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Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

ATTENTION: Common Carrier Bureau

The accompanying tariff material issued on behalf of Gulf Telephone Company "GTC", bearing Tariff F.C.C. No. 1 (Access Service) is sent to you for filing in compliance with the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

This filing consists of tariff pages as indicated on the following checksheet contains tariff material to become effective July 1, 2000:

Tariff F.C.C. No. 2

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If approved, this filing will create a new interstate traffic sensitive access tariff for GTC that contains by reference the same terms and conditions as the NECA tariff in which they currently are an issuing carrier. GTC will set rates that differ from and are generally lower than those previously billed under the NECA tariff.

In order to operate in a competitive marketplace and to set rates at their true costs, GTC has opted to file its own traffic sensitive interstate access tariff under section 61.39 of the Commission's rules. As required by those rules, GTC has attached full cost support with this filing. The details of those attachments will be discussed in the cost support document also attached to this filing. This filing will not effect GTC's participation in the NECA common line pool.

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Maintaining exactly the same terms and conditions was accomplished by directly referencing the NECA tariff F.C.C. No. 5. For this purpose, GTC was granted a waiver of Section 61.74 of the Commission's rules to allow it to file a tariff that references another tariff. Since this is a new tariff, GTC also sought and was granted a waiver of 61.54(i) of the Commission's rules to omit a portion of the coding. Since the terms and conditions have not changed, no coding has been included in the language of this tariff filing. Since the rate levels will change, they have been coded as increases or decreases as appropriate. The Description and Justification attached to this filing will further discuss differences between this tariff the NECA tariff that previously governed. Both of these waivers were granted under special permission number 00-0042.

In accordance with the Commission's filing requirements, a check payable to the Federal Communications Commission in the amount of \$630.00 has been attached to F.C.C. form 159 along with the original of this application letter and sent to Mellon Bank in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

All correspondence and inquiries concerning this application should be addressed to Trey Judy at P.O. Box 1167, Mebane, NC 27302, or phone at (919) 563-8371.

Gulf Telephone Company

By: _____
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Director – Regulatory Affairs

Copy of letter, with attachments, concurrently delivered to:

Chief, Tariff Review Branch

Attachments:

Tariff Pages
Description & Justification
Tariff Review Plan
Cost Support