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SUBJECT: DT 18-070, 2018 Intrastate Access Filings by Registered Telephone Utilities

TO: Commissioners
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On June 5, 2018, based on Staff's recommendation in the aforementioned docket, a secretarial letter was issued establishing a July 31, 2018 effective date for tariffs filed by Excepted Local Exchange Carriers (ELECs) that are not also Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers (ILECs), even when the filing date is less than thirty days prior to the effective date. ELECs are encouraged to file as soon as possible, but no later than July 15.

In a secretarial letter issued on June 18, 2018, the Commission accepted the filings of each of the ILECs effective as of July 3, 2018, thereby establishing the baseline for ELEC filings. In light of their obligation to cap their rates to the new ILEC rates, ELECs as competitive carriers are expected to file up to two weeks after the effective date of the ILEC tariff revisions, for example, by July 16th with an effective date no later than July 31st.

As of this writing, the following carriers have filed revised tariff pages with an effective date of July 31, 2018:

- CRC Communications LLC (Otelco), filed July 16, 2018
- Level 3 Communications LLC (CenturyLink), filed July 6, 2018
- Verizon Access Transmission Services, filed July 13, 2018

Staff has reviewed these ELEC filings for compliance with Federal Communications Commission (FCC) orders and rules. All of these ELEC filings appear to be consistent with FCC directives. Staff therefore recommends that these tariff revisions take effect on July 31, 2018.

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