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Jocelyn Boyd, Chief Clerk and Administrator
South Carolina Public Service Commission
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Re: United Telephone Company of the Carolinas LLC d/b/a CenturyLink
General Subscriber Services Tariff

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Enclosed for filing, please find revisions to the United Telephone Company of the Carolinas LLC d/b/a CenturyLink General Subscriber Services Tariff. These revisions are submitted with a March 4, 2016 issue date and a proposed effective date of March 11, 2016.

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This filing grandfathers Local Measured Service. There is limited existing demand and no anticipated new demand for this service. Additionally, text was deleted from U3.9.3.e. as it no longer applies since LMS is currently available in all exchanges.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, you may contact me at (318) 340-5328.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer Watkins".

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U1. DEFINITION OF TERMS

EMBARQ LOCAL OPERATING COMPANY (a.k.a. Embarq LOC)

The term used to describe Embarq Corporation's Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC).

EMERGENCY NUMBER SERVICE 911 (U21)

See "Universal Emergency Number Service."

EXCHANGE (U3)

A central office or group of central offices and Exchange Access Lines, forming a local system furnishing means of telephonic telecommunication between the subscribers within a specified area, usually a single city, town or village.

When an exchange includes only one (1) central office, it is termed a single office exchange, but when it includes more than one (1) central office, the exchange is termed a multi-office exchange.

EXCHANGE SERVICE

The general telephone service rendered in accordance with tariff provisions. Exchange Service is a general term describing as a whole the facilities provided for local intercommunications, together with the right to originate and receive local messages at charges in accordance with the provisions of this tariff. (T)

a. Flat and Measured Rate

- (1) Flat Rate Service (**U3**): A classification of Exchange Service for which a stipulated charge is made, regardless of the amount used. (T)
- (2) Local Measured Service (**U100**): A classification of Exchange Service which is charged for on the basis of amount of use. (T)

b. Individual

- (1) Individual Access Line Service: A classification of Exchange Service which provides that only one (1) subscriber shall be served by the circuit connecting said subscriber with the serving central office/switching unit.
- (2) Trunk: A classification of Exchange Service furnished to a subscriber for local exchange lines connecting in PBX common equipment, in multifunction systems where the lines are used as pooled facilities--dial or button access--and in facilities used in connecting with direct group calling facilities.
- (3) Foreign Central Office Service: A classification of Exchange Service furnished to a subscriber in a multi-office exchange from a central office other than the one from which service would normally be furnished.
- (4) Foreign Exchange Service: A classification of Exchange Service furnished to a subscriber from an exchange other than the one from which he normally would be served.
- (5) Extension Service: A classification of Exchange Service, furnished to a subscriber that is connected on the same central office access line as a main station.

EXCHANGE SERVICE AREA (U3)

The territory served by an exchange within which Local Telephone Service is furnished at the exchange rates applicable within that area.

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LOCAL CALLING AREA (U3)
See "Local Service Area."

LOCAL DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE (U3)
Local Directory Assistance is furnished to the subscriber of the Company's local service for the obtaining of local telephone numbers of other subscribers served by the Company.

LOCAL MEASURED SERVICE (U100)
See "Exchange Service."

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LOCAL MESSAGE (U2)
See "Message."

LOCAL OPERATOR VERIFICATION/INTERRUPTION SERVICE (U3)
Verification Service provides operator assistance in determining if a called line is in use. Interruption Service provides for operator interruption of a conversation in progress on a called line. The customer may request these services for a charge, where facilities are available, by calling the "0" operator.

LOCAL SERVICE (U3)
A type of localized calling whereby a subscriber can complete calls from his premises to another premises within an Exchange Service Area without the payment of Long Distance (Local Toll) Charges.

LOCAL SERVICE AREA (U3)
The area within which telephone service is furnished to subscribers under a specific schedule of exchange rates and without Long Distance (Local Toll) Charges. A local service area may include one (1) or more exchange service areas.

LOCAL TOLL DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE SERVICE (U18)
A service provided to assist subscribers in obtaining intraLATA long distance (local toll) telephone numbers.

LOCAL TOLL MESSAGE (LONG DISTANCE (LOCAL TOLL) MESSAGE) (U18)
See "Message."

LOCAL TOLL OPTIONAL CALLING PLANS (LTOCPs) (U20)
Local Toll Optional Calling Plans (LTOCPs) are market designed billing options that customers may select in lieu of Long Distance (Local Toll) Message Telecommunications Service billing.

LOCAL TOLL SERVICE (U18)
See "Long Distance (Local Toll) Message Telecommunications Service."

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U3.3 MONTHLY EXCHANGE RATES (Cont'd)

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U3.9 SHARING AND RESALE OF BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE (Cont'd)

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d. (Cont'd)

For Local Measured Service, a flat rate will apply for each connection of a Shared Tenant Service access line to the serving central office as described in Section U3.9.4 following. In addition to the flat rate, a usage sensitive charge will apply for Outward Only and Two-Way trunks or Network Access Registers which corresponds to the Local Measured Service rate as described in Section U100.22.1.

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U100.22 LOCAL MEASURED SERVICE (LMS) (M)
(**Obsoleted 03/11/2016, Type B, Tariff Reference Section U3.3.2**) (C)

U100.22.1 Application and Regulations (M)

- a. With the effective date as indicated for each exchange, customers will have under this tariff offering, the option of subscribing to LMS. LMS provides for measured calling to all points within the existing non-long distance (local toll) calling area. Billing for LMS consists of (1) a regular monthly charge for unlimited incoming service and for access to the local network and (2) a charge for each local call completed. The local exchange access rate is billed in advance. The charges for each local call (usage) are billed in arrears. (T)
- b. Business and residence one-party customers will have the option of maintaining their current telephone service or changing to LMS. (T)
- c. Normal Service Connection Charges for existing customers will not apply for one (1) customer conversion to and/or from the LMS offering within the six (6) month period commencing with the effective date of the exchange offering and no activity other than this service change takes place. Changes in excess of this allowance will be billed the regular tariff charges as appropriate. (T)
- d. All customer lines at a given location must be arranged for LMS and equipped for outward calling. Group billing will be provided on rotary and PBX trunks. (T)
- e. Local Usage Charges will not apply to calls to the Company Business Office, Repair Service or for 911 Emergency Service as found in the local exchange telephone directory. Local calls to central office connecting facilities between the Company's central office and other Common Carriers for long distance (local toll) network connection are exempt. (T)
- f. LMS will not be provided for Foreign Exchange, Answering Service Lines, Payphone Service Lines and Paging Services. (T) (M)

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U100.22 LOCAL MEASURED SERVICE (LMS) (Cont'd)

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U100.22.1 Application and Regulations (Cont'd)

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g. Operator-handling differentials for local calls:

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	<u>Rate</u>
(1) Station-to-Station:	
Dial Credit Card	\$1.00
Operator	1.75
(2) Person-to-Person:	3.50

(T)

h. LMS will be offered only in locations where facilities are available to provide.

(T)

i. Fixed Call Forwarding cannot be provisioned on an LMS line.

(T)

U100.22.2 Additional Charges

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The monthly rates for LMS do not include the provision of call billing detail. When call billing detail is furnished, the following charges, plus a Service Order Charge (other than new service), will apply. The customer must request a call billing detail at least thirty (30) days in advance of the next billing for which detail is desired.

	<u>Rate</u>
Call billing detail showing all local calls placed from customer's telephone, per call	\$0.04
Per telephone number, per month	0.75

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U100.22.3 Usage Charges

- a.** Usage charges which consider duration, distance, time-of-day and day-of-week are in addition to the basic access line charge. (T)
- b.** Timing of Local Messages (T)

 - (1)** Chargeable time for all calls begins when connection is established between the calling station and the called station. Chargeable time ends when the calling station "hangs-up", thereby releasing the network connection. If the called station "hangs-up" but the calling station does not, chargeable time ends when the network connection is released either by automatic timing equipment in the telephone network or by the Company operator. (T)
 - (2)** The Time-of-Day and Day-of-Week discounts apply to all calls which are originated within the designated discount periods. The charges are determined separately for each rate period and the results are totaled. (T)
 - (3)** The discounts for the reduced rate period given in the Time-of-Day Discounts and Periods Table following is expressed as a percent reduction of the sum of the Call Connection and Minutes of Use charges calculated at the rates shown in the Usage Rates Table following. (T)

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U100.22.3 Usage Charges (Cont'd)

c. Rates for calls within the Home Exchange and EAS Exchanges.

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(1)	<u>Usage</u>	<u>1st MOU</u>	<u>Add'l MOU</u>
	Exchange	\$0.040	\$0.020
	0-10 Miles	0.050	0.025
	11-16 Miles	0.060	0.035
	17-22 Miles	0.080	0.060
	23-30 Miles	0.100	0.090
	Over 30 Miles	0.120	0.090

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(2) Discounts

(T)

For calls placed in the below listed time periods, discounted charges will apply as described:

<u>Period</u>	<u>Percent Discount</u>
Night (10 p.m. - 8 a.m.)	60%
Weekend (10 p.m. Fri - 8 a.m. Mon)	60%

(3) Residence customers who have been certified to the Company as hearing and/or speech impaired and communicate over telephone facilities by means other than voice will be allowed the weekend discount during regular periods.

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U100.22 LOCAL MEASURED SERVICE (LMS) (Cont'd)

<u>EXCHANGE</u>	<u>RATE GROUP</u>	<u>DATE</u> <u>LMS AVAILABLE</u>
Beaufort	2	01/08/93*
Branchville	2	09/25/93
Chappells	2	04/13/87
Cross Hill	2	04/13/87
Estill	1	04/30/91
Eutawville	1	03/20/93
Greenwood	2	11/01/87
Hampton	1	01/08/93
Hodges	2	03/27/93
Holly Hill	1	01/08/93
Laurel Bay	2	07/26/88
Low Country	3	09/01/97
Mountville	2	04/13/87
Ninety Six	2	05/21/94
Ridgeland	3	01/08/93
St. Helena Island	2	02/15/85
Saluda	2**	05/01/89
Troy	2	03/11/88
Ware Shoals	2	08/20/94

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* 524 office available as of June 11, 1994.

** Greenwood - Saluda Counties EAS implemented May 1, 1995. Rate increases, due to rate regrouping, are not applicable at this time.

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