



July 16, 2021

Sara J. Clark, Department Secretary  
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Department of Telecommunications & Cable  
1000 Washington Street - Suite 600  
Boston, MA 02118-6500

**RE: Tariff Transmittal and Letter of Explanation for CenturyLink Communications, LLC  
DTC Tariff No. 4  
8YY Access Service Reform**

Dear Ms. Clark:

Attached for filing are the following revisions to the CenturyLink Communications, LLC d/b/a Lumen Technologies Group, Massachusetts DTC Tariff No. 4, submitted with an issue date of July 16, 2021 and a proposed effective date of July 31, 2021. In addition, the filing fee of \$100.00 is being sent directly from our Corporate office. The materials consist of tariff pages as indicated on Attachment A, following.

This filing proposes the first step in implementing the 8YY Access Service reductions mandated in the Federal Communications Commission's October 9, 2020 Report and Order in WC Docket No. 18-156, (FCC 20-143), (8YY Access Charge Reform).

Should you have questions or need additional information regarding this filing, please contact me at (303) 992-5838 or via email.

Sincerely,

*Marla Hazlett*

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Attachments

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**COMPETITIVE ACCESS SERVICES**

Massachusetts M.D.T.E. Tariff No. 4

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**2. GENERAL REGULATIONS**

**2.6 DEFINITIONS (Cont'd)**

Multiplexing (MUX)

Denotes a method of concentrating information via signal processing techniques (i.e., frequency division, multiplexing, time division multiplexing, etc.)

Nonrecurring Charge

Denotes those charges which are one time charges to the customer, i.e., not monthly charges.

Non-Toll Free

**All calls that are not toll free (8YY) as established by the FCC's 8YY Access Charge Reform Order (FCC 20-143) released on October 9, 2020.**

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North American Numbering Plan (NANP)

Denotes a numbering scheme which includes a three-digit (Numbering Plan Area) code and a seven-digit telephone number which consists of a three-digit central office code plus a four-digit station number.

Office Replacement

Denotes a situation where the hardware and software in a Company switching office is replaced with different hardware and software for the establishment and maintenance of a given switching office.

Originating Direction

Denotes the use of Access Service for the origination of calls from an end user's premises to a customer's premises.

Percent Interstate Use (PIU)

The term "Percent Interstate Use" (PIU) refers to traffic that originates in one state and terminates in a different state.

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2. GENERAL REGULATIONS

2.6 DEFINITIONS (Cont'd)

Switching System

Denotes the hardware and/or software utilized by the Company for the establishment and maintenance of a given wire center.

Tandem-Switched Transport (TST)

Denotes the transport between an access tandem and Company end office that subtends the access tandem that utilizes tandem switching functions. Tandem-Switched Transport consists of circuits used in common by multiple customers from the tandem to an end office.

Terminating Direction

Denotes the use of Access Service for the completion of calls from a customer's premises to an end user's premises.

Third Party Carrier

A Local Exchange Carrier or CMRS provider other than the Company.

Toll Free Code (TFC)

The term "Toll Free Code" denotes a three-digit Numbering Plan Area (NPA) or Area Code that is specifically assigned by the telecommunications industry for use by Telecommunications Service Providers in the provision of telephone numbers that, unlike traditional telephone numbers and calls, when dialed are toll free to the originating caller. The specific codes assigned and used, or reserved for use, for this purpose are 800, 822, 833, 844, 855, 866, 877, and 888.

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6. SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE

6.1 GENERAL

Feature Group D (FGD) Switched Access Service, which is available to customers for their use in furnishing their services to end users, provides a two-point electrical communications path between a customer's premises and an end user's premises via a LEC tandem. It provides for the use of terminating, switching, transport facilities and common subscriber plant of the Company.

Switched Access Service provides for the ability to originate calls from an end user's premises to a customer's premises, and to terminate calls from a customer's premises to an end user's premises in the LATA where it is provided.

Rates and charges for Switched Access Service are set forth in Section 6.8, following. The application of rates for Switched Access Service is described in 6.7, following.

**As established in the 8YY Access Charge Reform (FCC 20-143), existing tandem switching charges and transport charges for originating 8YY traffic are eliminated and a single joint tandem switched access service rate element for 8YY originating access service is established as 8YY Joint Tandem Switched Transport.**

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**6. SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE**

**6.8 RATES AND CHARGES**

**6.8.1 SWITCHED RECURRING RATES**

A. Tandem-Switched Transport Usage Rates

**RATE PER ACCESS MINUTE  
FIXED PER MILE**

- Tandem Transmission:

Facility Termination

- Originating– <b>Non-Toll Free</b> *	\$0.000000	\$0.000002	(C)
- Terminating - Tandem 3rd Party	\$0.000000	\$0.000002	
- Terminating - Tandem End Office	\$0.000000	\$0.000000	

**RATE PER ACCESS MINUTE**

- Tandem Switching Charge

- Originating– <b>Non-Toll Free</b> *	\$0.001538	(C)
- Terminating - Tandem 3rd Party	\$0.001574	
- Terminating - Tandem End Office	\$0.000000	

- Common Transport Multiplexing

- Originating– <b>Non-Toll Free</b> *	\$0.000000	(C)
- Terminating - Tandem 3rd Party	\$0.000000	
- Terminating - Tandem End Office	\$0.000000	

\* Pursuant to FCC 20-143, separate rate elements for Toll Free and Non-Toll Free originating transport services were established. The Originating Toll Free rate element for combined transport services is displayed as 8YY Joint Tandem Switched Transport.

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**6.8 RATES AND CHARGES**

**6.8.1 SWITCHED RECURRING RATES**

A. Tandem-Switched Transport Usage Rates

**RATE PER ACCESS MINUTE**

• **8YY Joint Tandem Switched Transport**

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- **Originating –Toll Free \***

**\$0.001**

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**6. SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE**

**6.8 RATES AND CHARGES**

**6.8.1 SWITCHED RECURRING RATES[1]**

B. Local Switching

**RATE PER ACCESS MINUTE**

- Local End Office Switching:

- Originating <b>Toll Free</b>	\$0.002302	(C)
- <b>Originating Non-Toll Free</b>	<b>\$0.002302</b>	(C)
- Terminating	\$0.000000	

- End Office Shared Port

- Originating <b>Toll Free</b>	\$0.001688	(C)
- <b>Originating Non-Toll Free</b>	<b>\$0.001688</b>	(C)
- Terminating	\$0.000000	

**RATE PER  
CALL/QUERY**

- Toll Free Data Base Access Service

- Basic Query	<b>\$0.004248 (R)</b>
- Complex Query	<b>\$0.000000 (R)</b>

[1] Per paragraph 2.3.10.B, the Company affirms that all of its Massachusetts traffic either originates from or terminates to a VoIP end user.