

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of)
)
National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc.) WC Docket No. 14-247
2015 Modification of Average Schedule Formulas)
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ORDER

Adopted: April 29, 2015

Released: April 29, 2015

By the Chief, Pricing Policy Division:

1. On December 23, 2014, 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, 2015 through June 30, 2016. Overall, NECA proposes formula changes that would increase settlement rates by 6.6 percent, at constant demand.² The proposed settlement formulas reflect the same general structures and methods as current formulas. For the reasons set forth below, we approve the average schedule formulas as proposed by NECA.

2. According to NECA, the effects of the proposed formula changes on individual average schedule companies will vary depending on each company’s size and demand characteristics.³ NECA calculates that 274 companies are expected to experience increases in settlement rates and 48 study areas are expected to experience decreases in settlement rates, at constant demand.⁴ According to NECA, most of the settlement increases are attributed to increases in Common Line and Non-DSL formulas for medium and large study areas, partly offset by decreases in the DSL Basic formula.⁵

3. By Public Notice released January 26, 2015, we sought comment on NECA’s filing.⁶ No comments were filed.

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.

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 69.606(b). See Letter from Richard A. Askoff, Executive Director, Regulatory, NECA, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket No. 14-247, Attach. (filed Dec. 23, 2014).

² *Id.* at Summary-1.

³ *Id.* at I-6.

⁴ *Id.* at I-5-6.

⁵ *Id.* at I-6.

⁶ *National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc.’s Proposed 2015 Modification of Average Schedule Formulas*, WC Docket No. 14-247, Public Notice, 30 FCC Rcd 327 (Pricing Pol. Div. 2015).

5. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to sections 0.91, 0.291, and 69.606(a) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.291, and 69.606(a), that the average schedule formulas proposed by the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., on December 23, 2014, SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE July 1, 2015, and remain in effect through June 30, 2016.

6. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to section 1.102(b)(1) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.102(b)(1) , this Order SHALL BE EFFECTIVE upon release.

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