



# ***NECA Update***

## ***MTA Fall Office Managers Conference***

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# *Recent Billing Disputes*

- Tariff No.4 billing percent agreements not matching billing
  - Affects most Minnesota ECs
- Special Access multiplexing



# *Tariff Updates*

# *Federal Universal Service Charge*

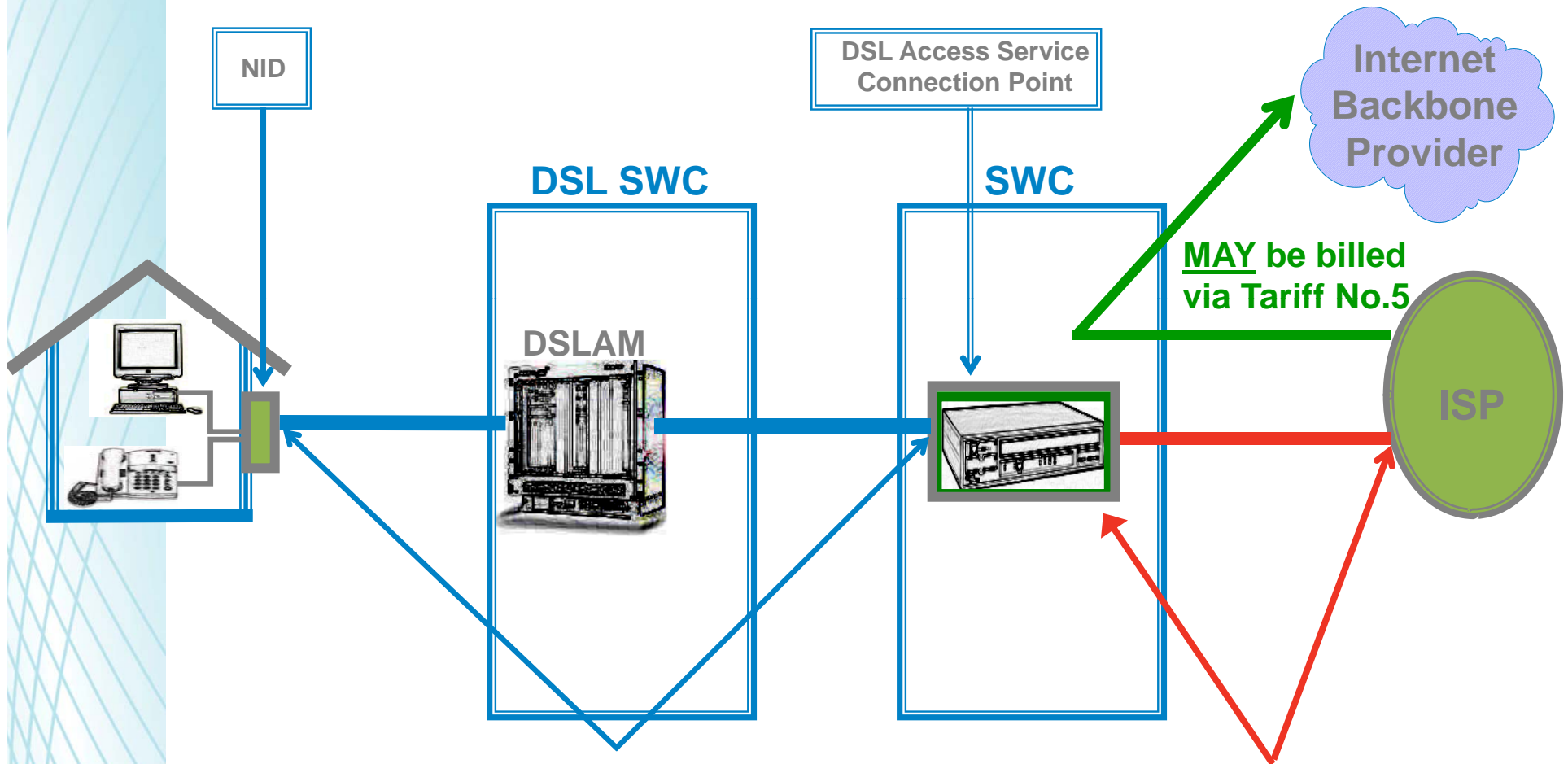
- TFAN released September 12, 2008
- Universal Service Contribution Factor will remain the same for the quarter beginning October 1, 2008
  - NECA FUSC remains the same

**11.4%**

# *Ethernet Filings*

- Ethernet tariff
  - Point-to-point and multipoint services
  - DSL interconnection
    - Add MM-VCC for high speed ADSL connections
- Introduced ETS and ATM Term Discount Plans
  - Based on ports and total bandwidth
  - 3 and 5 year commitments for discounts

# DSL Interconnection



DSL Billed out of Tariff No.5 -OR-  
Non-tariffed WBI Transmission

DSL Connection Point  
& Access MUST be billed  
out of Tariff No.5

# Past DSL Filings

- DSL Tariff Changes
  - Speeds
  - Improved wholesale plan
- Effective April 1, 2008
  - Wholesale Pricing Plan at study area level
  - New ADSL service

				Option A = \$103.85			
				Option B = \$519.25			
<b>ADSL</b>	Retail	WPP	WPP-1 yr	WPP-3yr	WPP-1yr	WPP-3yr	Installation
<b>Voice/Data</b>		Monthly	Opt A	Opt A	Opt B	Opt B	Charge
<b>512K/6M</b>	\$30.92	\$30.18	\$21.16	\$17.39	\$16.56	\$11.68	\$99.00
<b>1M/6M</b>	\$34.00	\$33.20	\$23.20	\$19.40	\$18.60	\$13.70	\$99.00
<b>Data Only</b>							
<b>512K/6M</b>	\$53.19	\$52.45	\$47.80	\$43.35	\$42.25	\$41.25	\$292.00
<b>1M/6M</b>	\$58.50	\$57.70	\$49.55	\$45.10	\$44.00	\$42.75	\$292.00

# *New DSL Filing*

- Filing scheduled for September 30, 2008
- Effective October 15, 2008
- **Fiber-based ADSL**
  - **5 Mbps upstream / 50 Mbps downstream speed**
  - Available only on FTTP loops
  - Voice-Data and Data-only
  - Retail and Wholesale Pricing Plan rates
  - MM-VCCs required for downstream speeds above 50 Mbps

# *New DSL Filing (cont'd)*

## **Upcoming Webcast Training**

- Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup> 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
- Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
- Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
- Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup> 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

# *Future Filing Plans*

- Continue dialog with tariff participants
  - Market conditions
  - Service needs
- Enhancements to Ethernet service
- IP Switched Access Terminating Service
  - Terminating option for switched access
  - ILEC-provided IP Gateway
  - Access to traditional POTS or IP-enabled local loops

# 2009 NECA Training

## Regional Training

- St. Cloud, MN
  - August 25<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>
- Mankato, MN
  - August 27<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>
- Fargo, ND
  - July 23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>

## NECA EXPO

- Orlando, FL
  - November 8-12, 2009

## Computer-based Training

- NECA Basics
- Basics of Average Schedule Formula Development
- USF Formula Process (*future*)
- Overview of Pooling (*future*)





***Thank You For Your Time!***