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AN ACT

To amend chapter 392, RSMo, by adding thereto two new sections relating to exchange access rates.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 392, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto two new sections, to be known as sections 392.600 and 392.603, to read as follows:

392.600. 1. As used in sections 392.600 and 392.603, the following terms shall mean:

(1) "Composite", when referring to intrastate or interstate exchange access rates, the sum of minutes of use rate elements for the provision of terminating intrastate access service assuming ten miles of transport;

(2) "Composite interstate exchange access rate", the sum of the following individual rate elements from each of the respective local exchange carrier interstate terminating access tariffs:

(a) Common carrier line charge;

(b) Local transport termination fixed;

(c) Local transport facility based on ten miles; and

(d) Local switching;

(3) "Composite intrastate exchange access rate", the sum of the following individual rate elements from each of the respective local exchange carrier intrastate terminating access tariffs:

(a) Common carrier line charge;

(b) Local transport termination fixed;

(c) Local transport facility based on ten miles; and

(d) Local switching.

2. Terminating intrastate exchange access rates shall be reduced

22 by price-capped incumbent local exchange telecommunications
23 companies regulated under section 392.245. Each such incumbent local
24 exchange telecommunications company shall decrease its terminating
25 intrastate exchange access rate according to the schedule provided in
26 section 392.603.

392.603. Notwithstanding any access reductions under
2 subsections 8 and 9 of section 392.245, under supervision of the public
3 service commission, each price-capped incumbent local exchange
4 telecommunications company regulated under section 392.245 shall
5 reduce its composite terminating intrastate exchange access rate
6 according to the following schedule:

7 (1) By September 30, 2009, its composite intrastate exchange
8 access rate shall be its composite intrastate exchange access rate minus
9 fifty percent of the difference between its composite intrastate
10 exchange access rate and composite interstate exchange access rate;

11 (2) One year after the rate reduction in subdivision (1) of this
12 section, each company's composite intrastate exchange access rate shall
13 be its then current composite intrastate exchange access rate minus
14 fifty percent of the difference between its composite intrastate
15 exchange access rate and its composite interstate exchange access rate;

16 (3) Beginning two years after the rate reduction in subdivision
17 (1) of this section, each company's composite intrastate exchange access
18 rate shall be equal to its composite interstate exchange access rate.

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