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NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC.'S PROPOSED 2011 MODIFICATION OF AVERAGE SCHEDULE FORMULAS

PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED
WC Docket No. 10-251

Comments Due: February 15, 2011
Reply Comments Due: February 25, 2011

On December 23, 2010, the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. (NECA) filed with the Commission its proposed modification of average schedule formulas for interstate settlements, pursuant to section 69.606 of the Commission's rules.[1] NECA proposes to revise the formulas for average schedule interstate settlement disbursements in connection with the provision of interstate access services for the period beginning July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012.

Modifications to the average schedule formulas are based on a statistical sampling of the costs and demand of comparable cost companies. NECA indicates that the factors driving this proposal include increased account growth, and significant reductions in some access demand elements.[2] NECA proposes to continue to limit access minute volumes and line haul circuit counts eligible for average schedule settlements.[3] NECA estimates that under the proposed formula changes the majority of carriers would receive an increase in settlements, averaging 2.5 percent, given constant demand.[4] The effects of these formula changes on individual average schedule companies will vary depending on each company's size and demand characteristics.

Interested parties may file comments on NECA's proposed modifications on or before **February 15, 2011** and reply comments on or before **February 25, 2011**. Filings in this proceeding should be captioned "National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc.'s Proposed 2011 Modification of Average Schedule Formulas" and filed in **WC Docket No. 10-251**.

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[1] 47 C.F.R. § 69.606(b).

[2] *See* National Exchange Carrier Association, 2011 Modification of Average Schedules at Summary, *attached to* Letter from Richard A. Askoff, Executive Director—Regulatory, NECA, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket No. 10-251 (filed Dec. 23, 2010).

[3] *Id.*

[4] *Id.* at I-5.

All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Marlene H. Dortch, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW, Suite TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. Two courtesy copies must be delivered to Douglas Slotten, Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Pricing Policy Division, 445 12th Street, SW, Room 5-A233, Washington, DC 20554 or via e-mail at douglas.slotten@fcc.gov. One copy must also be sent to Best Copy and Printing, Inc., Portals II, 445 12th Street SW, Suite CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554, telephone 202-488-5300, facsimile 202-488-5563, or via e-mail at fcc@bcpiweb.com.

Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies.

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For further information regarding this proceeding, contact Douglas Slotten, Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 202-418-1572, or via e-mail at douglas.slotten@fcc.gov.

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[5] *See* 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200, 1.1206.

[6] *See* 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).

[7] 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).