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TO: Telecom, Wireless, and VoIP Provider Regulatory Managers
SUBJECT: 2017 South Carolina Universal Service Fund Contribution Worksheet
DATE: June 6, 2017

All telecommunications carriers, designated Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (ETCs), Wireless Carriers, Interconnected VOIP providers, and other providers of telecommunications services doing business in South Carolina are required to contribute to the South Carolina Universal Service Fund (SC USF). The SC USF is administered by the Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS).

For this reporting year, the South Carolina Public Service Commission (Commission) has required Interconnected VOIP providers to report retail revenues. On December 15, 2016, the Commission issued Order No. 2016-837 finding that Interconnected VoIP service providers, regardless of whether they hold a Certificate of Public Convenience issued by the Commission, must contribute to the SC USF based on their retail voice communications services. This is a new requirement for all Interconnected VOIP providers operating in the State of South Carolina.

ORS requests that your Company download, complete and submit the South Carolina Universal Service Fund Contribution Worksheet & Instructions (W&I) from the ORS website. The 2017 W&I are available in PDF format on the ORS website at www.regulatorystaff.sc.gov. To locate the W&I select Telecommunications - Forms and Resources. (Link to Forms: <http://www.regulatorystaff.sc.gov/telecommunications/Pages/FormsandResources.aspx>.)

The 2017 W&I requires the reporting of all service revenues generated by your company's South Carolina based customers for the year ending December 31, 2016. All telecommunications carriers must complete and return this form to the address or email listed below by August 1, 2017.

South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff SC Universal Service Fund Administrator 1401 Main Street, Suite 800 Columbia, SC 29201	Via email to: Jim McDaniel jmcdanie@regstaff.sc.gov
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Failure to file the South Carolina Universal Service Fund Contribution Worksheet by August 1, 2017 will result in your company being deemed non-compliant with the Commission's requirements and South Carolina law, and ORS will report your company's non-compliance to the South Carolina Department of Revenue and/or the Public Service Commission of South Carolina for further action.

If you have difficulties accessing or downloading the Worksheet or have questions related to the reporting requirements, please contact Jim McDaniel at 803-737-0812.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this requirement.

Sincerely,

Chris Rozycki
Director, Telecommunications