

BEFORE THE GUAM PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF:)
) GTA DOCKET 12-12
)
GTA TELECOM LLC, GENERAL) **PUC COUNSEL REPORT**
EXCHANGE TARIFF NO. 1, TARIFF)
TRANSMITTAL NO. 22)

INTRODUCTION

1. This matter comes before the Guam Public Utilities Commission [PUC] upon the Tariff Transmittal of Teleguam Holdings LLC [GTA] to update its provision of Metro Ethernet Transport Services for inclusion of 2 Megabit to 1 Gigabit of local area network connectivity.¹
2. For its Metro Ethernet Transport Services, GTA will incorporate the rates and charges set forth in NECA [National Exchange Carrier Association] Tariff F.C.C. No. 5, Ethernet Transport Service Section 17.4.8(c), Rate Band 6 for applicable Rates and Charges.²

BACKGROUND

3. In accordance with the notice provisions of 12 GCA §12106(b) GTA requests that the PUC approve its filing effective on November 22, 2012.³
4. GTA’s General Exchange Tariff No. 1, XII [Metro Ethernet Transport Services] indicates: “Ethernet Transport Service (ETS) is a high speed data transport service that provides end-to-end transmission using Ethernet Packet technology at transport speeds ranging from 2 Mbps to 1 Gbps. It is a means for transporting broadband multimedia traffic (i.e., voice, data and video) using variable length Ethernet packets with the ability to interconnect multiple locations using GTA’s network.”⁴

¹ GTA Tariff Transmittal No. 22, GTA Docket 12-12, filed October 23, 2012.

² In its initial filing, GTA indicated that Ethernet Transport Services would be charged in accordance with Rate Band 5. However, GTA filed an Amended Tariff Transmittal No. 22 on November 9, 2012 [GTA Revised Tariff Transmittal No. 22, GTA Docket 12-12, filed November 9, 2012]. Therein GTA indicates that the FCC has reassigned GTA to Rate Band 6. The tariff now indicates that the applicable Rate Band charges by GTA for Metro Ethernet Services will be in accordance with the then current rate band assignment of the FCC.

³ GTA Tariff Transmittal No. 22, GTA Docket 12-12, filed October 23, 2012, at p. 1.

⁴ GTA General Exchange Tariff No. 1, XII A [Metro Ethernet Transport Services].

5. The ETS customer may use ETS to: (1) interconnect customer designated premises (CDPs) served by GTA's ETS Point-to-Point network and/or (2) interconnect with its local area network (LAN) to GTA's ETS Point-to-Point network.⁵
6. ETS is provided using a combination of ETS Channel Terminations (ETS CTs), ETS Ports, ETS Ethernet Virtual Connections, and Extended Ethernet Virtual Connection.⁶
7. Essentially, GTA has adopted the rates and charges for ETS services as set forth in the National Exchange Carrier Association Inc. (NECA) Tariff No. 5. Rates and charges are set forth in the NECA Tariff No. 5 for services such as: ETS Channel Terminations, Ports, and ETS Ethernet Virtual Connection, etc.
8. In general, customer charges increase as the capacity utilized by the customer increases between 2 Mbps to 1 Gbps. The ETS services all include "non-recurring" charges.
9. GTA has explained that, at present, the FCC has placed GTA in Rate Band 6. It is possible, however, that in January 2013, FCC will place GTA in Rate Band 4. Thus, the particular charges for ETS services will vary in the future, depending upon which Rate Band GTA is placed in.⁷

ANALYSIS

10. Tariff Transmittal No. 22 replaces and updates the current tariff which GTA has in effect concerning Metro Ethernet Transport Services. The proposed tariff clarifies that it will now include 2 Megabit to 1 Gigabit of local area network connectivity. Tariff Transmittal 22 clarifies the ETS services that are available to customers and the applicable charges.
11. Furthermore, PUC caused public notice of this tariff filing to be published in the Pacific Daily News on November 7, 2012. Said notice gave interested parties until November 19, 2012 to file any comments concerning the tariff. Pacific Data Systems Inc. filed a comment on November 19. PDS' comment that GTA should file with

⁵ Id.

⁶Id., GTA General Exchange Tariff No. 1 at XII B.

⁷ Conference between GTA representatives Eric Votaw, Serge Quenga, and PUC Counsel Fred Horecky, on November 9, 2012; see also GTA Revised Tariff Transmittal No. 22, GTA Docket 12-12, filed November 9, 2012.

the PUC any tariff changes to its Metro Ethernet Services, whether the source of such change is NECA or otherwise, should be adopted.

12. This offering will help insure that customers in Guam have access to Metro Ethernet Transport Services, and serves to clarify the applicable cost of such services. The availability of Metro Ethernet Transport Services to customers in Guam promotes one of the purposes of the Guam Telecommunications Act of 2004 which is to provide the people of Guam with access to modern, innovative and affordable telecommunications services.⁸

RECOMMENDATION

13. In accordance with the provisions of 12 GCA §12106(b) the PUC should approve GTA's proposed tariff revisions for Metro Ethernet Transport Services, as set forth in Tariff Transmittal No. 22, effective November 22, 2012.
14. A draft Order is submitted to the Commission for its consideration.

Dated this 19th day of November, 2012.

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⁸12 GCA §12101(b).