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President

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Mr. Matthew Homsher, Esq.
Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
400 North Street, Keystone Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: **Hickory Telephone Company**
Supplement No. 292 to Telephone PA PUC No. 11
PTA Access Tariff changes

Dear Secretary Homsher:

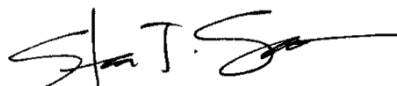
Please find Supplement No. 292 to Telephone – PA P.U.C. No. 11 on behalf of the above company with an effective date of July 1, 2026.

This supplement is filed in compliance with 47 CFR §51.909(a)(6)(i). The Company is revising several intrastate switched access rates as a result of interstate switched access rate cap adjustments made by the National Exchange Carrier Association.

This letter also serves as certification that this company will maintain an accurate electronic version of its tariff on the Internet.

If you have questions concerning the filing, please contact Megan Land at 570-371-3528 or megan@zingarettienterprises.com.

Sincerely,



Steven J. Samara

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Office of Small Business Advocate
Bureau of Enforcement and Investigation
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PENNSYLVANIA TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION

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 **NOTICE**

This tariff makes (Changes) in existing rates
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Sheet 2

CHANGES MADE BY THIS SUPPLEMENT

CHANGE:

This supplement is issued on behalf of **HICKORY TELEPHONE COMPANY** to mirror its interstate rates as a result of interstate switched access rate cap adjustments - in compliance with 47 CFR §51.909(a)(6)(i).

Changes have been made to the following:

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17.2.1 <u>Nonrecurring Charges</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Tariff Section Reference</u>	
(A) <u>Local Transport - Installation Per Entrance Facility</u>		6.4.1(B) (1)	
- Voice Grade Two-Wire	\$406.46		(D)
- Voice Grade Four-Wire	\$406.46		(D)
- High Capacity DS1	\$298.08		(D)
- High Capacity DS3	\$401.93		(D)
(B) <u>Interim NXX Translation Per Order</u>			
Per LATA or Market Area	\$198.72	6.4.1(B) (2)	(D)
(C) <u>FGC and FGD Conversion of Multifrequency Address Signaling to SS7 Signaling or SS7 Signaling to Multifrequency Address Signaling</u>			
- Per 24 Trunks Converted or Fraction thereof on a Per Order Basis	\$399.23	6.4.1(B) (3)	(D)
(D) <u>Trunk Activation</u>		<u>Per Order</u>	
- Per 24 Trunks Activated or Fraction thereof, on a Per Order Basis	\$414.58	6.4.1(B) (1)	(D)
(E) <u>Flexible Automatic Number Identification (Flex ANI)</u>			
- Per End Office, Per CIC	None	6.9.1(AA)	

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<u>17.2.2 Local Transport</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Tariff Section Reference</u>
<u>Premium Access</u>		
- <u>Entrance Facility</u>		6.1.3(A) (1)
Per Termination		
-Voice Grade Two-Wire	\$39.70	(D)
-Voice Grade Four-Wire	\$63.53	(D)
-High Capacity DS1	\$193.54	(D)
-High Capacity DS3	\$1,767.11	(D)
- <u>Direct Trunked Transport</u>		6.1.3(A) (2)
- <u>Direct Trunked Facility</u>		
Per Mile		
- Voice Grade	\$2.82	(D)
- High Capacity DS1	\$13.26	(D)
- High Capacity DS3	\$115.51	(D)
- <u>Direct Trunked Termination</u>		
Per Termination		
- Voice Grade	\$28.42	(D)
- High Capacity DS1	\$68.79	(D)
- High Capacity DS3	\$441.76	(D)
- <u>Multiplexing</u>		6.1.3(A) (5)
Per Arrangement		
- DS3 to DS1	\$403.07	(D)
- DS1 to Voice	\$155.62	(D)
- <u>Tandem Switched Transport</u>		6.1.3(A) (3)
- <u>Tandem Switched Facility*</u> (Per Access Minute Per Mile)		
Originating (Non-Toll Free)	\$.000169	
Terminating	\$.000363	(D)
- <u>Tandem Switched Termination*</u>		
(Per Access Minute Per Termination)		
Originating (Non-Toll Free)	\$.000833	
Terminating	\$.001888	(D)
- <u>Tandem Switching*</u> (Per Access Minute Per Tandem)		
Originating (Non-Toll Free)	\$.002743	
Terminating	\$.004762	(D)
- <u>Joint Tandem Switched Transport*</u>		
Per Originating Toll Free Only		
Access Minute Per Tandem	\$.001	

*The Joint Tandem Switched Transport rate element applies per tandem to originating toll free minutes only in lieu of the Tandem Switched Facility, Tandem Switched Termination and Tandem Switching rate elements as of July 1, 2021.

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17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.2 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

17.2.2	<u>Local Transport</u> (Cont'd)	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Tariff</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Reference</u>
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Premium Access (Cont'd)

-	<u>Transport Interconnection Charge</u>		6.1.3(A)	(4)	
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Per Access Minute					
Originating (Non-Toll Free					
and Toll Free)		\$0.00			
Terminating		\$0.00			

<u>Network Blocking Per Blocked Call</u>					
Applies to FGD Only		\$0.013821	6.8.6		(D)

(A) Common Channel Signaling Network Connection

		<u>Rate</u>	<u>Tariff</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Reference</u>
(1)	<u>Signaling Network Access Link</u>		6.9.3(A)		
	- Signaling Mileage				
	Facility per mile	\$ 3.80			(D)
	- Signaling Mileage				
	Termination				
	per Termination	\$38.26			(D)
	- Signaling Entrance				
	Facility				
	per Facility	\$73.27 (D)			(D)
				<u>Nonrecurring</u>	
				<u>Charge</u>	
				\$352.26	

(2)	<u>STP Port</u>				
	- Per port	\$377.55			(D)

(B)	<u>Toll Free Database Access Service Queries</u>		6.9.3(D)		
	Per Query				
	Basic	.0002			
	Vertical Feature	.0002			

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17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.2 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

17.2.3 End Office

(A) Local Switching

Premium

Per Access Minute

-Originating (Toll Free Only)	\$0.000000	
-Originating (Non-Toll Free)	\$0.016940	(D)
-Terminating	\$0.000000	

(B) Information Surcharge

Premium Per 100 Access Minutes

-Originating (Toll Free Only)	\$0.000000	
-Originating (Non-Toll Free)	\$0.017192	(D)
-Terminating	\$0.000000	

* Local Switching 1 when applied to Feature Group B with an ADA is multiplied by the ADA rate factor listed in 17.2.4 following.

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2026-2027 Local Switching Rate Calcs

-0.57110% NECA decrease

Hickory		Current	Proposed
Local Switching	Premium, Per Access Minute, Toll Free	-	-
Local Switching	Premium, Per Access Minute, Non-Toll Free	0.017037	0.016940
Information Surcharge	Premium, Per 100 Access Minutes, Toll Free	-	-
Information Surcharge	Premium, Per 100 Access Minutes, Non-Toll Free	0.017291	0.017192
Signaling Access	Nonrecurring Charge	354.28	352.26

For your information

Switched access rate changes and CAF ICC Data Collection reminder

April 10, 2026

To: General and pool contacts at TS and SW pool members

Switched access rate changes

Federal Communications Commission rules require us to adjust capped interstate switched access rates to reflect pool election changes, except for terminating end office rates and originating toll-free rates specified in the 8YY Access Charge Reform Order. Pool election changes for the upcoming tariff year resulted in a 0.5711% decrease from current rate levels following the methodology specified in 47 CFR §51.909(a)(6). We will adjust switched access rates by the factor for the upcoming tariff year. This decrease was reflected in the data shown in the CAF ICC website when it opened on March 16 for data entry.

We will apply the rate decrease related to pool election changes to originating non-toll-free end office rates and all non-toll-free transport rate elements. Rates are rounded up to the last significant decimal place for a five or greater and rounded down otherwise.

In the [CAF ICC website](#) (login required), we will modify the following for test period 2026-2027:

- Interstate switched access rate levels
- Intrastate switched access rate levels for those companies with intrastate rates at parity with interstate rates
- Switched access revenues

Interstate terminating end office access service rates remain as bill and keep.

Proposed interstate and intrastate monthly and nonrecurring switched access rates can be viewed in the CAF ICC Data Collection website in the Study Area Intrastate Data section by selecting the Intrastate Revenues (FCC TRP) Output link. Your company's existing local switching and local transport rate band assignments will remain unchanged in the upcoming filing. **Adjusted intrastate rates will be available on April 16 and need to be filed with state regulatory commissions.**