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## WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU REMINDS INCUMBENT LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIERS OF NEW TARIFF FILING FEES AND NEW PAYMENT SYSTEM FOR JULY 1, 2022 ANNUAL ACCESS CHARGE TARIFF FILINGS

### WC Docket No. 22-108

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) reminds incumbent local exchange carriers (LECs or carriers) that are required to file July 1, 2022 annual access charge tariff filings to pay the recently revised complex tariff filing fees through the new payment system contained in the Commission’s Registration System (CORES).

When incumbent LECs file their July 1, 2022 annual access charge tariff filings with the Commission, they must also pay the associated tariff filing fee pursuant to section 1.1105 of the Commission’s rules.<sup>1</sup> We remind these carriers that the Commission recently revised the Bureau’s tariff filing fee structure contained in section 1.1105 of the Commission’s rules effective December 15, 2021.<sup>2</sup> The Commission increased the tariff filing fee associated with the July 1 annual access charge tariff filings, from \$960 per tariff filing to the new cost-based fee structure contained in the table below:<sup>3</sup>

Tariff Filing Fee	Forms	Fee Amount	Payment Code
Complex Tariff Filing (Large – all price cap LECs and entities involving more than 100 LECs)	Corres. & 159	\$6,540	CQL
Complex Tariff Filing (Small – other entities)	Corres. & 159	\$3,270	CQM

Price cap incumbent LECs and other large entities, such as the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. (NECA) or a consultant that files an annual access charge tariff on behalf of more than 100 incumbent LECs, should pay the \$6,540 fee for the Complex Tariff Filing (Large).<sup>4</sup> All other incumbent LECs, including rate-of-return incumbent LECs, submitting an July 1, 2022 annual access

<sup>1</sup> 47 CFR § 1.1105; *July 1, 2022 Annual Access Charge Tariff Filings*, WC Docket No. 22-108, Order, DA 22-407, at \*3, para. 8 (PPD Apr. 15, 2022).

<sup>2</sup> 47 CFR § 1.1105; FCC, Schedule of Application Fees of the Commission’s Rules, 86 Fed. Reg. 70125-01 (Dec. 9, 2021); *Amendment of the Schedule of Application Fees Set Forth in Sections 1.1102 through 1.1109 of the Commission’s Rules*, MD Docket No. 20-270, Report and Order, 35 FCC Rcd 15089 (2020).

<sup>3</sup> 47 CFR § 1.1105; FCC, Wireline Competition Bureau, Common Carrier Services, Fee Filing Guide at 7 (WCB Jan. 6, 2022) (WCB Fee Filing Guide), <https://www.fcc.gov/document/wcb-application-fee-filing-guide>; see *Amendment of the Schedule of Application Fees Set Forth in Sections 1.1102 through 1.1109 of the Commission’s Rules*, MD Docket No. 20-270, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 35 FCC Rcd 2080, FCC 20-116, at \*31, para. 113 (2020).

<sup>4</sup> See WCB Fee Filing Guide at 7.

charge tariff filing should pay the \$3,270 fee for the Complex Tariff Filing (Small).<sup>5</sup> For more information about the new tariff filing fees, please consult the Bureau's Fee Filing Guide: <https://www.fcc.gov/document/wcb-application-fee-filing-guide>.

We also remind carriers that they must submit the Complex Tariff Filing fee through the Commission's new payment system contained in CORES.<sup>6</sup> Effective December 15, 2021, the Commission decommissioned and permanently discontinued its old online electronic payment system for regulatory and other fees, Fee Filer, and replaced it with the new payment system contained in CORES.<sup>7</sup> The Commission will only accept funds required for the July 1, 2022 annual access charge tariff filings through the CORES payment system.

For more information about the CORES Payment System, please visit: <https://www.fcc.gov/licensing-databases/fees/cores-payment-system>. Carriers can access CORES either at <https://apps.fcc.gov/cores/userLogin.do>, using an existing FCC Username account, or through the CORES' FCC Registration Number (FRN) access page, <https://apps.fcc.gov/cores/paymentFrnLogin.do>. For technical assistance with CORES, please submit a help request through <https://www.fcc.gov/available-support-services>, or call 877-480-3201, or send an email to [ARINQUIRIES@fcc.gov](mailto:ARINQUIRIES@fcc.gov).

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<sup>5</sup> *See id.*

<sup>6</sup> *See FCC Announces Decommissioning of Fee Filer as Method of Payment and Replacement with New Payment Module Within CORES et al.*, Public Notice (Dec. 1, 2021), <https://www.fcc.gov/document/replacement-fee-filer-new-commission-payment-module>.

<sup>7</sup> *Id.*