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Secretary of the Commission
Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street
Harrisburg, PA 17120

RE: US LEC Communications Telephone – PA P.U.C. No. 1
Supplement No. 49

Dear Commission Secretary,

Submitted via electronic filing are revisions to US LEC Communications (“US LEC”) Telephone – PA P.U.C. No. 1 with an issue date of April 18, 2022 and a requested effective date of May 18, 2022.

In this filing, Company seeks to add a charge for Business customers with DS0 and DS1 services, that are provided via TDM.

The Company’s cost to provide TDM based services increased significantly in January, and despite efforts to encourage these customers move from aging technology, not all have responded.

Customers were already notified via bill message beginning in December, a copy of which is enclosed. The Company will issue an additional bill message, a copy of which is also enclosed, on invoices prior to implementation. To avoid running multiple messages and potentially confusing customers, the Company will wait for Commission approval before running the additional message.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at (585) 340-2709, or via email at Katherine.Hoagland@Windstream.com.

Sincerely,

/s/ Katherine Hoagland

Katherine Hoagland
Regulatory & Tariff Analyst

Cc: Pennsylvania Office of Small Business Advocate; Pennsylvania Office of Consumer Advocate; PUC
Office of Trial Staff

Bill Message Run on December 2021 Invoices

NOTICE OF RATE INCREASE

Within the next 30-60 days your monthly billing statement will reflect a TDM Connectivity Charge ranging from \$50.00 to \$300.00 per circuit. The monthly amount assessed will depend on your subscribed services. This charge enables Windstream to continue to provide services on an aging platform. We encourage you to contact your account representative to discuss product conversion options that will enable you to migrate off aging technology. We sincerely appreciate your business and look forward to continually expanding our technology solutions to meet your ongoing needs. If you have questions, please contact Windstream at the number listed on this billing statement.

Bill Message to Run on Invoices Prior to Implementation

NOTICE OF RATE INCREASE

In December 2021 you were notified about the TDM Connectivity Charge. This is a monthly recurring charge assessed on services that rely on Time Division Multiplexing ("TDM") equipment and facilities; this charge will not be assessed on alternative Internet Protocol ("IP") based services. The amount of the charge is dependent upon the bandwidth capacity in use at a service location, and ranges from \$50.00 to \$300.00 per circuit. This charge enables Windstream to continue to provide services on an aging platform. We encourage you to contact your account representative to discuss product conversion options that will enable you to migrate off aging technology and avoid these charges. We sincerely appreciate your business and look forward to continually expanding our technology solutions to meet your ongoing needs. If you have questions, please contact Windstream at the number listed on this billing statement.

US LEC of Pennsylvania LLC
d/b/a PAETEC Business Services

COMPETITIVE LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIER TARIFF
Facilities and Non-Facilities Based Service

EFFECTIVE MARCH 4, 2022 THE COMPETITIVE EXCHANGE AREAS LISTED ON TARIFF PREFACE PAGES 0.01 & 0.02 HAVE BEEN DETARIFFED. THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THESE EXCHANGE AREAS, AS WELL AS THE AVAILABLE SERVICES AND THEIR RESPECTIVE RATES, ARE NOW POSTED ONLINE AT <https://www.windstream.com/about-windstream/legal/Pennsylvania-Competitive-Services>. THE CALLING AREAS FOR THESE EXCHANGES HAVE BEEN LEFT IN THE TARIFF FOR REFERENCE PURPOSES ONLY.

Regulations and Schedule of Charges within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
for the service areas noted below

The Company will mirror the exchange area boundaries as stated in the tariffs of:

- WINDSTREAM PENNSYLVANIA, LLC Pa. P.U.C. No. 7
- Consolidated Communications of Pennsylvania Company Pa. P.U.C. No. 11
- United Telephone Company of Pennsylvania d/b/a CenturyLink P.U.C. No. 27
- Verizon North LLC Telephone Pa. P.U.C. No. 1, 3, 5, and 6
- Verizon Pennsylvania LLC. Telephone Pa. PUC No. 180A, 182, 182A, 185B and 185C
- Commonwealth Telephone Company d/b/a Frontier Communications Commonwealth Telephone Company P.U.C. No. 24
- Frontier Communications of Pennsylvania, LLC, Telephone PA P.U.C. - No. 14
- WINDSTREAM D&E, PA P.U.C. No. 18

The Company's tariff is in concurrence with all applicable State and Federal Laws (including, but not limited to, 52 Pa. Code, 66 Pa. C.S. and the Telecommunications Act of 1934, as amended), and with the Commission's applicable Rules and Regulations and Orders. Any provisions contained in this Tariff that are inconsistent with the foregoing mentioned will be deemed inoperative and superseded.

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SUPPLEMENT NO. 49 – TELEPHONE PA P.U.C NO. 1

LIST OF MODIFICATIONS

28 th Revised Title Page	Updates Supplement Number
Preface	
26 th Revised Page 0.1	Updates List of Modifications page
44 th Revised Page 2	Updates Check Sheet
19 th Revised Page 3	“
Section 4	
1 st Revised Page 1	Adds TDM Connectivity Charge for Business Customers
Section 6	
1 st Revised Page 13	Adds Rates for TDM Connectivity Charge

CHECK SHEET

The pages of this tariff are effective as of the date shown. The original and revised pages named below contain all changes from the original tariff and are in effect on the date shown.

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SECTION 4 – EXCHANGE ACCESS SERVICE

4.1 General:

The Company's Local Telephone Service provides a Customer with the ability to connect to the company's switching network which enables the Customer to:

- place or receive calls to any calling Station in the local calling area, as defined herein;
- access basic 911 Emergency Service;
- access the interexchange carrier selected by the Customer for interLATA, intraLATA, interstate or international calling;
- access Operator Services;
- access Directory Assistance;
- place or receive calls to 800 telephone numbers;
- access Telephone Relay Service.

The Company's service can not be used to originate calls to other telephone companies caller-paid information services (e.g., 900, 976). Calls to those numbers and other numbers used for caller-paid information services will be blocked by the Company's switch.

Company's local exchange service allows the Customer unlimited access to stations on the public switched network within the Customer's basic local calling area, i.e., the local calling area as specified in the Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier's tariff in effect and as amended from time to time in the future.

Each Exchange Access Service is available on a "Full" service basis, whereby service is delivered to a demarcation/connection block at the customer's premises.

The following Exchange Access Service Options are offered:

Flat Rate Service
Measured Rate Service

4.1.1 TDM Connectivity Charge

All Business Access Service options may be assessed a TDM Connectivity Charge. This is a monthly recurring charge assessed on services that rely on Time Division Multiplexing ("TDM") equipment and facilities; this charge will not be assessed on alternative Internet Protocol ("IP") based services. The amount of the charge is dependent upon the bandwidth capacity in use at a service location. The bandwidth capacity will be classified as 64kbps or 1.544Mbps.

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SECTION 6 – SERVICE RATES (CONT'D)

6.10 Asynchronous Transfer Mode (ATM) Service (Cont'd)

Performance Standards available for US LEC ATM service are Core Network Availability, On-Net and Off-Net End-to-End Network Availability, Network Transit Delay (NTD) and Mean Time to Repair (MTTR).

<u>ATM Performance Standards</u>		<u>Guarantee</u>
A	Core Network Availability	99.90%
B.1	On-Net End-to-End Network Availability (Domestic)	99.85%
B.2	Off-Net End-to-End Network Availability (Domestic)	99.80%
C.1	Network Transit Delay for Constant Bit Rate (CBR)	50 Ms One-Way
C.2	Network Transit Delay for Variable Bit Rate – Real Time (VBR-RT)	55 Ms One-Way
C.3	Network Transit Delay for Variable Bit Rate – Non Real Time (VBR-NRT)	60 Ms One-Way
C.4	Network Transit Delay for Unspecified Bit Rate - (UBR)	100 Ms One-Way
D	Mean Time to Repair (MTTR)	8 Hours

6.11 TDM Connectivity Charge

	<u>Monthly Recurring Charge</u>
Per Circuit with 64kbps Bandwidth Capacity	\$50.00
Per Circuit with 1.544Mbps Bandwidth Capacity	\$300.00

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