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VIA OVERNIGHT MAIL

Irene Kim Asbury, Secretary
New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
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RE: United Telephone Company of New Jersey, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink Tariff N.J. B.P.U. No. 4 (NEW FILING)

Dear Secretary Asbury,

Enclosed for filing are an original and ten copies of an Executive Overview (Appendix A), the Tariff Filing Supplement (Appendix B), and associated tariff pages revising the United Telephone Company of New Jersey, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink Tariff N.J. B.P.U. No. 4. The tariff revisions reflect an November 2, 2015 issue date and a proposed effective date of December 2, 2015.

This filing proposes to move the Common Transport Trunk rates and corresponding descriptions from Tandem-Switching to Local Switching. No rates, terms or conditions were changed. Also, this filing proposes to delete occurrences of magnetic tape as a bill media format. Magnetic tape as a bill media format was grandfathered in 2001 and there are no customers receiving billing detail on magnetic tape. Also, under general regulations, this filing proposes to change the number of days for the rendering of a bill from seven to ten days from the billed date.

Acknowledgement and date of receipt of this filing are requested. Please time stamp the additional copy of this letter with the filing date of November 2, 2015, and return in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

Should you have questions or need additional information regarding this filing, please contact me or Tom Bailey at (717) 245-7747.

Sincerely,

Debra Levy

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UNITED TELEPHONE COMPANY OF NEW JERSEY, INC.

SUPPLEMENT TO TARIFF N.J. B.P.U. NO. 4

EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW

Tariff pages included in this supplement to United Telephone Company of New Jersey, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink Tariff Telephone N.J. B.P.U No. 4 are being issued to move the Common Transport Trunk rates and corresponding descriptions from Tandem-Switching to Local Switching. No rates, terms or conditions were changed. Also, occurrences of magnetic tape as a bill media format were deleted. Magnetic tape as a bill media format was grandfathered in 2001 and there are no customers receiving billing detail on magnetic tape. Also, under general regulations, this filing changes the number of days for the rendering of a bill from seven to ten days from the billed date.

UNITED TELEPHONE COMPANY OF NEW JERSEY, INC.

NEW JERSEY B.P.U. NO. 4

TARIFF FILING SUPPLEMENT

Section 1: Service Description

The Common Trunk Port provides for the use of shared end office trunk ports for the termination of common transport trunks for tandem or end office routed traffic. Magnetic tape is a digital data storage device for recording of billing detail and was used as a means to transfer the detail to customers. Magnetic tape is obsolete as a bill media format for this purpose. This filing proposes to change the number of days for the rendering of a bill.

Section 2: Basis of Offering

This filing proposes to move the Common Transport Trunk rates and corresponding descriptions from Tandem-Switching to Local Switching. No rates, terms or conditions were changed. Also, this filing proposes to delete occurrences of magnetic tape as a bill media format. Magnetic tape as a bill media format was grandfathered in 2001 and there are no customers receiving billing detail on magnetic tape. Also, under general regulations, this filing proposes to change the number of days for the rendering of a bill from seven to ten days from the billed date.

Section 3: Proposed Rates

Not applicable

Section 4: Resource Costs

Not applicable

Section 5: Rate/Cost Comparisons

Not applicable

Section 6: Forecast

Not applicable

Section 7: Analysis Description

Not applicable

**SUPPLEMENT TO
UNITED TELEPHONE COMPANY OF NEW JERSEY, INC.
d/b/a CENTURYLINK**

TARIFF N.J. B.P.U. NO. 4

Tariff pages included in this supplement to United Telephone Company of New Jersey, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink Tariff N.J. B.P.U No. 4 are being issued to move Common Transport Trunk rates and corresponding descriptions from Tandem-Switching to Local Switching for administrative ease. No changes were made to rates, terms or conditions. Also, occurrences of magnetic tape as a bill media format were deleted. Magnetic tape as a bill media format was grandfathered in 2001 and there are no customers receiving billing detail on magnetic tape. Also, under general regulations, this filing changes the number of days for the rendering of a bill from seven to ten days from the billed date.

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Docket No: _____

Dated: _____

By Gary L. Kepley, Director-Regulatory Operations

ACCESS SERVICE

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)

2.4.1 Payment of Rates, Charges and Deposits (Cont'd)

(B) (Cont'd)

- (3) (a) All bills dated as set forth in (2) preceding for service, other than End User Access Service and Presubscription Services, provided to the customer by the Telephone Company are due 31 days (payment date) after the billing date, or by the next bill date (i.e., the same date in the following month as the bill date), whichever is the shortest interval, except as provided herein, and are payable in immediately available funds. In the event that the Telephone Company renders the bill more than **ten (10)** days after the normal billing date, the Telephone Company will extend the payment date by one day for each day in excess of **ten (10)** until the bill is rendered. The date the bill is rendered will be considered to be the date the bill is post marked. If such payment date would cause payment to be due on a Saturday, Sunday or Holiday (i.e., New Year's Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, the second Tuesday in November and a day when Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day or Columbus Day is legally observed), payment for such bills will be due from the customer as follows:

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If such payment date falls on a Sunday or on a Holiday which is observed on a Monday, the payment date shall be the first non-Holiday day following such Sunday or Holiday. If such payment date falls on a Saturday or on a Holiday which is observed on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, the payment date shall be the last non-Holiday day preceding such Saturday or Holiday.

- (b) Further, if any portion of the payment is received by the Telephone Company after the payment date as set forth in (a) preceding, or if any portion of the payment is received by the Telephone Company in funds which are not immediately available to the Telephone Company, then a late payment interest charge shall be due to the Telephone Company. The late payment interest shall be the portion of the payment not received by the payment date times an interest factor. The interest factor shall be the lesser of:

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ACCESS SERVICE

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)

(B) Switched Transport (Cont'd)

(3) Tandem-Switched Transport

Tandem-Switched Transport provides the communication path between the access tandem and an end office that subtends that tandem, and includes tandem switching functions. Tandem-Switched Transport is available for use with all trunk side Switched Access services. Tandem-Switched Transport is not available for use with line side Switched Access services.

Tandem-Switched Transport provides for the transmission facilities between the access tandem and an end office that subtends the tandem. Tandem-Switched Transport is composed of **five elements**:

(a) Tandem-Switched **Transmission provides** for the transmission facilities from the Telephone Company's access tandem switch to an end office subtending that tandem. This includes the transmission medium itself as well as certain circuit equipment that is used at the ends of the interoffice links and employed to derive the channels on the transmission medium, and circuit equipment used within the network to manage the circuits at intermediate locations.

The Telephone Company applies a 50% billing percentage to the Tandem-Switched Transport termination (fixed) rate on jointly-owned circuits, and applies 100% on wholly-owned circuits. When the Tandem-Switched Transport Facility is zero (i.e., collocated serving wire centers), neither the Tandem-Switched Transport Facility (per mile) rate nor the Tandem-Switched Transport Termination (fixed) rate will apply.

(b) Tandem **Switching provides** for use of the Telephone Company's access tandem.

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ACCESS SERVICE

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)

(B) Switched Transport (Cont'd)

(3) Tandem-Switched Transport (Cont'd)

(c) Common Transport Multiplexing provides for the use of the multiplexing equipment at the remote, the end office, and at the access tandem. The common transport multiplexing rate element is assessed on a per minute of use basis at both the end office and tandem.

(d) Dedicated Transport Multiplexing provides for the use of multiplexing equipment at the end office and access tandem. The dedicated transport multiplexing rate element is a flat rated charge and is assessed at both the end office and tandem. Dedicated transport multiplexing is provided at the rates set forth in 6.8.2.(D)(4)(b), following for DS3 to DS1 multiplexing.

(e) **Tandem Trunk Port provides for the use of Dedicated Trunk Port access into the access tandem at the serving wire center side of the switch.**

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ACCESS SERVICE

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)

(C) Local Switching

The Local Switching rate element provides for the use of end office switching equipment for the termination of end user lines in the local end office, and for the termination of a call at a Telephone Company operator or recording. End user lines may be provided as either Common Lines or Special Access Service Terminations utilized for connection with Switched Access Service at Telephone Company designated WATS Serving Offices. Common Lines are discussed in Sections 3 and 4, preceding, while Special Access Service Terminations are discussed in Section 7, following. There are various types of originating and terminating line side terminations depending on the type of signaling used (i.e., loop start or ground start). Line side terminations are available with either dial pulse or dual tone multi-frequency address signaling.

The intercept function informs a caller why a call, as dialed, could not be completed, and if possible, provides the caller with information required to complete the call.

The premium charge is divided into two distinct categories, i.e., LS1 and LS2. The first category, LS1, provides local dial switching for Feature Groups A and B when the traffic originates from or terminates at an equal access end office.

The second category, LS2, provides local dial switching for Feature Groups C and D.

Where end offices are appropriately equipped, international dialing may be provided as a capability associated with LS2. International dialing provides the capability of switching international calls with service prefix and address codes having more digits than are capable of being switched through a standard FGC or FGD equipped end office.

Rates for LS1 and LS2 are set forth in 6.8.3.(A), following. The application of these rates with respect to individual Feature Groups is as set forth in 6.7.1., following.

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Included as part of Local Switching are various optional features that the customer can order to meet its specific communications requirements. These optional features are described in 6.3.1 following.

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ACCESS SERVICE

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)

(C) Local Switching (Cont'd)

(1) Local Switching Trunk Ports

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The trunk port rate elements are defined as follows:

- Common Trunk Port

The Common Trunk Port provides for the use of shared end office trunk ports for the termination of common transport trunks for tandem or end office routed traffic.

- Dedicated Trunk Port

The Dedicated Trunk Port provides for termination of a dedicated trunk as a trunk side arrangement to an end office or provides access into the access tandem at the serving wire center side of the switch.

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ACCESS SERVICE

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)

(D) Toll Free Code (TFC) Access Service Nonrecurring Charges

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The TFC Access Service Data Base Query Charge, as set forth in Section 6.8.4.(C)(1), following, will apply for each TFC call query received at the Telephone Company's TFC data base. Per query charges will be accumulated over a monthly period and billed to the customer on a monthly basis.

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Included as part of TFC Access Service are various optional service features, described in Section 6.2.5.(C), following, which the customer may specify to meet its specific requirements. The rates for the TFC Data Base Optional Service Features are set forth in Section 6.8.4.(C)(2), following and will apply on a per query basis. When a combination of one or more optional service features is specified, only one such charge shall apply. Per query service option charges will be accumulated over a monthly period and billed to the customer on a monthly basis.

The TFC Access Service nonrecurring charge is assessed depending upon how the service is ordered:

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(1) If the service is ordered for the state or LATA, the customer charge for the assembly of route tables is assessed for each end office the Telephone Company serves in the state or LATA. A second nonrecurring charge element applies per NXX activated or deactivated, times the number of Telephone Company access tandems or end offices modified to perform six-digit screening for TFC Access Service.

(2) The second alternative allows for the service to be ordered to only one access tandem or end office performing six-digit screening. The customer charge for the assembly of route tables is assessed for each end office subtending the access tandem (including a collocated end office, if applicable). A second nonrecurring charge element applies per NXX activated or deactivated, times the designated Telephone Company access tandem(s) or end office(s) modified to perform six digit screening for TFC Access Service. This option can be applied repetitively to different tandems to customize the intended offering area. The route pattern nonrecurring charge applies only once, on the customer's initial request to the Telephone Company for TFC Access Service in each LATA. If the customer places an order using option (2) above, the route pattern nonrecurring charge applies to each end office specified in the order received.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.8 Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

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6.8.2 Switched Transport (Cont'd)

(C) Tandem-Switched Transport

		<u>Monthly Rates</u>	
		<u>Termination</u>	<u>Facility</u>
		<u>Per Access</u>	<u>Per Access</u>
		<u>Minute</u>	<u>Minute</u>
		<u>(Fixed)</u>	<u>(Per Mile)</u>
 (1) <u>Tandem-Switched Transmission</u>			
Zone 1 - Originating	\$0.000449		\$0.000022
- Terminating	0.000449		0.000022
Zone 2 - Originating	0.000449		0.000022
- Terminating	0.000449		0.000022
Zone 3 - Originating	0.000449		0.000022
- Terminating	0.000449		0.000022
 (2) <u>Tandem Switching</u>			
		<u>Rate Per Access Minute</u>	
Zone 1 - Originating			\$0.001438
- Terminating			0.001438
Zone 2 - Originating			0.001438
- Terminating			0.001438
Zone 3 - Originating			0.001438
- Terminating			0.001438
 (3) <u>Common Transport Multiplexing</u>			
		<u>Rate Per Access Minute</u>	
Zone 1 - Originating			\$0.000469
- Terminating			0.000469
Zone 2 - Originating			0.000469
- Terminating			0.000469
Zone 3 - Originating			0.000469
- Terminating			0.000469

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.8 Rates and Charges

6.8.2 Switched Transport (Cont'd)

(C) Tandem-Switched Transport (Cont'd)

Monthly Rate

(4)	Dedicated Trunk Port		(*)
(a)	Per DS0	\$ 3.83	
(b)	Per DS1	98.56	(*)

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ACCESS SERVICE

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.8 Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

6.8.3 Local Switching

(A) <u>Premium Rates</u>	Rate Per Access Minute	
	<u>Originating</u>	<u>Terminating</u>
LS1 and LS2	\$0.003892	\$0.001607

(B) End Office to Tandem Rearrangement Charge

A nonrecurring charge(s) as specified below will apply when a customer requests end office or tandem rearrangement of FGD trunks as set forth in 6.7.1.(C)(3), preceding.

-	Per 24 channels Converted or Fraction Thereof	Nonrecurring <u>Charge</u> \$66.00	
(C)	<u>Dedicated Trunk Port [1]</u>	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	(*)
	Per DS0	\$ 2.71	
	Per DS1	69.63	
(D)	<u>Common Trunk Port</u>	<u>Rate Per Access Minute</u>	*
	<u>Originating</u>	\$0.000490	*
	<u>Terminating</u>	0.000202	*

[1] The End Office Dedicated Trunk Port rate was calculated assuming a 50/50 split of the originating and terminating traffic using this flat-rated port. The FCC in their FCC 11-161 ICC Transformation order in section 51.907(d)(1) allowed Price Cap Carriers to use an equal split to divide the charge between originating and terminating elements. When the terminating portion of the rate is reduced and then combined with the originating portion of the rate a single flat rate is generated for billing purposes. The DS0 Originating portion of the charge is \$1.91 and the DS1 Originating portion of the charge is \$49.28. (*)

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13. Additional Engineering, Additional Labor and Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

13.3 Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

13.3.6 Provision of Access Service Billing Information

(A) The customer will receive its monthly bills in a standard paper format.

(B) At the option of the customer, and for an additional charge:

(1) Additional copies of the customer monthly bill or service and features record may be provided in standard paper format.

(C) Upon acceptance by the Telephone Company of an order for data transmission, the Telephone Company will determine the period of time to implement the transmission of such material on an individual order basis.

(D) The rates and charges for the provision of Access Service Billing Information are as follows:

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ACCESS SERVICE

13. Additional Engineering, Additional Labor and Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

13.3 Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

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13.3.7 Reserved For Future Use

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