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Re: United Telephone Company of the Carolinas LLC d/b/a CenturyLink Access Services Tariff

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Enclosed for electronic filing, please find revisions to the United Telephone Company of the Carolinas LLC d/b/a CenturyLink Access Service Tariff. These revisions are submitted with a August 16, 2016 issue date and a proposed effective date of September 16, 2016. The tariff pages enclosed for review and approval are listed on Attachment A.

This filing proposes to discontinue Operator Inward Assistance (OIA) Services (Busy Line Verification and Verification with Call Interrupt). These services are obsolete and there has been no customer demand since 2010.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please feel free to contact me at the email or phone number listed below.

Sincerely,

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ATTACHMENT A

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5. Ordering Options for Switched and Special Access Service (Cont'd)

5.2 Access Order (Cont'd)

- For Interim 500 or 900 Access Service, the customer shall order in the same manner which is set forth preceding for ordering Feature Group D, except that customers may request direct connections to only those end offices designated by the Company as Interim 500 or 900 Access Service screening offices. Additionally when new NXX(s) are to be opened in the state, for exchanges served by the Company, or when existing NXX(s) are to be deleted, and such change is to occur coincident with the service date established for the order, the customer shall provide such information when placing the order for service. If the change is to occur absent the requirement for additional capacity (i.e., quantities of trunks), the customer shall notify the Company of the change as set forth in Sections 6.6.1(C) and 6.6.1(D) following. All 500 or 900 number assignments and administration shall be in accordance with the North American Numbering Plan (NANP)
- For Line Information Data Base (LIDB) Access Service, the customer shall provide a LIDB Access Service Request which specifies the Originating Point Codes (OPCs) for the customer's designated Operator Service Systems (OSSs) sending the query or queries, the PIU per Originating Point Code (OPC) of the customer's OSS location, and the desired due date of the order.
- LIDB Access Service is provided in conjunction with CCS/SS7 Interconnection Access Service, as set forth in Section 6.1.3(B)(5) following. The customer must arrange for CCS/SS7 Interconnection to the two (2) Company interconnecting Signal Transfer Points (STPs) located in Johnson City, Tennessee and Bristol, Tennessee in order to utilize LIDB Access Service.
- For Operator Transfer Service, the customer must specify whether Feature Group B, Feature Group C, or Feature Group D Switched Access Service will be used to interconnect between the OSS Tandem(s) and the customer's premises and whether or not operator functionality, coin station control, or both are to be provided by the customer. (C)
- Operator Service System (OSS) Tandem interconnection requirements are specified in Section 16.2, following. Information regarding OSS Tandem locations is contained in National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. Tariff F.C.C. No. 4.

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16. Operator Services [1]

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16.1 Operator Service Description

Operator Services includes the service category of Operator Transfer. Operator Transfer is provided from OSS Tandems to the customer's premises in conjunction with the rules and regulations of the specified Access Services found in Sections 2, 3, 5, and 6 preceding. Operator Services are available at all Telephone Company end offices however may be unavailable in certain LATAs due to existing trunking arrangements. In locations where the provider of Operator Services is not the Telephone Company, availability of Operator Services is at the discretion of the Operator Services provider. If Operator Services are available, the Telephone Company rates are applicable and billed by the Telephone Company. In locations where the Telephone Company is the provider of Operator Services for other telephone companies, availability of Operator Services is contingent on the availability of Operator Services tariffs of that telephone company. The OSS Tandem locations are provided in National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. Tariff F.C.C. No. 4.

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16.1.1 Operator Transfer Service (OTS)

Operator Transfer is an originating service that provides call routing of 0- (the digit "0" with no additional digits) calls to a participating customer as requested by the calling end user. An Operator Transfer call is routed to the Telephone Company's OSS operator for completion to a destination outside the originating LATA when the calling party dials "0" and waits for an operator to assist with the call. The Telephone Company operator will, upon request, transfer the call to the calling end user's participating customer (i.e., the Telephone Company's Operator Transfer Service customer) of choice. If the calling end user has no specific customer preference, the OSS operator will consult reference information and offer to the calling party the name of a participating customer. The reference information is arranged to give all participating customers an equal opportunity of being offered to and chosen by the calling end user. After a selection is made by the calling end user, the operator shall key in the selected customer's Carrier Identification Code (CIC) and transfer the call.

[1] Effective September 16, 2016, Operator Inward Assistance (OIA) Services (Busy Line Verification and Verification with Call Interrupt) were discontinued.

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16.2 Manner of Provisioning

- (A) Operator Services trunking between the customer's premises and the OSS Tandem is provisioned as either Switched Access Feature Group B, Feature Group C, or Feature Group D service and may be arranged, per the customer's request, as either one-way or two-way service. These trunk groups are established as final trunks and will be assigned data registers to obtain usage, peg count, and overflow attempt information. If a trunk(s) does not currently exist between the customer's premises and the OSS Tandem(s), the customer must establish Feature Group B or Feature Group D service to the Telephone Company's OSS Tandem(s). The Telephone Company will provide trunk side switching along with trunk answer and disconnect supervisory signaling to the customer.

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16.2 Manner of Provisioning (Cont'd)

- (B) When the OSS Tandem also functions as the Message Toll Service (MTS) Access Tandem, the customer may combine Operator Services traffic with its MTS Switched Access traffic between the OSS Tandem and the customer's premises provided the trunk group has the same signaling and routing requirements as specified for Operator Transfer. However, Operator Services traffic may not be combined with MTS Switched Access traffic if the customer provides operator functionality or coin station control.

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16.2.1 Operator Transfer

- (A) The customer must order sufficient capacity between the OSS Tandem(s) and the customer's premises to serve Operator Transfer traffic originating from those end offices. The Telephone Company OSS Tandems send ten-digit ANI (NPA + 7-digit telephone number) for Feature Group D trunk groups with Equal Access signaling or Operator Services Address signaling and Feature Group C trunk groups with Traditional signaling. However, the Telephone Company OSS Tandems send seven-digit ANI for Feature Group C trunk groups with Operator Services signaling. Therefore, if the customer requires Operator Transfer calls separately identified by the originating NPA for the Feature Group C trunk group with Operator Services signaling, the customer must utilize a separate and final trunk group, from the OSS Tandem to their customer's premises, for each NPA served by that OSS Tandem.
- (B) In order for the customer to provide full operator functionality (e.g., Operator Recall, Sequence Dialing, Time and Charge Quotation, and Emergency Ring-back) or coin control, the customer must order Operator Trunk - Pay Telephone for Feature Group C service or Operator Trunk - Full Feature for Feature Group D service. Full operator functionality is not required to provide operator transfer service. When coin control is provided, the customer must establish a separate and final trunk group for each type of end office operator/coin signaling (i.e., inband, expanded inband, and multi-wink) existing in the end offices served by the OSS Tandem. Operator Transfer is not available for coin sent-paid traffic.

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16.2 Manner of Provisioning (Cont'd)

16.2.2 Signaling

- (A) For Operator Transfer, the Telephone Company will provide traditional signaling for Feature Group B or Feature Group C service or Equal Access signaling for Feature Group D service. Customers providing operator functionality for operator traffic or coin control for pay telephone traffic will be provided with Operator Services signaling for Feature Group C or Operator Services Address signaling for Feature Group D service.

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16.2.3 Design Layout Report

Upon request, the Telephone Company will provide, to the customer, the make-up of facilities and services provided from the customer's premises to the OSS Tandem. This information will be provided in the form of a Design Layout Report. The Design Layout Report will be provided at no charge and will be reissued or updated whenever the facilities provided for the customer's use are materially changed.

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16.2 Manner of Provisioning (Cont'd)

16.2.4 Design Blocking

Trunks between the customer's premises and the OSS Tandems will follow the normal Feature Group B, C, or D blocking criteria as set forth in Section 6.5.6 preceding. The Telephone Company will perform routine measurement functions to inform the customer that an adequate number of transmission paths are in service to meet the normal Feature Group B, C, or D design blocking levels. However, capacity levels and trunk quantities will be the responsibility of the customer.

16.2.5 Testing

Acceptance testing for Operator Services will be provided as set forth in Section 6.1.6 preceding. Testing Capabilities for Feature Group B, Feature Group C, and Feature Group D services utilized in conjunction with Operator Services will be provided as set forth in Sections 6.2.2(D), 6.2.3(D) and 6.2.4(D) preceding.

16.2.6 Interface Groups and Transmission Parameters

Operator Services will utilize the same interface groups and transmission specifications as specified in Sections 6.2.2(C), 6.2.3(C) and 6.2.4(C) preceding.

16.2.7 Ordering and Billing Options and Conditions

(A) Operator Transfer Service is ordered under the access order provisions as set forth in Section 5 preceding. The Access Order Charge applicable for Switched Access will apply per Access Order for the installation, addition, change, or rearrangement of Operator Transfer Service. In addition, other Access Order Charges (i.e., Service Date Change Charges, etc.) may apply.

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(B) Billing for all Operator Services will occur on a monthly basis as other billing is performed, but will be rendered on a statement detailing the flat-rated charges for the entire state applicable to that customer for the specified monthly period.

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16.5 Rate Regulations

16.5.1 Description and Application of Rates and Charges

(A) Operator Transfer Service

The Operator Transfer charge is a flat-rated charge applicable per call transferred to the subscribing customer.

In addition to the Operator Transfer charge, Switched Access rates apply as set forth in Section 6.8 preceding and Carrier Common Line (CCL) charges as set forth in Sections 3.8 and 3.9 preceding apply for usage originating from all end offices served by the OSS Tandem.

Nonrecurring Switched Access charges are applicable as specified in Sections 6.7 and 6.8 preceding.

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16.5 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

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Operator Transfer *
- Per Call Transferred

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* In addition, switched access charges are applicable as detailed in 16.5.1 preceding.