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EXPLANATION OF ABBREVIATIONS (Cont'd)

HC	-	High Capacity	
Hz	-	Hertz	
IC	-	Interexchange or Intraexchange Customer	
ICB	-	Individual Case Basis	
ICL	-	Inserted Connection Loss	
IXC	-	Interexchange Channel	
kbps	-	kilobits per second	
kHz	-	kilohertz	
LATA	-	Local Access and Transport Area	
LDMTS	-	Long Distance Message Telecommunications Service(s)	
Ma	-	milliamperes	
Mbps	-	Megabits per second	
MHz	-	Megahertz	
MMUC	-	Monthly Recurring Charge	
MRC	-	Monthly Recurring Charge	
NB	-	Narrowband	
NPA	-	Numbering Plan Area	
NRC	-	Nonrecurring Charge	
NTS	-	Non-Traffic Sensitive	
NXX	-	Three Digit Central Office Code	
OMF	-	Optional Miscellaneous Functions	
OTPL	-	Zero Transmission Level Point	
PBX	-	Private Branch Exchange	
PCM	-	Pulse Code Modulation	
PLR	-	Private Line Ringdown	
POI	-	Point of Interface	
PSTN	-	Public Switched Telephone Network	(N)
rms	-	root-mean-square	
RMS	-	Remote Switching Modules	
RSS	-	Remote Switching Systems	
SRL	-	Singing Return Loss	
SSN	-	Switched Service Network	
SWC	-	Serving Wire Center	
TDM	-	Time Division Multiplexing	(N)
TES	-	Telephone Exchange Service(s)	
TLP	-	Transmission Level Point	
TSPS	-	Traffic Service Position System	
TV	-	Television	
USOC	-	Uniform Service Order Code	
V & H	-	Vertical & Horizontal	
VG	-	Voice Grade	
VoIP	-	Voice over Internet Protocol	(N)
WA	-	Wideband Analog	
WATS	-	Wide Area Telecommunications Service(s)	
WD	-	Wideband Digital	

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)

2.3.16 Identification and Rating of VoIP-PSTN Traffic

(A) Scope

VoIP-PSTN Traffic is defined as traffic exchanged between a Telephone Company end user and the customer in Time Division Multiplexing ("TDM") format that originates and/or terminates in Internet Protocol ("IP") format. This section governs the identification of VoIP-PSTN Traffic that is required to be compensated at interstate access rates, unless the parties have agreed otherwise, by the Federal Communications Commission in its Report and Order in WC Docket Nos. 10-90, etc., FCC Release No. 11-161 (November 18, 2011)("FCC Order"). Specifically this section establishes the method of separating VoIP-PSTN Traffic from the customer's traditional intrastate access traffic, so that VoIP-PSTN Traffic can be billed in accordance with the FCC Order.

(B) VoIP-PSTN Traffic identified in accordance with this tariff section will be billed at rates equal to the Telephone Company's applicable tariffed interstate switched access rate as specified in CenturyLink Operating Companies Tariff F.C.C. No. 8, Section 17.

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

Telephone Company will determine the number of VoIP-PSTN Traffic minutes of use ("MOU") to which interstate rates will be applied under (B) preceding, by applying an originating Percent VoIP Usage ("PVU") 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 factor to the total intrastate access MOU terminated by a customer to the Telephone Company's end user.

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2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)

2.3.16 Identification and Rating of VoIP-PSTN Traffic (Cont'd)

(C) Calculation and Application of Percent-VoIP-Usage Factors (Cont'd)

- (1) The customer will calculate and furnish to the Telephone Company an originating PVU factor representing the whole number percentage of the customer's total originating intrastate access MOU that the customer exchanges with the Telephone Company in the state that is received from the Telephone Company and that is terminated in IP format and that would be billed by the Telephone Company as intrastate access MOU.
- (2) The customer will calculate and furnish to the Telephone Company a terminating PVU factor representing the whole number percentage of the customer's total terminating intrastate access MOU that the customer exchanges with the Telephone Company in the state that is sent to the Telephone Company and which originated in IP format and that would be billed by the Telephone Company as intrastate access MOU.
- (3) The customer shall not modify their reported PIU factor to account for VoIP-PSTN traffic.
- (4) Both the customer provided originating PVU and the terminating PVU shall be based on information such as the number of the customer's retail VoIP subscriptions in the state (e.g. as reported on FCC Form 477), traffic studies, actual call detail or other relevant and verifiable information which will be provided to Telephone Company upon request.
- (5) The customer shall retain the call detail, work papers and information used to develop the PVU factors for a minimum of one year.
- (6) If the customer does not furnish the Telephone Company with a PVU factor, the Telephone Company will utilize a PVU equal to zero.

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2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)

2.3.16 Identification and Rating of VoIP-PSTN Traffic (Cont'd)

(D) Initial Implementation of PVU Factors

- (1) If the PVU factors cannot be implemented in the Telephone Company's billing systems by December 29, 2011, once the factors can be implemented, the Telephone Company will adjust the customer's bills to reflect the PVU factors prospectively in the next bill period, if the PVU factors are provided by the customer to the Telephone Company prior to April 15, 2012.
- (2) The Telephone Company may choose to provide credits based on the reported PVU factors on a quarterly basis until such time as the billing system modifications can be implemented.

(E) PVU Factor Updates

The customer may update the PVU factors quarterly using the method set forth in (C)(1) and (2) preceding. If the customer chooses to submit such updates, it shall forward to the Telephone Company, no later than 15 days after the first of January, April, July and/or October of each year, revised PVU factors based on data for the prior three months, ending the last day of December, March, June and September, respectively. The revised PVU factors will serve as the basis for future billing and will be effective on the next bill date, and shall serve as the basis for subsequent monthly billing until superseded by new PVU factors. No prorating or backbilling will be done based on the updated PVU factors.

(F) PVU Factor Verification

- (1) Not more than twice in any year, the Telephone Company may request from the customer an overview of the process used to determine the PVU factors, the call detail records, description of the method for determining how the end user originates or terminates calls in IP format, and other information used to determine the customer's PVU factors furnished to the Telephone Company in order to validate the PVU factors supplied. The customer shall comply, and shall reasonably supply the requested data and information within 15 days of the Telephone Company's request.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)

2.3.16 Identification and Rating of VoIP-PSTN Traffic (Cont'd)

(F) PVU Factor Verification (Cont'd)

- (1) Not more than twice in any year, the Telephone Company may request from the customer an overview of the process used to determine the PVU factors, the call detail records, description of the method for determining how the end user originates or terminates calls in IP format, and other information used to determine the customer's PVU factors furnished to the Telephone Company in order to validate the PVU factors supplied. The customer shall comply, and shall reasonably supply the requested data and information within 15 days of the Telephone Company's request.
- (2) The Telephone Company may dispute the customer's PVU factor based upon:
 - (a) A review of the requested data and information provided by the customer.
 - (b) The Telephone Company's reasonable review of other market information, FCC reports on VoIP lines, such as FCC Form 477 or state level results based on FCC Local Competition Report or other relevant data.
 - (c) A change in the reported PVU factor by more than five percentage points from the preceding quarter.
- (3) If after review of the data and information, the customer and the Telephone Company establishes revised PVU factors, the customer and the Telephone Company will begin using those revised PVU factors with the next bill period.

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2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)

2.3.16 Identification and Rating of VoIP-PSTN Traffic (Cont'd)

(F) PVU Factor Verification (Cont'd)

- (4) If the dispute is unresolved, the Telephone Company may initiate an audit. The Telephone Company shall limit audits of the customer's PVU factor to no more than twice per year. The customer may request that the audit be conducted by an independent auditor. In such cases, the associated auditing expenses will be paid by the customer.
 - (a) In the event that the customer fails to provide adequate records to enable the Telephone Company or an independent auditor to conduct an audit verifying the customer's PVU factors, the Telephone Company will bill the usage for all contested periods using the most recent undisputed PVU factors reported by the customer. These PVU factors will remain in effect until the audit can be completed.
 - (b) During the audit, the undisputed PVU factors from the previous reporting period will be used by the Telephone Company.
 - (c) The Telephone Company will adjust the customer's PVU factors based on the results of the audit and implement the revised PVU in the next billing period or quarterly report date, whichever is first. The revised PVU factors will apply for the next two quarters before new factors can be submitted by the customer.
 - (d) If the audit supports the customer's PVU factors, the usage for the contested periods will be adjusted to reflect the customer's audited PVU factors.

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2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)

Subscriber Lines

The term "Subscriber Lines" denotes exchange service lines, Centrex lines and Centrex-type lines provided by the Telephone Company under its local and/or general exchange service tariff.

Subtending End Office of an Access Tandem

The term "Subtending End Office of an Access Tandem" denotes an end office that has final trunk group routine through that tandem.

Synchronous Test Line

The term "Synchronous Test Line" denotes an arrangement in an end office which performs marginal operational tests of supervisory and ring-tripping functions.

Tandem Switched Transport

The term "Tandem Switched Transport" denotes transport from the tandem to the end office that is switched at a tandem.

Terminating Direction

The term "Terminating Direction" denotes the use of Access Service for the completion of calls from an IC Premises to an End User Premises.

Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic

The term "Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic" denotes a customer's interexchange voice traffic exchanged with the Telephone Company in Time Division Multiplexing format over PSTN facilities, which originates and/or terminates in Internet Protocol (IP) format. "Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic" originates and/or terminates in IP format when it originates from and/or terminates to an end user customer of a service that requires IP-compatible customer premises equipment.

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Transmission Measuring (105 Type) Test Line/Responder

The term "Transmission Measuring (105 Type) Test Line/Responder" denotes an arrangement in an end office which provides far-end access to a responder and permits two-way loss and noise measurements to be made on trunks from a near end office.

Transmission Path

The term "Transmission Path" denotes an electrical path capable of transmitting signals within the range of the service offering, e.g., a voice grade transmission path is capable of transmitting voice frequencies within the approximate range of 300 to 3000 Hz. A transmission path is comprised of physical or derived facilities consisting of any form or configuration of plant typically used in the telecommunications industry.