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Via E-Mail & Overnight Delivery

Honorable Eddie Roberson, Chairman c/o Sharla Dillon, Docket & Records Manager Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, TN 37243-0505

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RE: TRA Docket No. 07-00219 (Tariff No. 2007-0338) – Level 3 Communications LLC's Tariff Filing to Revise Tariff No. 3.

Dear Chairman Roberson:

Enclosed please find an original and four copies of Level 3 Communications, LLC's ("Level 3") Revised Pages 1, 7, 18, 45, 48, 52, 52.1, 57, 58, and 59 to T.R.A. Tariff No. 3 ("Tariff No. 3".)

On September 12, 2007, Level 3 filed with the Authority proposed revisions to Tariff No. 3 inserting terms for Level 3's toll-free origination services in compliance with Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1220-4-1-.06. Unfortunately, these revisions seem to have caused some confusion and on September 21, 2007, AT&T filed a Petition to Intervene and Request for Suspension. On October 1, 2007, Verizon filed a Complaint and Petition for Leave to Intervene.

On October 22, 2007, Level 3 filed its Answer, including a White Paper, which sought to explain and clarify its revisions to Tariff No. 3. To provide further clarification, Level 3 files the enclosed additional tariff revisions. Level 3 is hopeful that these further revisions will fully address the questions and concerns raised by staff, Verizon and AT&T and respectfully requests that its revisions to Tariff No. 3 be approved without further delay.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (720) 888-1780 or <a href="mailto:Gregg.Strumberger@Level3.com">Gregg.Strumberger@Level3.com</a> if you have any questions or would like any additional information.

Very truly yours,

Bregg Strumberger

Level 3 Communications, LLC

cc: Melvin Malone Guy Hicks

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## SECTION 1 - DEFINITION OF TERMS (CONT'D)

PIU: Percent Interstate Usage

<u>Premises:</u> The space occupied by a Customer, Authorized User or Joint User in a building or buildings or contiguous property (except railroad rights-of-way, etc.) not separated by a highway.

<u>Recurring Charges:</u> The monthly charges to the Customer for services, facilities and equipment, which continue for the duration of the service.

Service Commencement Date: The first day following the date on which the Company notifies the Customer that the requested service or facility is available for use, unless extended by the Customer's refusal to accept service which does not conform to standards set forth in the Service Order or the tariffs of the Company, in which case the Service Commencement Date is the date of the Customer's acceptance. The Company and Customer may mutually agree on a substitute Service Commencement Date. In the case of Tandem Connect service ordered under option (2) of Section 12.1.1.2, the Service Commencement Date is the date on which the Customer first sends Switched Access Service traffic to the Company or accepts Switched Access Service traffic from the Company.

<u>Service Order:</u> A written request for Company Services that may be submitted by the Customer in the format devised by the Company. The signing of a Service Order by the Customer and acceptance by the Company will initiate the respective obligations of the parties as set forth herein, but the duration of the service is calculated from the Service Commencement Date.

<u>Shared:</u> A facility or equipment system or subsystem that can be used simultaneously by several Customers.

<u>Switched Access Service</u>: Access to the switched network of an Exchange Carrier for the purpose of originating or terminating communications.

<u>Toll Free</u>: The terms "Toll Free" or "Toll Free Service" refer to an inbound telecommunications service which permits calls to be completed to the customer's location without charge to the calling party. Access to the service is gained by dialing a ten-digit telephone number which terminates at the customer's location or a location designated by that customer. Toll Free Services typically originate via normal shared use facilities and are terminated via the customer's local exchange service access line.

<u>Transmission:</u> The sending of electrical or optical signals over a line to a destination.

<u>User:</u> A Customer, Joint User, or any other person authorized by a Customer to use service provided to the Customer under a Level 3 Communications, LLC tariff.

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## SECTION 3 - OBLIGATIONS OF THE CUSTOMER (CONT'D)

- Originating Access: Originating access minutes may be based on traffic originating at 3.4.1 the State, LATA or local Switching Center level, provided that the traffic being measured is only traffic originating from the Company Local Switching Center(s). The Customer must provide the Company with a projected PIU factor on a quarterly basis as specified below. Originating access minutes will be measured as follows, based on type of access:
  - 3.4.1.1 For Feature group D Switched Access Services, as defined in Section 14.2.1, where the Company can determine jurisdiction by its call detail, the projected PIU will be developed by the Company on a quarterly basis by dividing the measured interstate originating minutes by the total originating access minutes.
  - 3.4.1.2 For Feature Group D with 950 Access as defined in Section 14.2.1, the Customer must provide the Company with a projected PIU factor by supplying the Company with an interstate percentage of originating access minutes.
  - 3.4.1.3 For 500, 700, Toll Free 8YY, calling card and operator service access, the Customer must provide the Company with a projected PIU factor for each type of access. The Customer who provides a PIU factor shall supply the Company with an interstate percentage of originating access minutes. The PIU factor will be used to determine the jurisdiction for billing purposes of 500, 700, Toll Free 8YY, calling card and operator service access. Originating Access will not apply to a toll free call that utilizes Toll Free Inter-Exchange Delivery Service as described in Section 14.2.8(B).
  - 3.4.1.4 If no PIU for originating minutes is submitted as specified herein, then the projected PIU will be set on a default basis of 50 percent interstate traffic and 50 percent intrastate traffic.
  - 3.4.2 Terminating Access: For Feature Group D Switched Access Services, the Customer must provide the Company with a projected PIU factor by supplying the Company with an interstate percentage of terminating access minutes on a quarterly basis, as described in Section 3.4.4 below. If no projected PIU factor is submitted by the Customer, then the projected PIU will be set on a default basis at the same percentage as the originating PIU.
  - 3.4.3 Except where the Company measured access minutes are used as set forth in 3.4.1 above, the Customer reported projected PIU factor as set forth above will be used until the Customer reports a different projected PIU factor, as set forth below. The revised report will serve as the basis for future billing and will be effective on the next bill date.

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## SECTION 13 – CARRIER COMMON LINE SERVICE

The Company will provide Carrier Common Line Access Service (Carrier Common Line Access) to customers in conjunction with Switched Access Service provided in Section 14 of this tariff. Carrier Common Line Access Service will not apply where the Company provides Toll Free Inter-Exchange Delivery Service.

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#### 13.1 General Description

Carrier Common Line Access provides for the use of end users, Company provided common line by customers for access to such end users to furnish Communications Services.

#### 13.2 Limitations

#### 13.2.1 Exclusions

Neither a telephone number nor detail billing are provided with Carrier Common Line Access. Additionally, directory listings and intercept arrangements are not included in the rates and charges for Carrier Common Line Access.

#### 13.2.2 Access Groups

All trunk side connections provided in the same access group will be limited to the same features and operating characteristics.

## 13.3 Undertaking of the Company

#### 13.3.1 Provision of Service

Where the customer is provided Switched Access Service under other sections of this tariff, the Company will provide the use of Company common lines by a customer for access to end users at rates and charges as set forth in 15.1.3 following.

#### 13.3.2 Interstate and Intrastate Use

The Switched Access Service provided by the Company includes the Switched Access Service provided for both interstate and intrastate communications. The Carrier Common Line Access rates and charges as set forth in 15.1.3.4.2 following apply to intrastate Switched Access Service access minutes.

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- D. The originating Access, per minute charge(s) apply to:
  - -- all originating access minutes of use,
  - -- all originating access minutes of use where the off-hook supervisory signaling is forwarded by the customer's equipment when the called party answers,
  - -- less all originating access minutes of use associated with calls placed to 700, Toll Free 8YY and 900 numbers, except for toll free traffic utilizing the Toll Free Inter-Exchange Delivery Service in Section 14.2.8(B),
  - less those originating access minutes of use associated with Mobile Telephone Switching Offices (MTSOs),
  - plus all originating access minutes of use associated with calls placed to 700, Toll Free 8YY and 900 numbers for which the Customer furnishes for each month a report of either the number of calls or minutes or a report of the percent of calls or minutes that term mate in a Switched Access Service that is assessed Carrier Common Line charges, and for which a corresponding reduction in the number of terminating access minutes of use has been made as set forth in (C) preceding, except for toll free traffic utilizing the Toll Free Inter-Exchange Delivery Service in Section 14.2.8(B).

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## SECTION 14 - SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE (CONT'D)

# 14.2.7 Competitive Pricing Arrangements:

Competitive pricing arrangements for Local Transport - Entrance Facilities and Local Transport-Direct Trunked Transport can be furnished to meet the communications needs of specific Customers on a case by case basis under individual contracts. Notice of the competitive pricing arrangement contracts, once executed, will be filed with Authority according to Authority rules.

#### 14.2.8 Other Rate Categories

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#### (A) Toll Free Data Base Access Service

Toll Free Data Base Access Service is a service offering that utilizes originating trunk side Switched Access Service to deliver toll free calls to the Company's Interexchange Carrier Customers. The service provides for the forwarding of end user dialed Toll Free calls to a Company Service Switching Point which will initiate a query to the database to perform the Customer identification and delivery function. The call is forwarded to the appropriate Interexchange Carrier Customer based on the dialed toll-free number. Originating access charges may also apply for toll free calls originated by end user customers of a Customer of the Company. Rating and billing for Toll Free Data Base Service is subject to the provisions of the Multiple Exchange Carrier Access Billing Guidelines (MECAB).

## (1) <u>Customer Identification Charge</u>

The Toll Free Data Base Access Service Customer Identification Charge applies for the identification of the appropriate Interexchange Carrier Customer. The charge is assessed to the Customer on a per query basis and may include an area of service which may range from a single NPA/NXX to an area consisting of all LATAs and NPAs in the State of Tennessee. The per query Customer Identification Charge is set forth in Section 15.1.3.6.

## (B) Toll Free Inter-Exchange Delivery Service

Toll Free Inter-Exchange Delivery Service is an access service in which the Company transports toll free traffic originated by a third party who is not an End User or other user of the Company's local exchange or exchange access service through its wire center to an Interexchange Carrier Customer. It provides for the use of the Tandem Switching, Tandem Termination, and Tandem Transport facilities of the Company. In a Toll Free Inter-Exchange Delivery Service call, the Company will not charge Carrier Common Line, Local End Office Switching, or End Office Port charges. The rate for Toll Free Inter-Exchange Delivery Service set forth in Section 15.1.3.7 is usage sensitive. Rating and billing for Toll Free Inter-Exchange Delivery Service is subject to the provisions of the Multiple Exchange Carrier Access Billing Guidelines (MECAB).

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#### 14.2.8 Other Rate Categories (cont'd)

#### (C) Pay Telephone Compensation

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When a toll-free number is dialed from a payphone and carried over the Company's facilities to an Interexchange Carrier Customer, the Interexchange Carrier Customer, or a successive carrier, is responsible for compensating the Payphone Service Provider ("PSP") in accordance with the rules, procedures and rates prescribed by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"). If the Interexchange Carrier Customer is not capable of reporting and/or remitting payphone compensation as prescribed by the FCC, it may contract with the Company to provide that service for an additional fee.

## 14.3 Obligations of Company

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In addition to the obligations of the Company set forth in other sections of this tariff. The Company has certain other obligations concerning the provision of Switched Access Service. These obligations are as follows:

#### 14.3.1 Network Management

The Company will administer its Network to ensure the provision of acceptable service levels to all telecommunications users of the Company's Network Services.

Service levels are considered acceptable only when both End Users and Customers are able to establish connections with little or no delay encountered within the Company Network. Company reserves the right to apply protective controls, (i.e., those actions, such as call gapping, which selectively cancel the completion of traffic), over any traffic carried over its Network, including that associated with a Customer's Switched Access Service. Generally, such protective measures would only be taken as a result of occurrences such as failure or overload of Company or Customer facilities, natural disasters, mass calling or national security demands. Customer will notify Company of anticipated peaked services as stated below. Based on the information provided Company will work cooperatively with Customer to determine the appropriate level of control. In the event that the protective controls applied by Company result in the complete loss of service by Customer, Customer will be granted a credit allowance for service interruption as set forth in Section 9.

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15.1.3.2 <u>Change Charges (Per Order)</u>
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		Per Occurrence
A.	Service Date	\$10.00
В.	Design Changes	\$25.00
C.	Expedite Charge	\$100.00

#### 15.1.3.3 **Cancellation Charges (Per Order)**

\$25.00

#### 15.1.3.4 **Terminating Switched Access**

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15.1.3.4.1 Local End Office Switching

Per Access Minute of Use

-Local Switching

\$0.038134

-Port Charge

\$0.000000

15.1.3.4.2 Carrier Common Line Rates

Per Access Minute of Use

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		<u>Rate</u>	[N]	l
15.1.3.5	Originating Switched Access Per Minute of Use			
		\$0.030054		
15.1.3.6	Toll Free Data Base Access Service			
	Customer Identification - Per Query	\$0.004000		
15.1.3.7	Toll Free Inter-Exchange Delivery Service Per Minute	\$0.001604		
15.1.3.8	<u>Tandem Switched Transport - Facility</u> Per Minute Per Mile			
		\$0.0000	[N]	l
15.1.3.9	Switched Transport Usage Rates	Access Data was Miss		
	0 to 1 tm	Access Rate per Min	ule	

Switched Transport

Tandem Switching Charge

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15	5.1.3.10 <u>I</u>	Direct-Trunked Trans	<u>sport</u>	[L]
		Monthly Recur	ring Rate	į
		<u>Fixed</u>	Per Mile	
		-DS1		
		-\$90	-\$23	
		-DS3		
		-\$1200	-\$175	[L]

#### 15.2 Non-routine Installation/Maintenance Charges

As stated in 2.9, at the Customer's request, installation and/or maintenance may be performed outside the Company's regular business hours or in hazardous locations. In that case, the following rates apply:

Basic Time - per quarter hour: \$21.44 Overtime - per quarter hour: \$28.01 Premium Time - per quarter hour: \$34.59

#### 15.3 <u>Individual Case Basis Arrangements</u>

Arrangements will be developed on a case-by-case basis in response to a bona fide request from a Customer or prospective Customer to develop a competitive bid for a service offered under this tariff. Rates quoted in response to such competitive requests may be different than those specified for such service in this tariff. ICB rates will be offered to the Customer in writing. Notice of such arrangements will be provided to the Authority according to Authority rules.

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