



Consolidated Communications Wholesale Customer Communication Tariff Notification

Notification Date: **December 22, 2022**
Effective Date: **February 2023 Invoices**
Subject: **Rate Increase for Forborne UNE Analog Loops, and
Discontinuation of UNE DS0, UNE DS1 and UNE DS3 Loops**
Notification #: **TRF 0037**
Target Audience: **IXC, CLEC, Wireless, Reseller**
Area Impacted: **Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont**
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The Federal Communications Commission (FCC), in orders issued in 2019 and 2020, discontinued, subject to transition periods for new orders and embedded services: (i) certain unbundled network elements under Section 251(c)(3) of the Communications Act of 1934 (the "Act") and embedded cost discounts for resold services¹. As a result of these orders, effective 30 days from the date of this notice, Consolidated Communications is exercising its rights under either: 1) an interconnection agreement, in the States of Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont; 2) Consolidated Communications Statement of Generally Available Terms and Conditions in Vermont; and/or 3) Consolidated's Tariff NHPUC No. 2 in the State of New Hampshire to do the following:

Effective with the February Invoices, Consolidated Communications shall increase the rates for all voice grade analog loops from the current rates to the following rates:

All Maine Voice Grade Analog Loops \$20

All New Hampshire Voice Grade Analog Loops \$22

All Vermont Voice Grade Analog Loops \$26

Additionally, effective with the February Invoices, Consolidated Communications shall remove the wholesale discount for all resold services.

Please note that in an Industry Letter dated January 20, 2020 Consolidated provided the following notification:

Prior to August 22, 2022 you will need to either disconnect all voice grade analog loops or convert to a commercial service. As of August 22, 2022, all resold services that are still in service with Consolidated shall have the wholesale discount removed.

In addition to the changes in rates, please note the following:

Effective as of the date of this letter, CLEC customers cannot order or obtain DS3 UNE Loops from Consolidated in any case in which the end user served by such loop is located in any Competitive County. Any DS3 UNE Loops purchased as of the date of this agreement will continue to be provisioned through February 7, 2024 at the current rates. After February 7, 2024, Consolidated will no longer provide or maintain any DS3 UNE Loop in a Competitive County.

Effective as of February 7, 2023, CLEC customers cannot order or obtain UNE DS1 Loops in any Competitive County. Any DS1 UNE Loops purchased as such or created by conversion in a Competitive County, or any new installations (not conversions) purchased through February 7, 2023, will continue to be provisioned through August 7, 2024 at the current rates. After August 7, 2024, Consolidated will no longer provide or maintain any DS1 UNE Loops in a Competitive County and shall convert such UNEs to special access.

Effective as of February 7, 2023 customer cannot order or obtain any DS0 UNE Loops in any Urbanized Census Block. Any DS0 UNE Loops purchased before February 7, 2023 will continue to be provisioned through February 7, 2025. After such date, Consolidated will no longer provide or maintain any DS0 UNE Loop in any Urbanized Census Block. DS0 UNE Loops in any Urbanized Census Block will be provided at the current rates through February 7, 2024. Such loops will be provided at 125% of the current rates from February 8, 2024 through February 7, 2025.

¹Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c) to Accelerate Investment in Broadband and Next-Generation Networks, Memorandum Opinion and 34 FCC Rcd 6503 (2019) and Modernizing Unbundling and Resale Requirements in an Era of Next-Generation Networks and Services, Report and Order, 35 FCC Rcd 12425 (2020).

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