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Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

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In the Matter of)
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National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc.) WC Docket No. 09-221
2010 Modification of Average Schedules)
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ORDER

Adopted: March 30, 2010

Released: March 30, 2010

By the Chief, Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau:

1. On December 23, 2009, the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. (NECA) filed proposed modifications to the current average schedule formulas to be effective from July 1, 2010, to June 30, 2011.¹ NECA's filing was submitted in accordance with Commission rules that require NECA to submit proposed modifications to the average schedule formulas annually or to certify that no modifications are warranted.² For the reasons set forth below, we approve the average schedule formulas as requested by NECA.

2. NECA proposes to change the way special access retention ratios are calculated for study areas in which digital subscriber line (DSL) service is provided outside of NECA's tariff³ and to employ a new method to develop the Carrier Access Billing System (CABS) formula.⁴ NECA proposes to continue to limit access minute volumes and line haul circuit counts eligible for average schedule settlements.⁵ NECA estimates that, under the proposed formula changes, the majority of carriers would receive an increase in settlements, averaging 6.75 percent, given constant demand.⁶

3. By Public Notice issued January 29, 2010, we sought comment on NECA's filing.⁷ No comments were filed.

¹ National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc.'s 2010 Modification of Average Schedule Formulas WC Docket No. 09-221, (filed Dec. 23, 2009) (2010 NECA Proposed Modification of Average Schedule Formulas).

² 47 C.F.R. § 69.606(b).

³ 2010 NECA Proposed Modification of Average Schedule Formulas at V-35-36.

⁴ *Id.* at VI-15-16.

⁵ *Id.* at VII-33, VII-40.

⁶ *Id.* at VII-58.

⁷ *National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc.'s Proposed 2010 Modification of Average Schedule Formulas*, WC Docket No. 09-221, Public Notice, DA 10-210 (Pricing Pol. Div. rel. Jan. 29, 2010).

4. We have reviewed the unopposed NECA filing and find that its proposed formulas are reasonable. NECA revised the average schedule formulas using procedures consistent with those used in previous filings.

5. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to section 69.606(a) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 69.606(b), and pursuant to the authority delegated under sections 0.91 and 0.291 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.291, that the average schedule formulas proposed by the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., on December 23, 2009, SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE July 1, 2010, and remain in effect through June 30, 2011.

6. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this order SHALL BE EFFECTIVE upon release.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION



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