

December 15, 2011

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
P.O. Box 3265
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105

**RE: Commonwealth Telephone Company
Supplement No. 5, Tariff PA P.U.C. No. 26, Access Service
Effective: January 1, 2012**

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Commonwealth Telephone Company hereby files, with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, the original Supplement No. 5.

The purpose of this filing is to introduce a tariff section on Identification and Rating of VoIP-PSTN Traffic. The Company requests an effective date of January 1, 2012. The tariff changes are necessary to comply with recently enacted FCC rules, pursuant to its November 18, 2011 Order. Those rules are effective on December 29, 2011. Given the FCC directives regarding the treatment of VoIP traffic, Commonwealth Telephone Company views these tariff changes as administrative, because they are specifically permitted by the FCC's Order.

Commonwealth Telephone Company believes that this tariff filing could be viewed as a rate decrease, because in Commonwealth Telephone Company's view the rates currently applicable to the termination of VoIP-originated intrastate interexchange traffic are Commonwealth Telephone Company's currently effective intrastate switched access charges, which are higher than the interstate access charges that will apply pursuant to the enclosed tariff pages.

This supplement is an accurate representation of the company's official tariff currently on file with the PUC and provided on the Internet.

If you have any, questions please call me at (585) 777-4717.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Enclosure

EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW

COMMONWEALTH TELEPHONE COMPANY

Supplement No. 5 -- PA PUC. No. 26

SUBSTANCE

Supplement No. 5 introduces a tariff section on identification and rating of VoIP-PSTN Traffic, in compliance with a recent order issued by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC").

COMMENTS

The purpose of this filing is to introduce tariff rules on the identification and rating of VoIP-PSTN Traffic. The tariff changes are necessary to comply with recently enacted FCC rules, pursuant to the FCC's November 18, 2011 Order at WC Docket 10-90 et seq. The tariff rules contained in this filing are proposed to become effective on January 1, 2012. Given the FCC's directives regarding the treatment of VoIP traffic, Commonwealth Telephone Company respectfully submits this compliance filing, consistent with the FCC's Order. The FCC's Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, *In the Matter of Connect America Fund*, WC Docket No. 10-90 et al., FCC 11-161 (released Nov. 18 and effective Dec. 29, 2011), §§ 961-963, specifically permits intrastate tariffs to reflect the new, lower intrastate access rate for VoIP traffic and to establish a mechanism to distinguish VoIP from traditional POTS traffic.

Pursuant to the provisions contained in 52 PA Code §53.59 (f) (1), implementation of this filing represents a rate reduction from current non-competitive service rates, and thus may be made on a 10-day notice and review period. Commonwealth Telephone Company issues this tariff supplement on December 15, 2011 to become effective January 1, 2012, compliant with this statutory notice rule. Commonwealth Telephone Company believes that this tariff filing constitutes a rate decrease since Commonwealth Telephone Company's rates applicable to the termination of VoIP-originated intrastate interexchange traffic are higher than Commonwealth Telephone Company's interstate access charges that will apply in order to comply with the FCC's directive, commencing on January 1, 2012.

Since this filing represents a prospective rate decrease to a non-competitive service, pursuant to its alternative regulation plan and 66 PA C.S. § 3017 (a) Commonwealth Telephone Company may propose offsetting revenue-neutral recovery from other noncompetitive services; however, no such offsetting revenue changes are proposed at this time.

It is respectfully requested that this Supplement No. 5 become effective January 1, 2012.

Supplement No. 5
to
Tariff PA P.U.C. No. 26

COMMONWEALTH TELEPHONE COMPANY

ACCESS SERVICE
REGULATIONS, RATES AND CHARGES

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This tariff makes (Changes) in Existing Regulations
See Sheet 2

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COMMONWEALTH TELEPHONE COMPANY

CHANGES MADE BY THIS SUPPLEMENT

CHANGES:

The purpose of this filing is to introduce a tariff section on Identification and Rating of VoIP-PSTN Traffic.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)

2.3.13 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 interstate access rates by the Federal Communications Commission in its Report and Order in WC Docket Nos. 10-90, etc., FCC Release No. 11-161 (Nov. 18, 2011) ("FCC Order"). Specifically, this section establishes the method of separating such traffic (referred to in this tariff as "Relevant VoIP-PSTN Traffic") from the customer's traditional intrastate access traffic, so that such Relevant VoIP-PSTN Traffic can be billed in accordance with the FCC Order.
2. This section will be applied to the billing of switched access charges to a customer that is a local exchange carrier only to the extent that the customer has also implemented billing of interstate access charges for Relevant VoIP-PSTN Traffic in accordance with the FCC Order.

(B) Rating of VoIP-PSTN Traffic

The Relevant VoIP-PSTN Traffic identified in accordance with this tariff section will be billed at rates equal to the Telephone Company's applicable tariffed interstate switched access rates as specified in the Telephone Company's applicable federal access tariff.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)

2.3.13 Identification and Rating of VoIP-PSTN Traffic (Cont'd)

(C) Calculation and Application of Percent-VoIP-Usage Factor

The Telephone Company will determine the number of Relevant VoIP-PSTN Traffic minutes of use ("MOU") to which interstate rates will be applied under subsection (B), above, by applying a Percent VoIP Usage ("PVU") factor to the total terminating intrastate access MOU received by The Telephone Company from the customer. The PVU will be derived and applied as follows:

1. The customer will calculate and furnish to the Telephone Company a factor (the "PVU") representing the percentage of the total intrastate and interstate access MOU that the customer terminates to the Telephone Company in the State, that is sent to the Telephone Company and that originated in IP format. This PVU shall be based on information such as traffic studies, actual call detail, or other relevant and verifiable information.
2. The Telephone Company will apply the PVU factor to the total terminating intrastate access MOU received from the customer to determine the number of Relevant VoIP-PSTN Traffic MOUs.
3. If the customer does not furnish the Telephone Company with a PVU pursuant to the preceding paragraph 1, the Telephone Company will utilize a PVU equal to zero.

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(D) Initial PVU Factor

If the PVU factor is not available and/or cannot be implemented in the Telephone Company's billing systems by January 1, 2012, once the factor is available and can be implemented the Telephone Company will adjust the customer's bills to reflect the PVU retroactively to January 1, 2012. This retroactive adjustment will be made to January 1, 2012, provided that the customer provides the factor to the Telephone Company no later than April 15, 2012; otherwise, it will set the initial PVU equal to zero, as specified in subsection (C)(1), above.

(E) PVU Factor Updates

The customer may update the PVU factor quarterly using the method set forth in subsection (C)(1), above. If the customer chooses to submit such updates, it shall forward to the Telephone Company, no later than 15 days after the first day of January, April, July and/or October of each year, a revised PVU factor based on data for the prior three months, ending the last day of December, March, June and September, respectively. The revised PVU factor will apply prospectively and serve as the basis for billing until superseded by a new PVU.

(F) PVU Factor Verification

Not more than four times in any year, the Telephone Company may ask the customer to verify the PVU factor furnished to the Telephone Company. The party so requested shall comply, and shall reasonably provide the records and other information used to determine the PVU factors.

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