

Competitive Telecom Market Watch

Monitoring tariff price & product changes for the telecom industry

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Special point of interest:

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LEC Watch November 2009

AT&T fka BellSouth Arkansas

AT&T increased the TRS assessment charge to \$.04 per line, per month.

Tennessee

AT&T eliminates Directory Assistance Call Allowance for Basic Local Exchange Service.

Qwest Corporation

Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah

Qwest introduced bulk rate pricing for ISDN /PRI.

Oregon

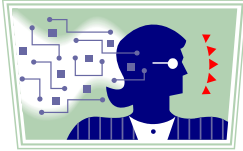
Qwest increased the per minute rate for Two-Point Message service, all times of day, for Business and Residential customers to \$0.14.

Qwest increased monthly rates for Stand-By Line service and increased monthly rates for Flat Rate Trunks service for several rate groups.

Qwest increased the monthly rates for Network Access Facility service.

In addition, Qwest increased the monthly rate for a number of custom calling services for Business and Residential customers. Qwest also increased the monthly rate for Hunting Services.

Qwest increased the monthly rate for Market Expansion Line service to \$22.00.



LEC Watch (continued) November 2009

LEC Watch

Qwest introduced bulk rate pricing for ISDN /PRI in a number of states.

Qwest Oregon increased the per minute rate for Two-Point Message service, all times of day, for Business and Residential customers to \$0.14.

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Qwest Corporation (cont'd)

Oregon (cont'd)

Under Directory Services Listing Services, Qwest introduced Foreign listing service for Business customers and increased the monthly rate for additional listings. Qwest also increased monthly rates for additional listings for Residential customers. Monthly rates were increased for Business and Residential customers for Reference listings and Information listings.

Qwest introduced New Number Referral Service for Business and Residential customers that includes varying non-recurring charges, subject to the length of service that customers select.

Qwest *reduced* non-recurring charges for Split Referral Service Business customers for 3 months and 6 months service and *increased* non-recurring rates for 9 months and 12 months service. For Residential customers, Qwest *reduced* the non-recurring charge for Split Referral Service for 3 months service.

Qwest increased the per call charge for Local Directory Assistance to \$1.12 and increased the per call charge for National Directory Assistance Service to \$1.87.

Verizon

Connecticut

Verizon reduced CLEC Reciprocal Compensation to \$.001330 per MOU.

Verizon North

Ohio

Verizon Ohio added new language that determined that Non-Listed Telephone Service is the omission of a customer's listing from the telephone directory only. It may be obtained from the Directory Assistance Operator. In addition, Verizon is not liable for damages arising from the publishing of a non-published/non-listed number in the directory or disclosing it to any person. The rate introduced for non-listed, tier 2 telephone service for Residential customers is \$2.20 per month.

Verizon Ohio increased the monthly rate for Rotary Line service to \$3.99.

Winback Offerings November 2009

Winback

AT&T introduces “Welcoming Rewards” in several states.

IXC Watch

AT&T increases long distance rates for AT&T Business Services.

AT&T increases Operator Assistance usage rates and service charges in several states

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AT&T Introduces Welcoming Rewards Winback Promotion In A Number Of States *California, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Texas, and Wisconsin*

AT&T is offering eligible Business customers (currently with a competitive carrier) that are seeking to establish service with AT&T by subscribing to new business access lines or trunks a one-time credit based on the number of lines ordered. A \$50.00 credit will be given for the initial line and a \$25.00 credit will be given for each of lines 2 through 20. All lines must be at the same location and only the first 20 lines will qualify. Eligible customers must commit to one of the

following term plan offers in order to qualify: AT&T Business Local Calling, Business Access Line Term Volume Discount, or Centrex. Centrex requirements vary by state.

AT&T Applies Increased Federal Regulatory Fee Effective December 1, 2009

The Federal Regulatory Fee applied to all interstate and US billed international charges to recover amounts paid for federal regulatory costs and telecommunications services for the hearing impaired will be increased to 2.95%.

AT&T Increases Long Distance Rates for Certain AT&T Business Services *Arkansas, Illinois, Ohio, Oregon, and Pennsylvania*

AT&T increased per minute long distance rates for certain Business service plans, including Commercial Long Distance and All In One service plans.

AT&T Increases Operator Assistance Rates for In-State Calls *Georgia, Massachusetts, Michigan, Nebraska, and Texas*

AT&T increased Operator Station and Person-to-Person usage rates to \$1.49 per minute and increased operator assisted service charges. The busy line verification and interruption charges increased as well as usage rates and service charges for automated collect calling via 1-800-CALLATT.

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Oklahoma

AT&T increased Operator Station, Person-to-Person, and 1-800-CALLATT automated collect usage rates to \$0.80 per minute and increased operator assisted service charges.

AT&T Increases Late Payment Charges for Long Distance Portion of Customers' Bills

Arkansas, Illinois, Massachusetts, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, and Texas

AT&T increased late payment charges to \$5.50 or 1.5% of the bill (2% in AR, NE, and TX), whichever is greater.

Access Watch November 2009

Qwest Establishes PIU Floor for Unidentified Switched Access Feature Group D Terminating Traffic

Wyoming

Qwest established a PIU floor for unidentified Switched Access Feature Group D terminating traffic. The first 7% of unidentified terminating traffic will continue to be jurisdictionally assigned based on the carrier's PIU report or, if the carrier has not filed a PIU report, a PIU of 50 (50% interstate – 50% intrastate) will be assigned. Unidentified traffic in excess of the 7% floor will be designated intrastate traffic and charged at Qwest's current Wyoming rates.

NECA Introduces IP Gateway Access Service

The National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. (NECA) has modified its FCC #5 Tariff to introduce a new optional packet based transport service called IP Gateway Access Service (IPG). IPG enables IP voice networks to interconnect with the public switched telephone network using a telephone company-provided gateway.

IPG will provide customers with the ability to terminate interexchange voice traffic originated on or transported across their IP networks to the telephone company's

local exchange service subscribers using FGD Switched access Service and IP packet transport technology. IPG

transport options enable transmission at data speeds of 1.544 Mbps or 44.736 Mbps. The proposed port and transport rates are equal to the currently effective banded rates for High Capacity 1.544 Mbps or 44.736 Mbps Special Access Service.

Access Watch

NECA Introduces IP Gateway Access Service

Plans to Watch

Verizon Increases Rates for Sensible Minutes Plan

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Qwest Increases Rates For Super Savings Calling Plans In Oregon

Qwest increased per minute rates for Residential and Business customers of their Super Savings Calling Plan.

Verizon Increases Monthly Rates For Sensible Minutes Plans In Several States

Indiana, Ohio, Texas, and Wisconsin

Verizon increased the monthly rate for their Sensible Minutes flat rate pricing plan to \$2.99.

Packages to Watch November 2009

Packages To Watch

Verizon Increases Regional Value Package Rate in Several States

AT&T Increases Monthly Charges for Bundled Offers in Maryland and Virginia

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AT&T Expands Business Local Calling Assurance

Arkansas, California, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Texas, and Wisconsin

AT&T Expanded the maximum allowable lines per account under Business Local calling Assurance package from (4) to (5). Additionally, it removes the provision which specified that a customer may have only one agreement for this service at any given location.

Qwest Increases Monthly Rates for Qwest Choice Business and Qwest Choice Business Plus Add-A-Line Oregon

Qwest Increased the monthly rate for Qwest Choice Business and Choice Business Plus Add-A-line to \$27.00 for all rate groups.

Verizon Modifies Monthly Rates for Regional Value Packages In Several States Idaho, Indiana, Rhode Island, Texas, Virginia, Wisconsin

Verizon increased the monthly rate for the Regional Value package to \$30.04. Various bundle discounts associated with the package were modified.

AT&T Increases Charges for Local and Long Distance Bundled Offers Maryland and Virginia

Effective December 1, 2009, the monthly recurring charges will increase in Maryland and Virginia for the following local and long distance bundled offers: AT&T One Rate[®] Multi-Line/Multi-Line Unlimited Plans – additional lines, AT&T One Rate USASM, and AT&T One Rate AdvantageSM.

Featured TMI Product November 2009

More tools to assist you

Don't Forget!

TMI has developed a census tract look-up solution for the new broadband portion of the FCC Form 477.

Call us at 407-740-8575 or send emails to tmi@tminc.com.



CLEC Switched Access Rate Cap Summary

New format with more efficient file size and access to customer *input worksheets*.

TMI's CLEC Switched Access Rate Cap Summary has grown to accommodate increased rate cap activity in the U.S.

The Summary, in Excel format, assists you in indentifying where rate caps exist for switched access services charged by CLECs and in calculating a composite rate using a CLEC pricing structure.

We have expanded the Summary's features and functions to include the following:

- allows you to change the rates or default mileage and minutes of use assumptions
- total per minute rate will be re-calculated based on your input values
- clear the input area to restore the ILEC rates

New "Historical Changes" worksheet, which will enable you to track two years' of changes and can be sorted by date, state, or carrier!

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