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VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

Sara Clark, Secretary  
Department of Telecommunications and Cable  
1000 Washington Street, 8th Floor, Suite 820  
Boston, Massachusetts 02118-6500

**Re: Level 3 Communications, LLC**  
**Revisions to M.D.T.E. Tariff No. 5**  
**Re: 2016 Intercarrier Compensation Rate Reduction Tariff Filings**

Dear Ms. Clark:

Pursuant to the Commission's May 23, 2016 Notice Re: 2016 Intrastate Intercarrier Compensation Rate Reduction Tariff Filings, enclosed for filing are an original and three (3) copies of revisions to Level 3 Communications, LLC's M.D.T.E. Tariff No. 5. A .pdf copy of this filing will also be submitted separately to [dte.filing@state.ma.us](mailto:dte.filing@state.ma.us).

This filing amends the tariff to reduce the Composite Terminating End Office Charge. The company respectfully requests an effective date of July 30, 2016. This effective date is consistent with the requirements for competitive local exchange carriers set forth in paragraph 807 of the FCC's *Connect America Fund Order*, 26 FCC Rcd 17663 (2011).

The following pages are included in the filing:

Fourteenth Revised Page 1	Updates Check Sheet
Ninth Revised Page 57	Reduces Composite Terminating End Office Charge rate
Sixth Revised Page 58.1	Reduces Composite Terminating End Office Charge rate

The above rates are consistent with the rate filed in Level 3 Communications, LLC Tariff F.C.C. No. 4, Page 59 attached hereto, and match the rates filed by Verizon MA.

Pursuant to the Commission's filing procedures, enclosed please find the appropriate fee of \$100.00.

Any questions regarding this filing should be directed to Ms. Diane L. Peters, Senior Manager Regulatory Affairs at [Diane.Peters@level3.com](mailto:Diane.Peters@level3.com) or (585) 255-1425.

Sincerely,

Diane L. Peters

Enclosures

CHECK SHEET

Current pages in this tariff are as follows:

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1*	14th Revised	25	1st Revised	51	3rd Revised
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5	1st Revised	29	1st Revised	54	3rd Revised
6	4th Revised	30	2nd Revised	55	4th Revised
7	3rd Revised	31	1st Revised	56	2nd Revised
8	2nd Revised	32	1st Revised	57*	9th Revised
9	2nd Revised	33	1st Revised	58	5th Revised
10	1st Revised	34	1st Revised	58.1*	6th Revised
11	1st Revised	35	2nd Revised	59	2nd Revised
12	1st Revised	36	2nd Revised	59.1	Original
13	1st Revised	37	1st Revised	59.2	Original
14	1st Revised	38	2nd Revised	60	Original
15	1st Revised	39	2nd Revised	61	Original
16	1st Revised	40	2nd Revised	62	Original
17	1st Revised	41	1st Revised	63	Original
18	2nd Revised	42	1st Revised		
19	1st Revised	43	1st Revised		
19.1	1st Revised	44	2nd Revised		
19.2	Original	45	2nd Revised		
19.3	Original	46	2nd Revised		
20	2nd Revised	47	1st Revised		
21	2nd Revised	48	3rd Revised		
21.1	Original	49	2nd Revised		
21.2	Original	50	3rd Revised		
21.3	Original	50.1	Original		
21.4	Original	50.2	Original		
22	2nd Revised	50.3	Original		
23	1st Revised				
24	1st Revised				

\* Indicates page revision included in this filing.

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**SECTION 15 – RATES AND CHARGES (CONT'D)**

15.1.3.2 Change Charges (Per Order)

		<u>Per Occurrence</u>
A.	Service Date	\$10.00
B.	Design Changes	\$25.00
C.	Expedite Charge	\$100.00

15.1.3.3 Cancellation Charges (Per Order)

\$25.00

15.1.3.4 Terminating Switched Access

15.1.3.4.1 Local End Office Switching

Per Access Minute of Use

Local End Office Switching \$0.000000

Port Charge \$0.000000

Composite Terminating  
 End Office Charge \$0.000700 [R]

15.1.3.4.2 Carrier Common Line Rates

Per Access Minute of Use

\$0.00

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15.1.3.8	Interstate Rates Applicable to VoIP-PSTN Traffic	<u>Per Minute of Use</u>	
	Common Trunk Port	\$0.000000	
	Local Switching	\$0.000000	
	Composite Terminating		
	End Office Charge	\$0.000700	[R]
	Tandem Switched Facility	\$0.000002	
	Tandem Switching	\$0.001574	
	Tandem Switched Facility Transit	\$0.000002	
	Tandem Switching Transit	\$0.001574	
	800 Database Query	\$0.004356	

**15.1.4 Application of rates for Local Connect Switched Access Service, Tandem Connect Switched Access Service, and Third-Party Tandem Connect Switched Access Service**

**15.1.4.1 – Rates Applicable To Local Connect Service**

**15.1.4.1.1 Entrance Facility/Direct Trunked Transport**

To obtain Local Connect Service, the Customer must obtain a connection from its Premises in a local access and transport area to the Company local switch to which the Customer seeks to connect. To obtain that connection the Customer must purchase a combination of Entrance Facilities, Direct Trunked Transport, and DS1 switch ports, as well as multiplexing, if applicable.

The Direct Trunked Transport rate shall be applied per DS1-level, DS-3 level, or higher-level connection (for states in which multiple data rate options are available), at the appropriate per-month and per-mile rate(s) specified in Section 15.1.3.4.4 of this tariff. The Per Mile amounts shall be charged monthly and shall be calculated based on the distance between the Customer’s premises and the Company local switch to which the Customer seeks to connect, calculated in accordance with Section 10 of this Tariff.

**15.1.4.1.2 Multiplexing**

The Company’s network normally requires traffic delivered to its switches at the DS1 level. If a Customer chooses to obtain mutliplexing/demultiplexing services to convert DS3 to DS1 level signaling, the Customer may obtain that service from the Company at the rates stated in Section 15.1.3.4.3. These rates apply per minute of traffic multiplexed or demultiplied. If multiplexing between other data rates is required, the Company may provide such services in accordance with the terms of Section 11, Special Construction.

Certain material previously appearing on this page now appears on 5<sup>th</sup> Revised Page 58.

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## 15.1.3.4.2 Local End Office Switching Rates

	<u>RATES PER ACCESS MINUTE</u>		
	<u>Originating</u>	<u>Terminating</u>	
Alabama	\$0.002158	\$0.000700	[R]
Alaska	\$0.0174	\$0.000654	[R]
Arizona	\$0.001974	\$0.000700	[R]
Arkansas	\$0.002563	\$0.000700	[R]
California	\$0.002620	\$0.000700	[R]
Colorado	\$0.001974	\$0.000700	[R]
Connecticut	\$0.003133	\$0.000700	[R]
Delaware	\$0.002406	\$0.000700	[R]
District of Columbia	\$0.002406	\$0.000700	[R]
Florida	\$0.002158	\$0.000700	[R]
Georgia	\$0.002158	\$0.000700	[R]
Hawaii	\$0.00882	\$0.000700	[R]
Idaho	\$0.001974	\$0.000700	[R]
Illinois	\$0.003116	\$0.000700	[R]
Indiana	\$0.003116	\$0.000700	[R]
Iowa	\$0.001974	\$0.000700	[R]
Kansas	\$0.002563	\$0.000700	[R]
Kentucky	\$0.002158	\$0.000700	[R]
Louisiana	\$0.002158	\$0.000700	[R]
Maine	\$0.002264	\$0.000700	[R]
Maryland	\$0.002406	\$0.000700	[R]
Massachusetts	\$0.002406	\$0.000700	[R]
Michigan	\$0.003116	\$0.000700	[R]
Minnesota	\$0.001974	\$0.000700	[R]
Mississippi	\$0.002158	\$0.000700	[R]
Missouri	\$0.002563	\$0.000700	[R]
Montana	\$0.001974	\$0.000700	[R]

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