

Resolution

RESOLUTION CLARIFYING THE CLASSIFICATIONS OF VOICE OVER INTERNET PROTOCOL SERVICES WITHIN THE DEFINITION OF A LOCAL EXCHANGE ACCESS LINE AND AN EQUIVALENT LOCAL EXCHANGE ACCESS LINE.

WHEREAS, the Tarrant County 9-1-1 Emergency Assistance District ("District") Board of Managers is authorized by Texas Health and Safety Code Ann. Chapter 772 to impose a 9-1-1 emergency service fee on service users for local exchange access lines and equivalent local exchange access lines.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Texas Health and Safety Code Ann. Section 771.063, the District is required to follow the definition of a local exchange access line and an equivalent local exchange access line as adopted by rule by the Commission on State Emergency Communications ("CSEC").

WHEREAS, in February 2005, CSEC included Voice over Internet Protocol ("VoIP") services under the definition of a local exchange access line and an equivalent local exchange access line in its rule 1 Texas Administrative Code 255.4 once there is a permissible interconnection to the dedicated E9-1-1 network.

WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") in June 2005 in its Docket No. 05-196 released rules that require interconnected VoIP providers to deliver comparable E9-1-1 equivalent services via the dedicated E9-1-1 network in accordance with the FCC rules by November 28, 2005.

WHEREAS, in 2006 because nomadic VoIP providers and nomadic VoIP services used pseudo-ANIs; because they did not place static ALI records into the static E9-1-1 ALI database with the information of specific end user classifications; because they were not using traditional residential and business classifications in static ALI records in the static E9-1-1 ALI database; and because they were viewed more similar to wireless services with the \$0.50 wireless 9-1-1 fee; the Board of Managers adopted a nomadic VoIP Resolution providing as follows:

In order to clarify application of the 1 Texas Administrative Code 255.4 definition to the 9-1-1 emergency service fee rates and classifications within the District, the District hereby adopts nomadic VoIP service as a single classification of equivalent service and adopts the 9-1-1 emergency service fee for such classification at the rate of \$0.50 per local exchange access line and equivalent local exchange access line to be remitted to the District.

WHEREAS, the 2006 Nomadic VoIP Resolution was also limited to, and only applied to, nomadic VoIP providers and nomadic VoIP service as defined in the resolution and did not apply to local exchange access lines and equivalent local exchange access lines

when the static E9-1-1 ALI database is populated with the information of specific end user customers by residential and business classifications.

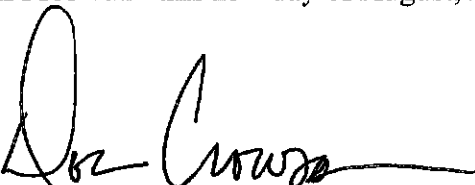
WHEREAS, in 2010 the VoIP market and 9-1-1 service provisioning and the telecommunications market and 9-1-1 service provisioning have changed in that the original pseudo ANI solution for nomadic VoIP is now being upgraded to show residential and business classifications; the pseudo ANI solution for nomadic VoIP is now being used not only by nomadic VoIP providers but also by static VoIP providers resulting in removal of these records from the static ALI E9-1-1 database; and the VoIP market and 9-1-1 service provisioning and the telecommunications market and 9-1-1 service provisioning have continued to grow toward greater equivalency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Managers of the Tarrant County 9-1-1 Emergency Assistance District that:

In order to update and clarify application of the 1 Texas Administrative Code 255.4 definition to the 9-1-1 emergency service fee rates and classifications within the District, the District hereby limits the previously adopted nomadic VoIP resolution single classification and the adopted 9-1-1 emergency service fee for such classification at the rate of \$0.50 per local exchange access line and equivalent local exchange access line to only those situations where VoIP services and providers do not otherwise distinguish between residential and business classifications in their normal sales with their customers. Whether records are placed into the static ALI E9-1-1 database shall no longer be a relevant factor in the classification determination. Except as provided in the limited exception above, all other local exchange access lines and equivalent local exchange access lines for all telecommunications and VoIP providers and services within the District shall follow the standard residential and business classifications for the District's 9-1-1 emergency service fees.

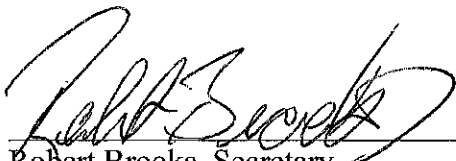
ADOPTED and APPROVED this 23rd day of August, 2021.

Signed:



Don Crowson, Chairman Board of Managers

Attest:



Robert Brooks, Secretary

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A RESOLUTION APPROVING CLASSIFICATIONS AND RATES FOR THE 9-1-1 EMERGENCY SERVICE FEE ON SERVICE USERS FOR LOCAL EXCHANGE ACCESS LINES AND EQUIVALENT LOCAL EXCHANGE ACCESS LINES.

WHEREAS, the Tarrant County 9-1-1 Emergency Assistance District (“District”) Board of Managers is authorized by Texas Health and Safety Code Ann. Chapter 772 to impose a 9-1-1 emergency service fee on service users for local exchange access lines and equivalent local exchange access lines.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Texas Health and Safety Code Ann. Section 771.063, the emergency service fee adopted by the District applies to local exchange access lines and equivalent local exchange access lines as adopted by rule by the Commission on State Emergency Communications (“CSEC”), including digital phone lines serving interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol, or VoIP, customers.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Texas Health and Safety Code Ann. Section 772.214(c), the rate of the fee may not exceed six percent of the monthly base rate charged a service user by the principal service supplier in the participating jurisdiction.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Texas Health and Safety Code Ann. Section 772.214(d), the board shall set the amount of the fee each year as part of the annual budget.

WHEREAS, the rates and classifications set forth in this resolution are necessary to sustain the budget adopted by the District for fiscal year 2022 and comply with the six percent cap in Texas Health and Safety Code Ann. Section 772.214(c).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Managers of the Tarrant County 9-1-1 Emergency Assistance District:

The 9-1-1 emergency service fee rates and classifications for local exchange access lines and equivalent local exchange access lines are hereby levied according to the following fee schedule:

Residential Lines: \$.20 flat fee, per line

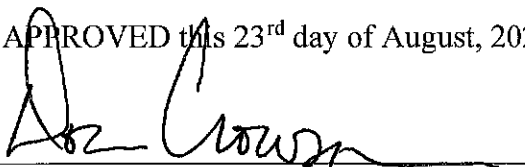
Business Lines: \$ 1.75 flat fee, per line

Business Trunks: \$ 2.50 flat fee, per trunk

Fees are applied to a maximum of 100 lines per customer bill, per location.

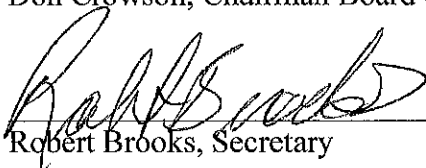
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