

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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Comprehensive Review of the Uniform System of Accounts; Jurisdictional Separations and Referral to the Federal-State Joint Board

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: In this document, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) seeks comment on its proposal to adopt recommendations from the Federal-State Joint Board on Jurisdictional Separations and to amend the Part 36 jurisdictional separations rules accordingly. Acknowledging the implications that reforms adopted in the *Part 32 Reform Order* would have on the Part 36 rules, the Commission referred to the Federal-State Joint Board on Jurisdictional Separations (Joint Board) consideration of how and when to modify Part 36 to ensure that it is consistent with the Part 32 reforms. The Joint Board issued its Recommended Decision in October 2017. The Commission proposes to adopt each of the Joint Board's recommendations using, with minor exceptions, the amendment language the Joint Board suggested, and seeks comment on these proposals.

DATES: Comments are due on or before April 12, 2018. Reply comments are due on or before April 27, 2018. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this document, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by WC Docket Nos. 17–287, 11–42, and 09–197, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Federal Communications Commission's website:* <http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs2/>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *People with Disabilities:* Contact the Commission to request reasonable accommodations (accessible format documents, sign language interpreters, CART, etc.) by email: FCC504@fcc.gov or phone: (202) 418–0530 or TTY: (202) 418–0432.

For detailed instructions for submitting comments and additional information on the rulemaking process,

see the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Edward Krachmer, Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, at (202) 418–1540 or via email at edward.krachmer@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 18–22, released February 22, 2018. For a full text copy of this document please go to the following internet Address: <https://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-proposes-adopt-separations-joint-boards-recommendations>.

I. Introduction

1. In the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM), the Commission takes steps to harmonize its rules regarding jurisdictional separations to reflect the Commission's actions in February 2017 to reduce and eliminate unnecessary accounting rules. Today, the Commission furthers its goal of updating and modernizing the Commission's rules to minimize outdated compliance burdens on carriers and to free up scarce resources that can accordingly be used to expand modern networks that bring economic opportunity, job creation and civic engagement to all Americans.

2. In the *Part 32 Reform Order*, the Commission amended its Part 32 Uniform System of Accounts (USOA) to streamline or eliminate rules that had outlived their utility. Recognizing that those amendments had implications for its Part 36 jurisdictional separations rules, the Commission referred to the Federal-State Joint Board on Jurisdictional Separations (Joint Board) consideration of how and when the Part 36 rules should be modified to reflect the reforms adopted in the *Part 32 Reform Order*. The Commission asked the Joint Board to consider how the Part 32 reforms “impact Part 36 and consequently the rule changes necessary to ensure the jurisdictional separations rules are consistent” with changes to Part 32. The Commission also asked that the Joint Board “prepare a recommended decision . . . regarding how and when the Commission's jurisdictional separations rules should be modified to reflect the issues in the referral.” The Joint Board released its *Recommended Decision* on October 27, 2017.

3. In this NPRM, the Commission proposes to adopt each of the Joint Board's recommendations and to amend the Part 36 rules consistent with those recommendations. The Commission invites comment on these proposals.

II. Background

4. Jurisdictional separations are the third step in a four-step regulatory process used to establish tariffed rates for interstate and intrastate regulated services for incumbent local exchange carriers (LECs). First, carriers record their costs into various accounts in accordance with the USOA prescribed by Part 32 of the Commission's rules. Second, carriers divide the costs in these accounts between regulated and nonregulated activities in accordance with Part 64 of the Commission's rules. This division ensures that the costs of nonregulated activities will not be recovered in regulated interstate service rates. Third, carriers separate the regulated costs between the intrastate and interstate jurisdictions in accordance with the Commission's Part 36 separations rules. This process begins with the carriers assigning regulated costs to various investment and expense categories. In certain instances, carriers further disaggregate costs among service categories. Finally, carriers apportion the interstate regulated costs among the interexchange services and rate elements that form the cost basis for their exchange access tariffs. Carriers subject to rate-of-return regulation perform this apportionment in accordance with Part 69 of the Commission's rules.

5. Historically, Part 32 divided incumbent LECs into two classes for accounting purposes based on an incumbent LEC's annual regulated revenues: Class A incumbent LECs (currently those with regulated annual revenues equal to or greater than \$157 million) and Class B incumbent LECs (currently those with less than \$157 million in annual regulated revenues). Part 32 required Class A carriers to create and maintain substantially more accounts than it required from smaller Class B carriers. In all but one case, Class A carrier accounts could be grouped into sets that were represented by single Class B carrier accounts—that is, such Class A accounts consolidated into, or “rolled up” into Class B accounts.

6. The reforms adopted in the *Part 32 Reform Order* include the elimination of Part 32's distinction between Class A and Class B incumbent LECs. Under the new rules, effective January 1, 2018, all carriers subject to Part 32 are required to keep only the less onerous Class B accounts.

7. At the request of the Commission, the Joint Board considered the impact of the Part 32 reforms on the Part 36 rules and released a recommended decision. In the *Recommended Decision*, the Joint

Board recommends removing all of the provisions in the Part 36 rules that deal with Class A accounts, allowing former Class A carriers (carriers with revenue equal to or greater than \$157 million for calendar year 2016) to select between the former Class A and former Class B procedures for apportioning general support facilities costs, and making certain stylistic and typographical corrections to the Part 36 rules.

III. Discussion

8. The Commission proposes to adopt each of the Joint Board's recommendations and to amend the Part 36 rules using, with minor exceptions, the language the Joint Board suggests. The Commission invites comment on these proposals. The Commission also welcomes comment on whether it should make other changes to the Part 36 rules to harmonize them with the changes the Commission made to Part 32 in the *Part 32 Reform Order*.

9. First, the Commission proposes to adopt the Joint Board's recommendation to remove from its Part 36 rules all the provisions that deal with Class A accounts, because carriers are no longer be required to keep such accounts since the revised Part 32 rules took effect on January 1, 2018. Under this approach, the Commission proposes to: (a) Delete references to Class A accounts and the phrase "Class B accounts" in Part 32 rules that contain parallel references to Class A accounts and the Class B accounts into which they roll up; (b) delete references to current-year account balances and modify references to Class A carriers in other Part 36 rules; and (c) delete references to Class A accounts in sections 36.501 and 36.505 of the rules. The Commission seeks comment on this proposal as well as on whether there is a different approach it should take in harmonizing the Part 36 rules with the newly amended Part 32 rules.

10. Second, the Commission proposes to amend section 36.112, which concerns the apportionment of general support facilities costs. As the Joint Board observes, this is the only Part 36 rule that provides different separations procedures for Class A and Class B carriers. Consistent with the Joint Board's recommendation, the Commission proposes to allow former Class A carriers (carriers with revenue equal to or greater than \$157 million for calendar year 2016) to select between these two procedures in apportioning their general support facilities costs. The Commission seeks comment on permitting such selections. The Commission also seeks comment on whether each carrier should be permitted to make an election only one

time or be allowed to change the approach it takes over time. What are the practical consequences of permitting carriers to make such elections?

11. Additionally, consistent with the Joint Board's recommendations, the Commission's proposed rule changes include certain stylistic and typographical corrections to the Part 36 rules. For example, the Commission proposes to correct a spelling error in section 36.126(b) and to hyphenate the adjective "twelve month" throughout Part 36. In addition to adopting these corrections, are there other ministerial corrections that the Commission should make to those rules?

12. The Commission also seeks comment on the timing for making these changes to its Part 36 rules. The changes to its Part 32 rules took effect January 1, 2018. Should the Commission make harmonizing changes to its Part 36 rules as soon as practicable, as the Joint Board recommends? Should the Commission make changes effective January 1, 2019? The Commission asks commenters to explain the implications of different effective dates for any changes it makes to harmonize its Part 36 rules with its newly revised Part 32 rules.

IV. Procedural Matters

A. Comment Filing Procedures

13. Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the dates indicated on the first page of this document. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS). See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

- *Electronic Filers:* Comments may be filed electronically using the internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/>.

- *Paper Filers:* Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing. If more than one docket or rulemaking number appears in the caption of this proceeding, filers must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number.

- Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

- All hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary must be

delivered to FCC Headquarters at 445 12th St. SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. The filing hours are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes and boxes must be disposed of before entering the building.

- Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701.

- U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail must be addressed to 445 12th Street SW, Washington DC 20554.

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B. Ex Parte Presentations

14. The proceeding this FNPRM initiates shall be treated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules. Persons making *ex parte* presentations must file a copy of any written presentation or a memorandum summarizing any oral presentation within two business days after the presentation (unless a different deadline applicable to the Sunshine period applies). Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentation must (1) list all persons attending or otherwise participating in the meeting at which the *ex parte* presentation was made, and (2) summarize all data presented and arguments made during the presentation. If the presentation consisted in whole or in part of the presentation of data or arguments already reflected in the presenter's written comments, memoranda or other filings in the proceeding, the presenter may provide citations to such data or arguments in his or her prior comments, memoranda, or other filings (specifying the relevant page and/or paragraph numbers where such data or arguments can be found) in lieu of summarizing them in the memorandum. Documents shown or given to Commission staff during *ex parte* meetings are deemed to be written *ex parte* presentations and must be filed consistent with rule 1.1206(b). In proceedings governed by rule 1.49(f) or for which the Commission has made available a method of electronic filing, written *ex parte* presentations and memoranda

summarizing oral *ex parte* presentations, and all attachments thereto, must be filed through the electronic comment filing system available for that proceeding, and must be filed in their native format (e.g., .doc, .xml, .ppt, searchable .pdf). Participants in this proceeding should familiarize themselves with the Commission's *ex parte* rules.

C. Paperwork Reduction Act

15. This document does not contain proposed information collection(s) subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Public Law 104–13. In addition, therefore, it does not contain any new or modified information collection burden for small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees, pursuant to the Small Business Paperwork Relief Act of 2002, Public Law 107–198, see 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(4).

D. Initial Regulatory Flexibility Act Analysis

16. As required by the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 (RFA), the Commission has prepared an Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (IRFA) for this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, of the possible significant economic impact on small entities of the policies and rules addressed in this document. The IRFA is set forth in Appendix C. Written public comments are requested on this IRFA. Comments must be identified as responses to the IRFA and must be filed by the deadlines for comments on the NPRM indicated on the first page of this document. The Commission's Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Reference Information Center, will send a copy of this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, including the IRFA, to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration (SBA).

V. Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

17. As required by the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980, as amended (RFA), the Commission has prepared this Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (IRFA) of the possible significant economic impact on small entities by the proposals in this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (Notice). Written public comments are requested on this IRFA. Comments must be identified as responses to the IRFA and must be filed by the deadlines for comments and reply comments on the Notice provided above. The Commission will send a copy of the Notice, including this IRFA, to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration (SBA). In

addition, the Notice and the IRFA (or summaries thereof) will be published in the **Federal Register**.

A. Need for, and Objectives of, the Proposed Rules

18. In the *Part 32 Reform Order*, the Commission amended its Part 32 Uniform System of Accounts (USOA) to streamline or eliminate rules that had outlived their utility. Recognizing that those amendments had implications for its Part 36 jurisdictional separations rules, the Commission referred to the Federal-State Joint Board on Jurisdictional Separations (Joint Board) consideration of how and when the Part 36 rules should be modified to reflect the reforms adopted in the *Part 32 Reform Order*. The Commission asked the Joint Board to consider how those reforms “impact Part 36 and consequently the rule changes necessary to ensure the jurisdictional separations rules are consistent” with changes to Part 32. The Commission also asked that the Joint Board “prepare a recommended decision . . . regarding how and when the Commission's jurisdictional separations rules should be modified to reflect the issues in the referral.” The Joint Board released its *Recommended Decision* on October 27, 2017. In this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (Notice), the Commission invites comment on that *Recommended Decision* and, in particular, on the proposed amendments to the Part 36 rules recommended by the Joint Board. The purpose of those proposed amendments is to ensure that the Part 36 rules are consistent with the amendments to the Part 32 rules adopted in the *Part 32 Reform Order*.

B. Legal Basis

19. The legal basis for the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking is contained in sections 1, 2, 4(i), 201–205, 215, 218, 220, and 410 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

C. Description and Estimate of the Number of Small Entities to Which Rules May Apply

20. The RFA directs agencies to provide a description of, and, where feasible, an estimate of the number of small entities that may be affected by the proposed rules, if adopted. The RFA generally defines the term “small entity” as having the same meaning as the terms “small business,” “small organization,” and “small governmental jurisdiction.” In addition, the term “small business” has the same meaning as the term “small business concern” under the Small Business Act. A “small business concern” is one which: (1) Is

independently owned and operated; (2) is not dominant in its field of operation; and (3) satisfies any additional criteria established by the Small Business Administration (SBA). Nationwide, there are a total of approximately 27.9 million small businesses, according to the SBA.

21. *Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers*. Neither the Commission nor the SBA has developed a small business size standard specifically for providers of incumbent local exchange services. The closest applicable size standard under the SBA rules is for Wired Telecommunications Carriers. Under the SBA definition, a carrier is small if it has 1,500 or fewer employees. According to the FCC's Telephone Trends Report data, 1,307 incumbent local exchange carriers (LECs) reported that they were engaged in the provision of local exchange services. Of these 1,307 carriers, an estimated 1,006 have 1,500 or fewer employees and 301 have more than 1,500 employees. Consequently, the Commission estimates that most incumbent LECs are small entities that may be affected by the rules and policies adopted herein.

22. The Commission has included small incumbent LECs in this RFA analysis. As noted above, a “small business” under the RFA is one that, *inter alia*, meets the pertinent small business size standard (e.g., a telephone communications business having 1,500 or fewer employees), and “is not dominant in its field of operation.” The SBA's Office of Advocacy contends that, for RFA purposes, small incumbent LECs are not dominant in their field of operation because any such dominance is not “national” in scope. Because the Commission's proposals concerning the Part 36 rules will affect all incumbent LECs, some entities employing 1,500 or fewer employees may be affected by the proposals made in this Notice. The Commission has therefore included small incumbent LECs in this RFA analysis, although it emphasizes that this RFA action has no effect on the Commission's analyses and determinations in other, non-RFA contexts. The Commission notes, however, that proposals in the Notice are focused on incumbent LECs with regulated annual revenues equal to or above \$157 million, a group that excludes many small incumbent LECs.

D. Description of Projected Reporting, Recordkeeping, and Other Compliance Requirements

23. None.

E. Steps Taken To Minimize Significant Economic Impact on Small Entities, and Significant Alternatives Considered

24. The RFA requires an agency to describe any significant alternatives that it has considered in reaching its proposed approach, which may include (among others) the following four alternatives: (1) The establishment of differing compliance and reporting requirements or timetables that take into account the resources available to small entities; (2) the clarification, consolidation, or simplification of compliance or reporting requirements under the rule for small entities; (3) the use of performance, rather than design, standards; and (4) an exemption from coverage of the rule, or part thereof, for small entities.

25. As discussed above, the purpose of the proposals in this Notice is to ensure that the Part 36 rules are consistent with the amendments to the Part 32 rules adopted in the *Part 32 Reform Order*. The Commission seeks comment on the effects its proposals would have on small entities, and whether any rules that it adopts should apply differently to small entities. The Commission requests commenters to consider the costs and burdens of possible rule amendments on small incumbent LECs and whether such amendments would disproportionately affect specific types of carriers or ratepayers.

26. The Commission believes that the proposed rules would ease the administrative burden of regulatory compliance for incumbent LECs, including any small incumbent LECs those rules might affect. The *Part 32 Reform Order* reduced the number of Part 32 accounts that incumbent LECs with regulated annual revenues equal to or above \$157 million are required to keep, and the proposed amendments to Part 36 would carry forward those reductions into the jurisdictional separations process. If those amendments can be said to have any effect under the RFA, it is to reduce a regulatory compliance burden for small incumbent LECs.

F. Federal Rules That May Duplicate, Overlap, or Conflict With the Proposed Rules

27. None.

VI. Ordering Clauses

28. Accordingly, *it is ordered* that, pursuant to the authority contained in sections 1, 2, 4(i), 201–205, 215, 218, 220, and 410 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 151, 152, 154(i), 201–205, 215, 218, 220, 410,

this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking is adopted.

29. *It is further ordered* that the Commission's Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Reference Information Center, shall send a copy of this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, including the Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis, to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 36

Communications common carriers; Reporting and recordkeeping requirements; Telephone; Uniform system of accounts.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,

Secretary, Office of the Secretary.

Proposed Rules

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Federal Communications Commission proposes to amend 47 CFR part 36 as follows:

PART 36—JURISDICTIONAL SEPARATIONS PROCEDURES; STANDARD PROCEDURES FOR SEPARATING TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROPERTY COSTS, REVENUES, EXPENSES, TAXES AND RESERVES FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES

■ 1. The authority citation for part 36 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 47 U.S.C. 151, 154(i) and (j), 205, 221(c), 254, 303(r), 403, 410, and 1302 unless otherwise noted.

■ 2. Revise § 36.112 to read as follows:

§ 36.112 Apportionment procedure.

(a) The costs of the general support facilities of local exchange carriers that had annual revenues from regulated telecommunications operations equal to or greater than \$157 million for calendar year 2016 are apportioned among the operations on the basis of one of the following, at the election of the local exchange carrier:

(1) The separation of the costs of the combined Big Three Expenses which include the following accounts:

Plant Specific Expenses

Central Office Switching Expenses—
Account 6210

Operators Systems Expenses—Account
6220

Central Office Transmission Expenses—
Account 6230

Information Origination/Termination
Expenses—Account 6310

Cable and Wire Facilities Expenses—
Account 6410

Plant Non-Specific Expenses

Network Operations Expenses—
Account 6530

Customer Operations Expenses

Marketing—Account 6610
Services—Account 6620; or

(2) The separation of the costs of Central Office Equipment, Information Origination/Termination Equipment, and Cable and Wire Facilities, combined.

(b) The costs of the general support facilities of local exchange carriers that had annual revenues from regulated telecommunications operations less than \$157 million for calendar year 2016 are apportioned among the operations on the basis of the separation of the costs of Central Office Equipment, Information Origination/Termination Equipment, and Cable and Wire Facilities, combined.

§ 36.121 [Amended]

■ 3. Amend § 36.121 as follows:

■ a. Revise paragraph (a); and

■ b. In paragraph (c)(1)(i), remove “130 volt” and add, in its place, “130-volt”.

The revision reads as follows:

§ 36.121 General.

(a) The costs of central office equipment are carried in the following accounts:

Central Office Switching Account—
2210.

Operator Systems Account—2220.

Central Office—Transmission
Account—2230.

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§ 36.124 [Amended]

■ 4. Amend § 36.124 as follows:

■ a. In paragraph (a), remove “Accounts 2210, 2211, and 2212” and add, in its place, “Account 2210”.

■ b. In paragraph (c), remove “assign the average balances of Accounts 2210, 2211, and 2212” and add, in its place, “assign the average balance of Account 2210”; and remove “assignment of the average balances of Accounts 2210, 2211, and 2212,” and add, in its place, “assignment of the average balance of Account 2210 (or, if Accounts 2211 and 2212 were required to be maintained at the applicable time, the average balances of Accounts 2211 and 2212)”.

§ 36.125 [Amended]

■ 5. Amend § 36.125 as follows:

■ a. In paragraph (a), remove “Accounts 2210, 2211, and 2212” and add, in its place, “Account 2210”; remove “e.g. transmitters,” and add, in its place, “e.g., transmitters,”; remove “directors” and, add in its place, “directors,”; and remove “e.g. switching” and add, in its place, “e.g., switching”.

■ b. In paragraph (h), remove “assign the average balances of Accounts 2210, 2211, and 2212” and add, in its place, “assign the average balance of Account 2210”; and remove “assignment of the average balances of Accounts 2210, 2211, and 2212,” and add, in its place, “assignment of the average balance of Account 2210 (or, if Accounts 2211 and 2212 were required to be maintained at the applicable time, the average balances of Accounts 2211 and 2212)”.

§ 36.126 [Amended]

■ 6. Amend § 36.126 as follows:

■ a. In paragraph (a), remove “Accounts 2230 through 2232 respectively” and add, in its place, “Account 2230”.

■ b. In the introductory text of paragraph (b), remove “equipment” and add, in its place, “equipment”.

■ c. In paragraphs (b)(5) and (6), remove “assign the average balances of Accounts 2230 through 2232” and add, in its place, “assign the average balance of Account 2230”; and remove “assignment of the average balances of Accounts 2230 through 2232” and add, in its place, “assignment of the average balance of Account 2230 (or, if Accounts 2231 and 2232 were required to be maintained at the applicable time, the average balances of Accounts 2231 and 2232)”.

§ 36.154 [Amended]

■ 7. Amend § 36.154 by removing “jurisdiction” and adding, in its place, “jurisdiction”.

§ 36.201 [Amended]

■ 8. Amend § 36.201 as follows:

■ a. Redesignate paragraph (a) as an undesignated paragraph; and

■ b. In the table, remove “(Class B telephone companies); Basic area revenue—Account 5001 (Class A telephone companies)”.

§ 36.211 [Amended]

■ 9. Amend § 36.211 as follows:

■ a. Redesignate paragraph (a) as an undesignated paragraph; and

■ b. In the table:

■ i. Remove “Basic local service revenue (Class B telephone companies)” and add, in its place, “Basic Local Service Revenue”; and

■ ii. Remove the entry “Basic Area Revenue (Class A telephone companies)”.

■ 10. Amend § 36.212 by revising the section heading to read as follows:

§ 36.212 Basic local services revenue—Account 5000.

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§ 36.301 [Amended]

■ 11. Amend § 36.301 as follows:

■ a. Redesignate paragraph (a) as an undesignated paragraph; and

■ b. In the table:

■ i. Remove “(Class B Telephone Companies); Accounts 6112, 6113, 6114, 6121, 6122, 6123, and 6124 (Class A Telephone Companies)”;

■ ii. Remove “Accounts 6210, 6220, 6230 (Class B Telephone Companies); Accounts 6211, 6212, 6220, 6231, and 6232 (Class A Telephone Companies)” and add, in its place, “Accounts 6210, 6220, and 6230”;

■ iii. Remove “(Class B Telephone Companies); Accounts 6311, 6341, 6351, and 6362 (Class A Telephone Companies)”;

■ iv. Remove “(Class B Telephone Companies); Accounts 6411, 6421, 6422, 6423, 6424, 6426, 6431, and 6441 (Class A Telephone Companies)”;

■ v. Remove “(Class B Telephone Companies); Accounts 6511 and 6512 (Class A Telephone Companies)”;

■ vi. Remove “(Class B Telephone Companies); Accounts 6531, 6532, 6533, 6534, and 6535 (Class A Telephone Companies)”;

■ vii. Remove “(Class B Telephone Companies); Accounts 6611 and 6613 (Class A Telephone Companies)”;

■ viii. Remove “Local Bus. Office” and add, in its place, “Local Business Office”; and

■ ix. Remove “(Class B Telephone Companies); Accounts 7210, 7220, 7230, 7240, and 7250 (Class A Telephone Companies)”.

§ 36.302 [Amended]

■ 12. Amend § 36.302 in the introductory text to paragraph (c)(1) and in paragraph (c)(1)(i), by removing “SRC” and adding, in its place, “SRCs”.

■ 13. Amend § 36.310 by revising paragraph (a) to read as follows:

§ 36.310 General.

(a) Plant specific operations expenses include the following accounts:

Network Support Expenses. Account 6110

General Support Expenses. Account 6120

Central Office Switching Expenses. Account 6210

Operator System Expenses. Account 6220

Central Office Transmission Expenses. Account 6230

Information Origination/Termination Expenses. Account 6310

Cable and Wire Facilities Expenses. Account 6410

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■ 14. Amend § 36.311 by revising the section heading to read as follows:

§ 36.311 Network Support/General Support Expenses—Accounts 6110 and 6120.

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■ 15. Amend § 36.321 as follows:

■ a. Revise the section heading;

■ b. Remove, from the table in paragraph (a), “(Class B telephone companies); Accounts 6211 and 6212 (Class A telephone companies)” and “(Class B telephone companies); Accounts 6231 and 6232 (Class A telephone companies)”;

■ c. Remove, from paragraph (b), “equipment. Accounts” and adding, in its place, “equipment—Accounts”.

The revision reads as follows:

§ 36.321 Central office expenses—Accounts 6210, 6220, and 6230.

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■ 16. Amend § 36.331 by revising the section heading to read as follows:

§ 36.331 Information origination/termination expenses—Account 6310.

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■ 17. Amend § 36.341 by revising the section heading to read as follows:

§ 36.341 Cable and wire facilities expenses—Account 6410.

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§ 36.351 [Amended]

■ 18. Amend § 36.351 as follows:

■ a. Redesignate paragraph (a) as an undesignated paragraph; and

■ b. In the table:

■ i. Remove “(Class B telephone companies); Accounts 6511 and 6512 (Class A telephone companies)”;

■ ii. Remove “(Class B telephone companies); Accounts 6531, 6532, 6533, 6534, and 6535 (Class A telephone companies)”.

■ 19. Amend § 36.352 by revising the section heading to read as follows:

§ 36.352 Other property plant and equipment expenses—Account 6510.

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■ 20. Amend § 36.353 by revising the section heading to read as follows:

§ 36.353 Network operations expenses—Account 6530.

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§ 36.371 [Amended]

■ 21. Amend § 36.371 in the table by removing “(Class B telephone companies); Accounts 6611 and 6613 (Class A telephone companies)”.

■ 22. Amend § 36.372 by revising the section heading to read as follows:

§ 36.372 Marketing—Account 6610.

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§ 36.375 [Amended]

■ 23. Amend § 36.375 in paragraphs (b)(4) and (5), by removing “through (4)” and adding, in its place, “through (3)”.

§ 36.392 [Amended]

■ 24. Amend § 36.392(c) as follows:

- a. Remove “(Class B Telephone Companies); Accounts 6211 and 6212 (Class A Telephone Companies)”;
 - b. Remove “(Class B Telephone Companies); Accounts 6231 and 6232 (Class A Telephone Companies)”;
 - c. Remove “(Class B Telephone Companies); Accounts 6311, 6341, 6351, and 6362 (Class A Telephone Companies)”;
 - d. Remove “(Class B Telephone Companies); Accounts 6411, 6421, 6422, 6423, 6424, 6426, 6431, and 6441 (Class A Telephone Companies)”;
 - e. Remove “(Class B Telephone Companies); Accounts 6531, 6532, 6533, 6534, and 6535 (Class A Telephone Companies)” and
 - f. Remove “(Class B Telephone Companies); Accounts 6611 and 6613 (Class A Telephone Companies)”.
- 25. Amend § 36.411 as follows:
- a. Revise the section heading;
 - b. Redesignate paragraph (a) as an undesignated paragraph

- c. Revise the final entry in the list. The revisions read as follows:

§ 36.411 Operating taxes—Account 7200.

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Provision for Deferred Operating Income Taxes

- 26. Amend § 36.501 as follows:

§ 36.501 [Amended]

Remove “(Class B Telephone Companies); Account 3410 (Class A Telephone Companies)”.

- 27. Amend § 36.505 as follows:

- a. Revise the section heading;
- b. Redesignate paragraph (a) as an undesignated paragraph.

The revision reads as follows:

§ 36.505 Accumulated amortization—Tangible—Account 3400.

§§ 36.3, 36.123, 36.124(c) and (d); 36.125(h) and (i); 36.126(b)(5) and (6); 36.126(c)(4), (e)(4), and (f)(2); 36.141(c); 36.142(c); 36.152(d); 36.157(b); 36.191(d); 36.374(b); 36.375(b)(4); 36.377 introductory text and (a)(1)(ix), (2)(vii), (3)(vii), (4)(vii), (5)(vii), and (6)(vii); 36.378(b)(1); 36.379(b)(1); 36.380(d) and (e); 36.381(c); and 36.382(a) [Amended]

- 28. Remove the term “twelve-month” and add in its place “twelve-month” in:

- a. §§ 36.3(a) and (b);
- b. §§ 36.123(a)(5) and (6);
- c. §§ 36.124(c) and (d);
- d. §§ 36.125(h) and (i);
- e. § 36.126(b)(5) and (6);
- f. §§ 36.126(c)(4), (e)(4), and (f)(2);
- g. § 36.141(c);
- h. § 36.142(c);
- i. § 36.152(d);
- j. § 36.157(b);
- k. § 36.191(d);
- l. § 36.374(b);
- m. § 36.375(b)(4);
- n. §§ 36.377 introductory text and (a)(1)(ix), (2)(vii), (3)(vii), (4)(vii), (5)(vii), and (6)(vii);
- o. § 36.378(b)(1);
- p. § 36.379(b)(1);
- q. §§ 36.380(d) and (e);
- r. § 36.381(c); and
- s. § 36.382(a).

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