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## ACCESS SERVICE SECTION 2 - GENERAL REGULATIONS

## 2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)

## 2.3.13 Identification and Rating of VoIP-PSTN Traffic

- (A) Scope
  - (1) VoIP-PSTN traffic is defined as traffic exchanged over the public switched telephone network ("PSTN") facilities that originates and/or terminates in Internet protocol ("IP") format. This section governs the identification of toll VoIP-PSTN ("toll VoIP") traffic that in the absence of an interconnection agreement will be subject to interstate switched access rates in accordance with the Federal Communications Commission Report and Order in WC Docket Nos. 10-90, etc., FCC Release No. 11-161 (Nov. 18, 2011) ("FCC Order") as it may hereinafter be amended or clarified. Specifically, this section establishes the method of distinguishing toll VoIP traffic from the customer's total intrastate access traffic, so that toll VoIP traffic will be billed in accordance with the FCC Order.
  - (2) This section will be applied to the billing of switched access charges to a customer that is a local exchange carrier only to the extent that the customer has also implemented billing of interstate access charges for VoIP-PSTN Traffic in accordance with the FCC Order.
- (B) Rating of toll VoIP-PSTN traffic

The Telephone Company will bill toll VoIP-PSTN traffic which it identifies in accordance with this tariff section at rates equal to the Telephone Company's applicable tariffed interstate switched access rates.

(C) Calculation and Application of Percent-VoIP-Usage Factor

The Telephone Company will determine the number of toll VoIP traffic minutes of use ("MOU") to which it will apply its interstate rates under subsection (B), above, by applying an originating Percent VoIP Usage ("OPVU") factor to the total intrastate access MOU originated by a Telephone Company end user and delivered to the customer and by applying a terminating PVU ("TPVU") factor to the total intrastate access MOU terminated by a customer to the Telephone Company's end user. The OPVU and TPVU will be derived and applied as follows:

(1) The Telephone Company will calculate and implement an OPVU factor representing a whole number percentage based on total traffic originated by Telephone Company end users in IP format and delivered to the customer in the State divided by the Telephone Company's total originated intrastate access MOU delivered to the customer in the State. The FCC is considering a request for clarification concerning whether or not interstate switched access rates apply to intrastate PSTN-VoIP traffic for purposes of billing originating access. If the FCC determines that interstate rates apply to this traffic, carriers that have paid intrastate rates for this traffic will be credited for the lower interstate rates retroactive to the effective date of the FCC Order, January 1, 2012.

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