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FROM: Michael Ladam, Assistant Director of Telecommunications**SUBJECT:** DT 12-018, Level 3 Communications, LLC Revisions to Tariff #1
Establishing Charges for VoIP/PSTN Traffic**TO:** Commissioners
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On January 12, 2012, Level 3 Communications, LLC (Level 3) submitted a tariff filing to establish a process for identifying and rating VoIP/PSTN access traffic.

The proposed revision addresses new requirements established by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regarding VoIP traffic charges. The revision includes provisions allowing a Level 3 wholesale customer to furnish ratios of expected IP traffic in its overall minutes of use, and provisions for Level 3 to adopt default ratios when the customer has not furnished such. These ratios are used to determine the portion of traffic for which the VoIP/PSTN rate applies. The filing also establishes procedures for dispute resolution regarding these traffic charges.

In Staff's assessment, this tariff revision is consistent with FCC requirements and provides a reasonable process for identifying and rating the traffic involved. Staff recommends that this tariff filing be allowed to go into effect by operation of law as submitted.