10.3 Facility Availability
- 10.4 Federal Government Regulations
- 10.5 Service Offerings to the Federal Government
- 10.6 Rates and Charges

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11. Special Facilities Routing of Access Service

11.1 Regulations pertaining to the Special Facilities Routing of Access Service are contained in the following section of the Access Service Tariff, John Staurulakis, Inc. Tariff FCC No. 1, filed with the Federal Communications Commission as such tariff now exists and as may be subsequently modified.

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11.1 Description

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12. Specialized Service or Arrangements

12.1 Regulations pertaining to Specialized Service or Arrangements are contained in the following section of the Access Service Tariff, John Staurulakis, Inc. Tariff FCC No. 1, filed with the Federal Communications Commission as such tariff now exists and as may be subsequently modified.

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12.1 General

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13. Additional Engineering, Additional Labor and Miscellaneous Services

13.1 – 13.3 Regulations pertaining to the Additional Engineering, Additional Labor and Miscellaneous Services are contained in the following sections of the Access Service Tariff, John Staurulakis, Inc. Tariff FCC No. 1, filed with the Federal Communications Commission as such tariff now exists and as may be subsequently modified.

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- 13.1 Additional Engineering
- 13.2 Additional Labor
- 13.3 Miscellaneous Services
- 13.6 Unauthorized Presubscribed Interexchange Carrier (PIC) Change

Exceptions to the above-referenced John Staurulakis, Inc. Tariff FCC No. 1 sections are as follows:

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13.4 Presubscription

13.4.1 General

(A) End users may select one of the following options at no charge:

- indicate a primary IC for all of its lines,
- indicate a different IC for each of its lines.

Only one IC may be selected for each line or lines terminating in the same hunt group.

End users may designate that they do not want to presubscribe to any IC. The end user must arrange this designation by directly notifying the Telephone Company's business office. This choice will require the end user to dial an access code (10XXX or 101XXXX) for all interLATA calls.

After the end user's initial selection of a predesignated IC or the designation that they do not want to presubscribe to any IC, for any change in selection after conversion to Equal Access in the serving end office, a nonrecurring charge as set forth in Section 17 applies.

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14. Exceptions to Access Service Offerings

Regulations pertaining to Exceptions to Access Service Offerings are contained in the Access Service Tariff, John Staurulakis, Inc. Tariff FCC No. 1, filed with the Federal Communications Commission as such tariff now exists and as may be subsequently modified.

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15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications

15.1 – 15.3 Regulations pertaining to the Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications Services are contained in the following sections of the Access Service Tariff, John Staurulakis, Inc. Tariff FCC No. 1, filed with the Federal Communications Commission as such tariff now exists and as may be subsequently modified.

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15.1 Switched Access Service

15.2 Special Access Service

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17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.2	<u>Switched Access Service</u>	Rate	JSI Tariff FCC No. 1 Section Reference	(C) (C)
17.2.1	<u>Nonrecurring Charges</u>			
(A)	<u>Local Transport – Installation Per Entrance Facility</u>		6.4.1(B)(1)	
		see current JSI Tariff	17.2.1(A)	(C)
(B)	<u>Interim NXX Translation Per Order</u>		6.4.1(B)(2)	
	Per LATA or Market Area	see current JSI Tariff	17.2.1(B)	(C)
(C)	<u>FGC and FGD Conversion of Multifrequency Address Signaling to SS7 Signaling or SS7 Signaling to Multifrequency Address Signaling</u>		6.4.1(B)(3)	
	– Per 24 Trunks Converted or Fraction thereof, on a Per Order Basis	see current JSI Tariff	17.2.1(C)	(C)
(D)	<u>Trunk Activation Per Order</u>		6.4.1(B)(1)	
	– Per 24 Trunks Activated or Fraction thereof, on a Per Order Basis	see current JSI Tariff	17.2.1(D)	(C)
(E)				
(F)	<u>Flexible Automatic Number Identification (Flex ANI)</u>		6.10.1(AA)	
	– Per End Office, Per CIC	see current JSI Tariff	17.2.1(F)	(C)

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17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.2 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

17.2.2 Local Transport

JSI Tariff (C)
 FCC No. 1 (C)
 Section
Reference

Premium Access

Entrance Facility, Per Termination, Monthly Rates:

6.1.3(A)(1) (C)

- Voice Grade Two Wire see current JSI Tariff 17.2.2
- Voice Grade Four Wire
- High Capacity DS1
- High Capacity DS3
- Optical Channel OC3
- Optical Channel OC12
- ESALT 2 Mbps
- ESALT 10 Mbps
- ESALT 50 Mbps see current JSI Tariff 17.2.2

Direct Trunked Transport

Direct Trunked Facility, Per Mile

6.1.3(A)(1)

- Voice Grade see current JSI Tariff 17.2.2
- High Capacity DS1
- High Capacity DS3
- Optical Channel OC3
- Optical Channel OC12
- Per DTF-E1 Facility
- ESALT 2 Mbps
- ESALT 10 Mbps
- ESALT 50 Mbps
- Per DTF-E2 Facility
- ESALT 2 Mbps
- ESALT 10 Mbps
- ESALT 50 Mbps
- Per DTF-E3 Facility
- ESALT 2 Mbps
- ESALT 10 Mbps
- ESALT 50 Mbps
- Per DTF-E4 Facility
- ESALT 2 Mbps
- ESALT 10 Mbps
- ESALT 50 Mbps see current JSI Tariff 17.2.2

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17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.2 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

17.2.2 Local Transport (Cont'd)

Premium Access (Cont'd)

JSI Tariff (C)
 FCC No. 1 (C)
 Section
Reference

Direct Trunked Transport

Direct Trunked Termination, Per Termination

6.1.3(A)(2)

Monthly Rate:

- Voice Grade
- High Capacity DS1
- High Capacity DS3
- Optical Channel OC3
- Optical Channel OC12
- ESALT 2 Mbps
- ESALT 10 Mbps
- ESALT 50 Mbps

see current JSI Tariff 17.2.2

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17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.2 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

17.2.2 Local Transport (Cont'd)

Premium Access (Cont'd)

JSI Tariff (C)
 FCC No. 1 (C)
 Section
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Multiplexing, Per Arrangement

6.1.3(A)(5)

Monthly Rate

DS3 to DS1

DS1 to Voice

see current JSI Tariff

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17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.2 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

17.2.2 Local Transport (Cont'd)

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17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.2 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

17.2.2 Local Transport (Cont'd)

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17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.2 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

17.2.2 Local Transport (Cont'd)

Premium Access (Cont'd)

Rate

JSI Tariff (C)
 FCC No. 1 (C)
 Section
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- Tandem Switched Transport – Originating
 - Tandem Switched Facility
 Per Access Minute Per Mile \$0.000195
 - Tandem Switched Termination – Originating
 Per Access Minute Per Termination \$0.001017
 - Tandem Switching – Originating
 Per Access Minute Per Tandem \$0.002564

- Tandem Switched Transport-- Terminating
 - Tandem Switched Facility
 Per Access Minute Per Mile
 see current JSI Tariff 17.2.2 (C)
 - Tandem Switched Termination – Terminating
 Per Access Minute Per Termination
 see current JSI Tariff 17.2.2 (C)
 - Tandem Switching – Terminating
 Per Access Minute Per Tandem
 see current JSI Tariff 17.2.2 (C)

- Network Blocking Per Blocked Call 6.8.6
 Applies to FGD only see current JSI Tariff 17.2.2 (C)

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17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.2 Switched Access Service (Cont'd) JSI Tariff (C)
 FCC No. 1 (C)

17.2.2 Local Transport (Cont'd) Section
Reference

(A) Common Channel Signaling Network Connection 6.10.3

(1) Signaling Network Access Link

<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Nonrecurring Charge</u>
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Signaling Mileage Facility <u>Per Mile</u>	Signaling Mileage Termination <u>Per Termination</u>	Signaling Entrance Facility <u>Per Facility</u>	Signaling Entrance Facility <u>Per Facility</u>
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_____ see current JSI Tariff 17.2.2 _____ (C)

(2) STP Port, Per Port

Monthly Rate

see current JSI Tariff 17.2.2 (C)

JSI Tariff (C)
 FCC No. 1 (C)
 Section
Reference

(B) 800 Data Base Access Service Queries, Per Query 6.10.3

Rate

Basic	see current JSI Tariff 17.2.2	(C)
Vertical Features	see current JSI Tariff 17.2.2	(C)

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17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.2 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

JSI Tariff (C)
 FCC No. 1 (C)
 Section
Reference

17.2.3 End Office

(A)(1) <u>Local Switching – Originating</u>	<u>Rate</u>	6.1.3(B)(1)	
<u>Premium and Non-Premium</u>			
Per Access Minute	\$0.003419		
(A)(2) <u>Local Switching - Terminating</u>	<u>Rate</u>		
<u>Premium and Non-Premium</u>			
Per Access Minute			
see current JSI Tariff		17.2.3(A)	(C)
(B)(1) <u>Information Surcharge – Originating</u>		6.1.3(B)(2)	
– Premium and Non-Premium			
Per 100 Access Minutes	\$0.0374		
(B)(2) <u>Information Surcharge – Terminating</u>	<u>Rate</u>		
– Premium and Non-Premium			
see current JSI Tariff		17.2.3(B)	(C)

17.2.4 Reserved for future use.

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17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.2 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

17.2.6 Assumed Minutes of Use

		Assumed Minutes Per Month Per Line or Trunk	JSI Tariff FCC No. 1 Section Reference	(C) (C)
(A)	Feature Group A, Two Way Calling	4,195	6.5.4	
(B)	Feature Group A, Originating Only	1,510	6.5.4	
(C)	Feature Group A, Terminating Only	2,685	6.5.4	
(D)	Feature Group B, Two Way Calling	8,700	6.6.4	
(E)	Feature Group B, Originating Only	3,132	6.6.4	
(F)	Feature Group B, Terminating Only	5,568	6.6.4	