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Acronyms Used in this Report

Act 181 – State Telecom Equity in Funding Act

COLR – Carrier of Last Resort

DOR – South Carolina Department of Revenue

FCC-Federal Communications Commission

LEC – Local Exchange Carrier

ORS – the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff

PSC – Public Service Commission of South Carolina or the Commission

PURC – State Regulation of Public Utilities Review Committee

SCTC – South Carolina Telephone Coalition

SCUSF- South Carolina Universal Service Fund

VoIP – Voice Over Internet Protocol

Executive Summary

S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-280 (E)(11)(b) requires the Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) to provide a report to the State Regulation of Public Utilities Review Committee (PURC) every four years as to the status of the South Carolina Universal Service Fund (SCUSF), provide recommendations, and provide such other information as the PURC deems appropriate.

The ORS examined information provided by telecommunications companies that participate in the SCUSF to analyze and review each company's use of the funds. This report provides insight on the current state of the SCUSF, the ORS administration of the fund, disbursement to the telecommunications companies, responses from the telecommunications companies to ORS questions, and the ORS analysis and recommendation. To conduct the ORS examination, the agency sent each Carrier of Last Resort (COLR) an information request to aid in determining how each company used capital expenditures to enhance and improve South Carolina telecommunications networks. Based on a review of documents and responses provided by the companies, the ORS determined the telecommunications companies used SCUSF funds as intended.

The ORS makes the following recommendations:

1. An analysis of all revenues and expenses for each COLR should be conducted to determine a) whether the current funding level of the SCUSF is sufficient and b) whether distribution levels to COLRs are appropriate.
2. The PSC should have the authority to suspend or reduce the level of SCUSF support if a COLR fails to meet its obligations to provide basic voice communication services, including 911 service.

Applicable Laws and Guidelines

Under federal law, universal service is the principle that all Americans should have access to communications services. Eligible telecommunications carriers, as designated under section 214(e), shall be eligible to receive federal universal service support to provide these services. As described below by the Universal Service Administrative Company on its website:

Universal service is based on the principle that all Americans should have access to a baseline level of telecommunications service and further the public interest of keeping all Americans connected. This principle is the cornerstone of the Communications Act of 1934, which established universal service in legislation and also created the FCC. Since that time, universal service policies have helped make telephone service widely available throughout the U.S., even in rural areas.¹

Today, federal universal service not only supports voice services but also supports broadband services.

Under state law, a COLR is defined as a facility-based local exchange carrier, as determined by the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (PSC or the Commission). Consistent with the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, a COLR has the obligation to provide basic local exchange telephone service, upon reasonable request, to all residential and single-line business customers within a defined service or geographic area. A COLR may meet its obligation by using any available technology of equal or greater service quality than is required by applicable Commission regulations as of the effective date of this item including, but not limited to, the provision of a broadband connection that allows the customer to access basic voice grade local service from the COLR or other available voice provider of the customer's choice. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and regardless of the technology used, the basic voice grade local service provided to meet this obligation is subject to the PSC's jurisdiction with respect to service quality and rates and is entitled to SCUSF support as set forth in Section 58-9-280 (E) (4) and is capped, except for the costs of the Lifeline program and the cost of administration of the program.

South Carolina law requires periodic status reports on the SCUSF to be submitted to the PURC. This report is submitted pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-280 (E)(11)(b) which provides as follows:

" ...[t]o create an environment that ensures financial stability necessary to encourage long-term investment by carriers of last resort while providing for appropriate oversight:

(a) within two years after the effective date of this subitem, the Office of Regulatory Staff shall provide a report to the Public Utilities Review Committee (PURC) as to the State Universal Service Fund, the need for funding, and the appropriate level of distributions; and

(b) every four years thereafter, the Office of Regulatory Staff shall provide a report to PURC as to the status of the State Universal Service Fund, provide

¹ <https://www.usac.org/about/universal-service/>

recommendations, and provide such other information as the PURC deems appropriate.

The initial report included significant historical and operational information and was submitted on May 25, 2018, <https://ors.sc.gov/sites/ors/files/Documents/Consumers/Telecommunications/5-23-18%20USF%20PURC%20report.pdf>

This second report addresses the status of the SCUSF and provides recommendations.

The South Carolina Universal Service Fund

In 1996, the South Carolina General Assembly directed the PSC pursuant to 1996 S.C. Acts 354 (Act 354) to establish an SCUSF for distribution to COLRs in S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-280(E).² The table below shows a summary of the SCUSF expenditures for fund year 2022.

State USF Expenditures Summary Fund Year - 2022	
Expense Category	\$ Amount
USF Support	\$40,732,67
Lifeline Support	\$119,280
ORS USF Administrative including Lifeline	\$319,741
Outside Audit	\$25,000
DOR Administrative Fee	\$143,120
Total USF Requirement	\$41,339,802

The PSC defined universal service as “the provision of basic local exchange telecommunications service, at affordable rates and upon reasonable request, to all single-party residential and all single-line business customers within a designated service area.”³ Along with the commitment to provide universal service, the

² Attached as Appendix A is a report prepared by Interserra identifying those states that administer a state universal service fund.

³ Docket NO. 97-239-C, Order No. 2001-996

Commission also established support for low-income consumers through the Lifeline program.

The COLRs reported an aggregate number of local landlines as 465,00 as found in The Status of Local Competition in South Carolina 2021 Annual Report (Local Competition Report)

(https://ors.sc.gov/sites/ors/files/Documents/Regulatory/Telecommunication/reports/AndNotices/2021%20Local%20Competition%20Report%20YE%202020_LM.pdf). The total number of state-supported Lifeline accounts for 2021 was 2,930.

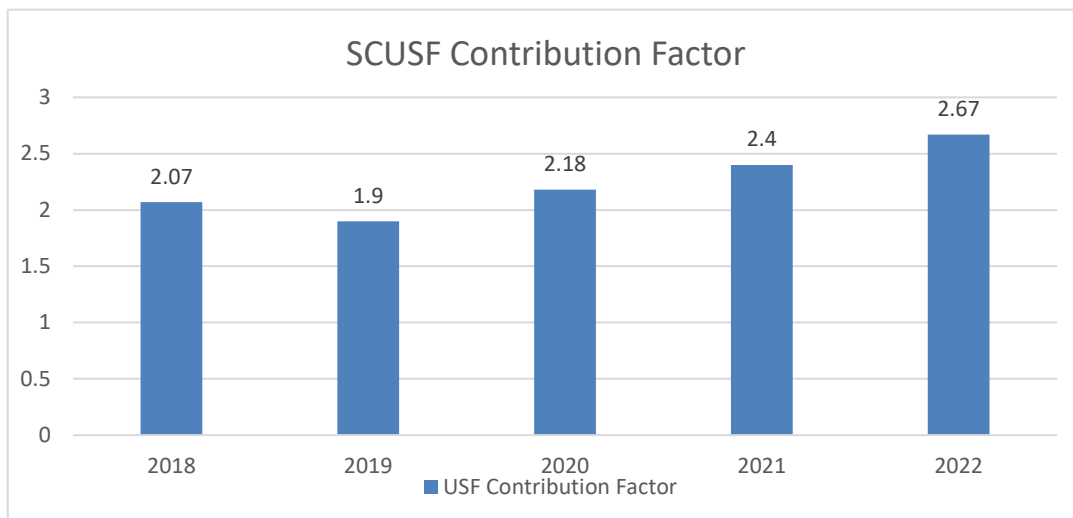
For a Local Exchange Carrier (LEC) to receive support from the SCUSF, the PSC requires a LEC to become a COLR and meet the following guidelines:

- The COLR must be willing and able and must certify its commitment to provide the defined services supported by the SCUSF to any requesting customer's location within the designated service area;
- The COLR must advertise the availability of such services and service prices using media of general distribution;
- The COLR must provide its services at not more than the PSC-authorized maximum stand-alone rates for the defined basic local exchange telecommunications service and must meet all service-quality and provision rules established by the PSC for Universal Services; and
- The COLR may satisfy its obligation to provide the defined services over its own facilities or a combination of its own facilities and resale of another carrier's services. The COLR may also satisfy its obligation to provide the defined services, in whole or in part, through the lease of unbundled network elements. A carrier that provides service solely through the resale of other carriers' facilities is not entitled to Universal Service support.

Administration of the South Carolina Universal Service Fund

The SCUSF was established to be a revenue-neutral mechanism. To offset the amount received from the SCUSF, the COLRs that withdrew monies from the SCUSF were required to reduce prices for intrastate services that contained implicit subsidies for universal service. Today, there are twenty-four (24) COLRs. The level of support is capped at the level of the SCUSF for 2015 - \$40,732,660. The SCUSF reimburses COLRs providing qualifying low-income residential consumers a monthly credit of \$3.50/month. Additionally, the administrative expenses for the ORS and annual independent audit of the SCUSF operations is funded by the SCUSF. The SCUSF funds the expenses associated with the required billing and collection of the SCUSF by the South Carolina Department of Revenue (DOR).⁴

Consistent with laws and Commission guidelines, the ORS determines a contribution factor on an annual basis for the SCUSF. Historically, the factor has increased on an annual basis. The SCUSF is allocated to contributors based on revenues derived and submitted. In Order No. 2001-996, dated October 10, 2001, the Commission ordered that all telecommunications carriers and other providers offering telecommunications services within South Carolina must contribute to the SCUSF. The driver in the increase to the contribution factor is primarily the decline in revenues from the COLRs' operations in South Carolina due to the decline in landlines. The contribution factor increased from 2.07 % in 2018 to 2.67% in 2022.



⁴ Pursuant to Section 58-9-576, SCUSF funding for Lifeline continues to apply to carriers who made the election under this section.

Disbursements from the SCUSF

Currently, 24 COLRs receive monthly disbursements from the SCUSF, and the disbursements are structured such that a COLR receives an amount authorized by the PSC in Order No. 2016-680 to the extent of available cash in the SCUSF at the end of each month. See **table below**.

2022 SCUSF DISBURSEMENT TO EACH COLR	
COLR	2021 TOTAL SCUSF DISBURSEMENT
Bluffton Telephone Company, Inc.	\$1,015,468
CenturyLink (United Telephone Co. of the Carolinas LLC)	\$6,004,177
Chesnee Telephone Company, Inc.	\$293,732
Chester Telephone Company	\$1,049,640
Comporium, Inc.	\$1,189,756
Farmers Telephone Cooperative Inc.	\$5,602,052
Fort Mill Telephone Company	\$347,610
Frontier Communications of the Carolinas, LLC	\$6,639,772
Hargray Telephone Company, Inc.	\$1,926,707
Home Telephone ILEC, LLC	\$2,836,893
Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	\$4,016,197
Lancaster Telephone Company	\$702,527
Lockhart Telephone Company	\$29,379
McClellanville Telephone Company	\$367,056
Norway Telephone Company	\$56,460
Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	\$1,035,487
PBT Telecom, Inc.	\$2,517,640
Piedmont Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	\$425,954
Ridgeway Telephone Company	\$66,204
Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	\$507,064
St. Stephen Telephone Company	\$511,063
West Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	\$873,157
Williston Telephone Company	\$671,213
Windstream South Carolina, LLC	\$2,047,450
Total	\$40,732,661

Scope of ORS Analysis

The ORS performed a comparison of SCUSF revenues received to the sum of regulated capital expenditures and operational expenses for each of the 24 COLRs for 2018, 2019, and 2020. The ORS determined that SCUSF funds are considered spent as intended and in compliance with state law if the SCUSF revenues do not exceed the sum of regulated capital and operational expenses for a COLR.

The ORS excluded certain expenditures that may not be directly related to SCUSF intended purposes — for example, expenditures for land, buildings, support assets, finance leases, materials and supplies, intangibles, information origination/termination equipment, and depreciation were excluded. The sum of regulated capital expenditures (posted to Plant in Service) and operational expenses (as adjusted for excluded expenditures) was compared to SCUSF revenues.

Based on the information provided for each of the years reviewed — 2018, 2019, and 2020 — the ORS found that SCUSF revenues received did not exceed the sum of capital expenditures and operational expenditures. In summary, the COLRs reported capital expenditures and operating expenses (as adjusted by the ORS) associated with providing voice operations in South Carolina exceeded SCUSF support. In all but one case, the ORS noted that capital expenditures and operating expenses associated with providing voice operations in South Carolina exceeded the sum of both federal and state universal service funding.

An examination of the documents provided to the ORS from the COLRs reflects that the amount of federal Universal Service Fund support increased in 2020 over 2018 and 2019.

The scope of ORS' review did not include non-regulated services revenue such as broadband (internet) or cable services revenues.

ORS Review of SCUSF

To prepare for the examination and review, the ORS requested (ORS Request) each COLR provide and explain the Company's policies and procedures that determine how the COLR records any and all capital investments or expenditures used in telecommunications network expansion, upgrades, improvements/replacements, and operation and maintenance of those investments in South Carolina funded by

or related to the receipt of SCUSF.⁵ Each COLR provided the ORS with records of operations and regulated revenues, capital expenditures, and operating expenses.

Response of the South Carolina Telephone Coalition

The South Carolina Telephone Coalition (SCTC), an informal coalition of twenty-one (21) rural telephone companies, provided the following general response to the ORS Request.

- SCUSF funds are used to install, maintain, and operate the COLRs local exchange network, i.e., to fund capital investments and expenditures used in telecom network expansion, to make upgrades to the existing facilities, and for ongoing operations and maintenance of the network.
- SCUSF supports the entire network and the COLRs do not arbitrarily assign investments and costs that are funded through SCUSF.
- COLRs record expenses in accordance with the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners Universal System of Accounts for Telecommunications Carriers (USOA) and are subject to FCC accounting rules to ensure separation of regulated and non-regulated expenses.
- Capital expenditures can be cyclical in nature, particularly for small COLRs. A COLR may undertake a large capital project in one year (and recoup that investment over many years) and incur relatively small amounts for capital expenditures in subsequent years. In addition to capital expenditures, the COLRs provided to the ORS total plant under construction, which reflects capital expenditures.

To ensure the consistent reporting of information over time, as well as consistency of reporting by the companies, the COLRs worked with John Staurulakis, Inc. to provide the same regulated operating expense, regulated operating revenue, and capital

⁵ SOUTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF'S FIRST AND CONTINUING REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF BOOKS, RECORDS AND OTHER INFORMATION IN FURTHERANCE OF ITS EXAMINATION OF THE STATUS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND, dated June 7, 2021.

expenditure information for the calendar-year periods ending December 31, 2018, 2019, and 2020 that was provided to the ORS in 2018 for the calendar year ending December 31, 2017. John Staurulakis certified the data provided as follows:

"I hereby certify that the Operating Expense and Operating Revenue information for the South Carolina Telephone Coalition Companies that were required to complete Toll Cost Studies for the National Exchange Carrier Association ("NECA") for calendar year 2018, 2019, and 2020 as reflected on the confidential spreadsheet titled "SCTC Companies USF PURC Report Information Per JSI " and attached hereto as part of this Affidavit, is the same information that was included by each such company individually in the information it filed on a certified basis with NECA for calendar years that are referenced in the spreadsheet. Data for the Average Schedule companies as well as those companies that are no longer required to complete annual costs studies with NECA comes directly from their audited financial statements, as these companies are not required to file financial data with NECA."

Response of Other COLRs

Frontier Communications of the Carolinas LLC provided the following general responses to the ORS Request:

- Frontier records capital investments or expenditures used in telecommunications network expansion, upgrades, improvements /replacements, and operation and maintenance of network according to USOA guidelines.
- Frontier used the SCUSF funds to install and maintain the local exchange network. The costs include, among other things, wages for technicians and engineers who design, build, maintain, and repair the network; materials to maintain and repair facilities; supplies to operate, maintain, and repair vehicles used by employees for transportation to and from work sites. Costs also include the wages for call center employees who respond to customer requests for new service, changes to existing service, and repairs.
- SCUSF funds may also be used to help pay for the cost to extend Frontier's network into new neighborhoods, replacing network equipment, and moving network facilities to accommodate state and local road construction projects.

- Because SCUSF funds are not intended for only some limited number of explicit investments and/or network operating costs, and because Frontier's intrastate cost to provide telephone service significantly exceeds the combined revenue from both tariffed rates billed to customers and payments from the SCUSF, Frontier does not attempt to make an arbitrary assignment of investments and costs that are funded by the SCUSF.
- As reflected in Frontier's past annual reports filed with the Commission, for at least the past five years Frontier's intrastate Net Operating Income has been a multi-million-dollar loss. In some years, even including net income from non-regulated activities was insufficient to generate a positive total net income for Frontier, and in all cases, Frontier's total net income would have been negative without SCUSF.

Windstream South Carolina, LLC and United Telephone Company of the Carolinas provided narratives describing the capitalization policies only. Both companies provided capital expenditure and operational expense data for use in the ORS analysis.

The ORS concluded that COLRs do not directly link expenditures for capital assets or operating expenses to support voice services to the revenues received from the SCUSF. The perspective of the COLRs can generally be summarized as the following: SCUSF is used by COLRs to support the entire network through capital investments, facility upgrades, and to support ongoing operations and maintenance requirements.

Recommendations

The COVID-19 pandemic caused an increase in demand for internet services,⁶ but demand for traditional voice services is declining as shown by the Local Competition Report completed annually in May. The funds available through the SCUSF support the capital and operating expenses necessary to support both voice and broadband services. It is important to note that as COLRs, the telecommunications companies are required to provide service upon reasonable request.

⁶ [https://www.fcc.gov/reports-research/reports/measuring-broadband-america/measuring-fixed-broadband-eleventh-report#:~:text=The%20Eleventh%20Measuring%20Broadband%20America,Broadband%20America%20\(MBA\)%20program.](https://www.fcc.gov/reports-research/reports/measuring-broadband-america/measuring-fixed-broadband-eleventh-report#:~:text=The%20Eleventh%20Measuring%20Broadband%20America,Broadband%20America%20(MBA)%20program.)

To determine whether the current funding level of the SCUSF is sufficient and at the appropriate level of distributions, the ORS recommends that an analysis of all revenues and expenses for each COLR be conducted. With this information, the ORS could make an assessment as to the sufficiency of SCUSF and the appropriate level of distributions to the COLRs.

The ORS recommends the PSC have the authority to suspend or reduce the level of SCUSF support if a COLR fails to meet its obligations to provide basic voice communication services, including 911 service.

Conclusion

In 1996, the year that the federal Telecommunications Act was enacted, rural telecommunications networks carried mostly telephone (voice) traffic. Today, modernized rural telecommunications networks carry broadband services, cable TV and video services, and traffic for other communications vendors (e.g., wireless). Therefore, facilities needed to provide modern communications services are deeply entwined with those facilities needed to provide traditional voice services. The ORS determined the revenue and cost information provided by the 24 COLRs is consistent with the past Commission orders, rules, and regulations and does not violate the provisions of Title 58, Chapter 9. In addition, when the General Assembly required the establishment of an SCUSF to ensure “universally available basic local exchange telephone service at affordable rates and to assist with the alignment of prices and/or cost recovery with costs,” it also required that the Fund be “consistent with applicable federal policies.”⁷

⁷ 1996 S.C. Acts No. 354, effective May 29, 1996, codified in S.C. Code Ann. 58-9-280(E) (Supp. 2008)

APPENDIX A



TELECOMMUNICATIONS REGULATORY FEES
& ASSESSMENTS

UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUNDS

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The Telecom Regulatory Fees and Assessments covers Universal Service Fund surcharges and other similar assessments such as Telecommunications Relay and 911 related surcharges for all 50 states and the FCC. For purposes of this Report, only the Universal Service Funds are included. Where a state does not have a Universal Service Fund, it is so noted.

The relevant information is categorized to help you quickly located the information you need. Categories include, but are not limited to: Current Rate, Billing Requirements, Remittance Requirements, and Administrative Fee.

The information included has also been tagged to reflect applicability to specific carrier types, including CLECs, IXCs, OSPs, PSPs (payphone service providers), CMRS (Commercial Mobile Radio Service aka Wireless), PPW (prepaid wireless), VoIP, and ILEC.

Any additional questions on the information contained in this report may be directed to Ann-Marie Kemp, Director of Solutions at akemp@inteserra.com.

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Alabama

Universal Service Fund

Other

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, There is no requirement to contribute to a state USF.

PPW, VoIP

Alaska

Universal Service Fund

Current Rate

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP 01/01/2021 - current: 10% of intrastate telecommunications end-user revenues
File No. TA34-998, Letter Order No. L2000398, dated 11/5/2020

Maximum Rate

IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP, CLEC The universal service surcharge factor is capped at and may not exceed 10 percent.
Alaska Admin. Code tit. 3, §53.340(d)

Historical Rate(s)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PPW, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP

Dates	% Intrastate Telecommunications End-User Revenues
Prior to 2020	Available upon request.
01/01/2020 - 12/31/2020	10.0%

Surcharge Recovery

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, ILEC

Each regulated public utility that intends to pass the universal service fund surcharge to end users shall file a tariff revision concurring in the Alaska Universal Services Administrative Company universal service fund surcharge.

Matter No. R-97-6; Order No. 8, 12/30/98

CMRS, PPW

Not addressed.

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

Wholesale Exemption

Wholesale transactions between carriers, including access charges, interconnection charges, and billing and collection charges are exempt from the AUSF surcharge because they are not end-user revenues.

AUSF Monthly Carrier Remittance Worksheet Instructions (2/2014)

VoIP

VoIP Methodology

VoIP providers are to use the same methodology to determine the revenues subject to the state USF assessment that they use to determine the appropriate jurisdictional split of revenues for federal USF contribution purposes (i.e., safe harbor rule calculation, the development of a traffic study, or the actual revenue allocations between interstate and intrastate calls).

Matter No. R-15-007; Order No. 3, dated 11/30/16

Tariff Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, ILEC

Each regulated public utility that intends to pass the universal service fund surcharge to end users shall file a tariff revision concurring in the Alaska Universal Services Administrative Company universal service fund surcharge.

Matter No. R-97-6; Order No. 8, 12/30/98

Billing Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP The surcharge will be set forth on bills to end users as a separate line item labeled the "Alaska Universal Service Fund Surcharge."

Matter No. R-97-6; Order No. 8, 12/30/98

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, ILEC The surcharge that regulated companies shall be permitted to include in rates should be at the same percentage as the surcharge submitted by the AUSAC and approved by the Commission.

Matter No. R-97-6; Order No. 8, 12/30/98

Remittance Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP A public utility subject to the universal service surcharge under this section shall remit its monthly universal service surcharge payment to the administrator of the AUSF within 15 days after the end of each calendar month.

Alaska Admin. Code tit. 3, §53.340(e)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP **Exemption**

If a public utility's payments to the AUSF in a calendar year would be less than \$100, that public utility is not required to submit a payment or the AUSF Worksheets for that calendar year, unless the public utility has received universal service support from the AUSF in that calendar year.

Alaska Admin. Code tit. 3, §53.340(c)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP **Exemption**

If payments are less than \$100 per year, send a letter to AUSAC to inform them that payments would be less than \$100 and therefore the company will not be filing reports.

Staff

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP A public utility that provides intrastate telecommunications service to the public, or to those classes of users as to be effectively available to the public for a fee, shall pay a universal service surcharge to the AUSF. The public utility must pay the surcharge on its annual gross revenues that are generated from end users.

Alaska Admin. Code tit. 3, §53.340(a)

Administrative Recovery

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP Not addressed.

Other

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP **Record Retention**

Contributors to the AUSF shall maintain records and documentation to justify information reported in the Monthly Carrier Remittance Worksheet Instructions including the methodology used to determine projections, for five (5) years and shall provide such records and documentation to the Commission or AUSAC upon request.

AUSAC Monthly Remittance Worksheet Instructions TA 17-998 eff. 2-28-2014; U-07-162, Order 2, dated 02/26/2008

Arizona

Universal Service Fund

Current Rate

VoIP

Arizona expects carriers under its jurisdiction to remit intrastate universal service assessments with respect to revenues, access lines and interconnected trunks associated with **non-nomadic** interconnected VoIP services provided in Arizona. Because the ACC has not conducted a proceeding to ensure that it does not assess intrastate universal service assessments with respect to revenues associated with nomadic interconnected VoIP services provided in another state, the AUSF surcharges do not apply at this time. See “In the Matter of Universal Service Contribution Methodology, et al., Declaratory Ruling,” WC Docket No. 06-122 (FCC 10-185) at para. 11 (November 5, 2010).

[Solix Instructions to 2017 Remittance Worksheet](#)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

Year	Category 1		Category 2	Decision No.
	Wireline, Per Line	Wireless, Per Trunk	% of intrastate toll revenue	
2022-current	\$0.020167	\$0.201670	0.341182%	78358

Dkt No. RT-00000H-97-0137

Historical Rate(s)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

Year	Category 1		Category 2	Decision No.
	Wireline, Per Line	Wireless, Per Trunk	% of intrastate toll revenue	
Prior to 2020	Available	upon	Request	
2020	\$0.018364	\$0.183638	0.292110%	77504
2021	\$0.020559	\$0.205585	0.350715%	77836

Dkt No. RT-00000H-97-0137

Surcharge Recovery

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

The AUSF shall be funded equally by toll and local customers of the providers of telecommunications services.

Ariz. Admin. Code §R14-2-A1204(B)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

Any provider of telecommunications service may file either an AUSF tariff or price list, if appropriate, establishing a flowthrough mechanism to collect the surcharge approved by the Commission and calculated by the Administrator.

Ariz. Admin. Code §R14-2-A1206(A)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

Exemption

Recipients of lifeline or other low-income support shall be exempt from paying a Category 1 surcharge.

Ariz. Admin. Code §R14-2-A1205(E)

CLEC, CMRS, ILEC, PPW

Category 1 means providers of basic local exchange service, wireless service, paging service and other CMRS providers that interconnect with the public switched network are considered Category One providers.

Dkt No. RT-00000H-97-0137, Decision 72727

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

Category 2 means providers of intrastate toll service are known as Category Two providers.

Dkt No. RT-00000H-97-0137, Decision 72727

Billing Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

Surcharge must be a separate line item on the customer's bill and clearly identified as the Arizona Universal Service Fund.

Staff

Remittance Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

Category 1

On or before the 20th day of each month, each Category 1 service provider responsible for collecting AUSF surcharges shall remit to the Administrator the AUSF surcharge, including any surcharge on wireless providers, collected by that provider during the preceding month.

Ariz. Admin. Code §R14-2-A1206(B)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

Category 2

On or before the 20th day of each month, each Category 2 service provider responsible for collecting AUSF surcharges shall remit to the Administrator the AUSF surcharge collected by that provider during the third preceding month.

Ariz. Admin. Code §R14-2-A1206(C)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

A telecommunications provider that provides both Category 1 and Category 2 services shall be assessed both AUSF charges.

Dkt No. RT-00000H-97-0137, Decision 72727

Administrative Recovery

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

Not addressed.

Tariff Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, ILEC

Any provider of telecommunications service may file either an AUSF tariff or price list, if appropriate, establishing a flowthrough mechanism to collect the surcharge approved by the Commission and calculated by the Administrator.

Ariz. Admin. Code §R14-2-A1206(A)

Arkansas

High Cost Fund

Current Rate

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP 01/01/2021 - current: 11.25% of intrastate retail revenue
Fund Administrator Letter, dated 10/1/2019

Historical Rate(s)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

Dates	% Intrastate Retail Revenues
Prior to 2015	Available upon request.
07/01/2015 - 03/31/2016	5.50%
04/01/2016 - 12/31/2017	6.00%
01/01/2018 - 08/31/2018	6.50%
09/01/2018 - 05/31/2019	7.25%
06/01/2019 - 11/29/2019	8.25%
11/30/2019 - 12/31/2020	11.25%

Surcharge Recovery

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

A telecommunications provider may recover the amount of its contribution to the AHCF from its intrastate retail telecommunications service customers.

AHCF Rule §4.04.A

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

In the event a telecommunications provider elects to explicitly state the AHCF contributions as a surcharge on each customer's bill, such information may be provided to the Secretary of the Arkansas Public Service Commission. The Secretary shall open an administrative docket solely for the receipt of notification of such a surcharge. If a telecommunications provider files such information, it shall also provide the supporting documentation for calculating the amount of the line item reflecting the AHCF contribution.

AHCF Rule §4.04.B

CMRS, PPW

For the purpose of assessing mobile telecommunications services, the AHCF administrator shall continue to assess only Arkansas intrastate retail telecommunications service revenues and only to the extent such revenues may be considered located in the State of Arkansas in accordance with the Mobile Telecommunications Sourcing Act, Pub. L. No. 106-252.

Ark. Code Ann. §23-17-404(b)(2)(C)

VoIP

For purposes of assessing interconnected VoIP service, to the extent permitted by federal law the funding from each contributing carrier shall be based on: (i) The total retail-billed Arkansas intrastate interconnected VoIP service revenues; or (ii) The Federal Communications Commission's decision In the Matter of Universal Service Contribution Methodology, FCC 10-185, released November 5, 2010, or another assessment methodology as required by federal law.

Ark. Code Ann. §23-17-404(b)(2)(D)

CMRS

Exception

Telecommunications providers include wireless telecommunications carriers but not providers of radio paging services.

Carrier Revenue Report & Self Invoice Instructions; §B

Billing Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, Not addressed.

PPW, VoIP

Remittance Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, Each contributor shall pay its contribution directly to the Administrator [Arkansas Rural Strategies] on a monthly basis, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

PPW, VoIP

AHCF Rule §4.03.B

Administrative Recovery

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, Not addressed.

PPW, VoIP

Tariff Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, ILEC Not addressed.

Other

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, **Tax Status**

PPW, VoIP

The AHCF charge is not a tax and is not affected by state laws governing taxation.

Ark. Code Ann. §23-17-404(b)(2)(B)

California

High Cost Fund A (CHCF-A)

Current Rate

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, 12/01/20 - current: 0.70% of end-user intrastate telecommunications service revenues
VoIP **Resolution T-17705, dated 10/27/20**

Historical Rate(s)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW,
VoIP

Dates*	% of End-User Intrastate Telecommunications Services Revenue	Resolution*
01/01/08 - 04/30/10	0.13%	T-17128
05/01/10 - 11/30/10	0.11%	T-17259
12/01/10 - 06/30/12	0.00%	T-17299
07/01/12 - 09/30/13	0.40%	T-17357
10/01/13 - 12/31/14	0.18%	T-17398
01/01/15 - 11/30/20	0.35%	T-17453

* Resolutions are issued each funding year. Only Resolutions that changed the surcharge amount are represented.

CPUC Mandated Telecommunications End-User Surcharges and Fees

Surcharge Recovery

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP, PPW All telecommunications carriers and interconnected VoIP service providers shall revise the California High Cost Fund-A surcharge rate assessed on revenues collected from end users for intrastate telecommunications services.

Resolution T-17453

VoIP

VoIP Methodology

The methodology chosen pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be consistent with the revenue allocation methodology the provider uses to determine its federal universal service contribution obligations

PUC §285(e)(2)

VoIP

The commission shall require interconnected VoIP service providers to collect and remit surcharges on their California intrastate revenues in support of the California High-Cost Fund-A Administrative Committee Fund under Section 275.

PUC §285(c)(1)

VoIP

Place of Primary Use means the street address where the end-use customer's use of interconnected VoIP service primarily occurs, or a reasonable proxy as determined by the interconnected VoIP service provider, such as the customer's registered location for 911 purposes.

PUC §285(d)

VoIP

The surcharge may only be imposed on end-use customers for interconnected VoIP service provided to an end-use customer's place of primary use that is located within

California.

PUC §285(d)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP, Exceptions

PPW Carriers must assess the surcharges on all of their revenues for intrastate telecommunications services except for the following: 1. California LifeLine service revenue; 2. Charges to other certificated carriers for services that are to be resold; 3. Coin sent paid telephone calls (coin in box) and debit card calls; 4. Customer-specific contracts effective before 9/15/94; 5. Usage charges for coin-operated pay telephones; 6. Directory advertising; and 7. One-way radio paging.

CPUC Telephone Surcharge Reporting & Payment Filing (Rev. July 11, 2012)

VoIP

VoIP Methodology

For the purposes of determining what revenues are subject to a surcharge imposed pursuant to this section, an interconnected VoIP service provider may use any of the following methodologies to identify intrastate revenues: (A) The inverse of the interstate safe harbor percentage established by the Federal Communications Commission for interconnected VoIP service for federal universal service contribution purposes, as these percentages may be revised from time to time. (B) A traffic study specific to the interconnected VoIP service provider allocating revenues between the federal and state jurisdictions. (C) Another means of accurately apportioning interconnected VoIP service between federal and state jurisdictions.

PUC §285(e)(1)

Billing Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP, PPW The surcharge may be shown side by side with the CHCF-B surcharge as a single line item on a customer's bill, or as a separate line item.

D.96-10-066, dated 10/25/96; Ordering paragraphs 8(g & i)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP, PPW The line item must be described as "High Cost Fund A".

Staff

Remittance Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP, Exemption

PPW **(de minimis rule)** In the event that the total intrastate service revenues subject to surcharge exceed \$60,000 for carriers reporting under the de minimis rule, carriers must advise the CPUC and file monthly. It is up to the carrier to be aware that their reporting has changed and to notify the Commission of this change from semi-annually to monthly.

CPUC Telephone Surcharge Reporting & Payment Filing (Rev. July 11, 2012)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP, Exemption

PPW **(de minimis rule)** The de minimis rule permits a carrier to, after meeting certain conditions, report and remit all surcharges semi-annually. The de minimis rule applies to carriers whose average intrastate service revenues subject to surcharge are equal to or less than \$10,000 a month.

CPUC Telephone Surcharge Reporting & Payment Filing (Rev. July 11, 2012)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP, All certificated carriers and VoIP providers offering telephone service to the public must report and remit surcharges on a monthly basis, except for those that bill a de minimis amount of surcharges (the de minimis rule).

CPUC Telephone Surcharge Reporting & Payment Filing (Rev. July 11, 2012)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP, Surcharge monies must be reported and remitted, no later than 40 days, following the close of the reporting period.

CPUC Telephone Surcharge Reporting & Payment Filing (Rev. July 11, 2012)

Administrative Recovery

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP, Not addressed.

PPW

Tariff Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, ILEC

Tariffed Carriers Only

Carriers may tariff Public Programs surcharge rates through a generic reference to AT&T tariffs for the list of Public Program surcharge rates. The following language or equivalent should be used in the tariff to replace the existing carrier tariff reference(s): Pursuant to Resolution T-16901, all telecommunications carriers are required to apply CPUC mandated Public Program surcharge rates (excluding a. Universal Lifeline Telephone Service (ULTS) billings; b. charges to other certificated carriers for services that are to be resold; c. coin sent paid telephone calls(coin in box) and debit card calls; d. customer-specific contracts effective before 9/15/94; e. usage charges for coin-operated pay telephones; f. directory advertising; and g. one-way radio paging) and the CPUC Reimbursement Fee rate (excluding a. directory advertising and sales; b. terminal equipment sales; c. inter-utility sales) to intrastate services. For a list of the Public Program surcharges and Reimbursement Fee, and the amounts, please refer to the Pacific Bell (d.b.a. SBC California) tariffs.

Resolution T-16901; Ordering Paragraph #2

High Cost Fund B (CHCF-B)

Current Rate

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP, 02/01/14 - current: 0.00% of end-user charges rendered for intrastate telecommunications services

PPW

Resolution T-17417, dated December 10, 2013

Historical Rate(s)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

Dates*	% of End-user Billed Intrastate Telecommunications Services	Resolution*
01/01/08 - 11/30/09	0.25%	D.07-12-054 R.06-06-028
12/01/09 - 04/30/11	0.45%	T-17215
05/01/11 - 01/31/14	0.30%	T-17311

* Resolutions are issued each funding year. Only Resolutions that changed the surcharge amount are represented.

CPUC Mandated Telecommunications End-User Surcharges and Fees

Surcharge Recovery

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW All certificated telecommunications carriers shall revise the California High Cost Fund - B surcharge on their respective end-user charges billed for intrastate telecommunications services.

Resolution T-17417

VoIP

VoIP Methodology

The methodology chosen pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be consistent with the revenue allocation methodology the provider uses to determine its federal universal service contribution obligations

PUC §285(e)(2)

VoIP

The commission shall require interconnected VoIP service providers to collect and remit surcharges on their California intrastate revenues in support of the California High-Cost Fund-B Administrative Committee Fund under Section 276.

PUC §285(c)(2)

VoIP

Place of Primary Use means the street address where the end-use customer's use of interconnected VoIP service primarily occurs, or a reasonable proxy as determined by the interconnected VoIP service provider, such as the customer's registered location for 911 purposes.

PUC §285(d)

VoIP

The surcharge may only be imposed on end-use customers for interconnected VoIP service provided to an end-use customer's place of primary use that is located within California.

PUC §285(d)

VoIP

VoIP Methodology

For the purposes of determining what revenues are subject to a surcharge imposed pursuant to this section, an interconnected VoIP service provider may use any of the following methodologies to identify intrastate revenues: (A) The inverse of the interstate safe harbor percentage established by the Federal Communications Commission for interconnected VoIP service for federal universal service contribution purposes, as these percentages may be revised from time to time. (B) A traffic study specific to the interconnected VoIP service provider allocating revenues between the federal and state jurisdictions. (C) Another means of accurately apportioning interconnected VoIP service between federal and state jurisdictions.

PUC §285(e)(1)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP, PPW **Exceptions**

Carriers must assess the surcharges on all of their revenues for intrastate telecommunications services except for the following: 1. California LifeLine service revenue; 2. Charges to other certificated carriers for services that are to be resold; 3. Coin sent paid telephone calls (coin in box) and debit card calls; 4. Customer-specific

contracts effective before 9/15/94; 5. Usage charges for coin-operated pay telephones; 6. Directory advertising; and 7. One-way radio paging.

CPUC Telephone Surcharge Reporting & Payment Filing (Rev. July 11, 2012)

Billing Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP, The line item must be described as "High Cost Fund B."

PPW **Staff**

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP, The surcharge may be shown side by side with the CHCF-A surcharge as a single line item on a customer's bill, or as a separate line item.

D.96-10-066, dated 10/25/96; Ordering paragraphs 8(g & i)

Remittance Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP, **Exemption**

PPW **(de minimis rule)** In the event that the total intrastate service revenues subject to surcharge exceed \$60,000 for carriers reporting under the de minimis rule, carriers must advise the CPUC and file monthly. It is up to the carrier to be aware that their reporting has changed and to notify the Commission of this change from semi-annually to monthly.

CPUC Telephone Surcharge Reporting & Payment Filing (Rev. July 11, 2012)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP, **Exemption**

PPW **(de minimis rule)** The de minimis rule permits a carrier to, after meeting certain conditions, report and remit all surcharges semi-annually. The de minimis rule applies to carriers whose average intrastate service revenues subject to surcharge are equal to or less than \$10,000 a month.

CPUC Telephone Surcharge Reporting & Payment Filing (Rev. July 11, 2012)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP, All certificated carriers and VoIP providers offering telephone service to the public must report and remit surcharges on a monthly basis, except for those that bill a de minimis amount of surcharges (the de minimis rule).

CPUC Telephone Surcharge Reporting & Payment Filing (Rev. July 11, 2012)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP, Surcharge monies must be reported and remitted, no later than 40 days, following the close of the reporting period.

CPUC Telephone Surcharge Reporting & Payment Filing (Rev. July 11, 2012)

Administrative Recovery

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP, Not addressed.

PPW

Tariff Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, ILEC, VoIP

Tariffed Carriers Only

Carriers may tariff Public Programs surcharge rates through a generic reference to AT&T tariffs for the list of Public Program surcharge rates. The following language or equivalent should be used in the tariff to replace the existing carrier tariff reference(s): Pursuant to Resolution T-16901, all telecommunications carriers are required to apply CPUC mandated Public Program surcharge rates (excluding a. Universal Lifeline Telephone Service (ULTS) billings; b. charges to other certificated carriers for services that are to be resold; c. coin sent paid telephone calls(coin in box)

and debit card calls; d. customer-specific contracts effective before 9/15/94; e. usage charges for coin-operated pay telephones; f. directory advertising; and g. one-way radio paging) and the CPUC Reimbursement Fee rate (excluding a. directory advertising and sales; b. terminal equipment sales; c. inter-utility sales) to intrastate services. For a list of the Public Program surcharges and Reimbursement Fee, and the amounts, please refer to the Pacific Bell (d.b.a. SBC California) tariffs.

Resolution T-16901; Ordering Paragraph #2

California Advanced Service Fund (CASF)

Current Rate

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, 12/01/20 - current: 1.019% of end-user intrastate telecommunications services revenue

Resolution T-17709, dated 10/23/20

Historical Rate(s)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

Dates*	% of End-User Intrastate Telecommunications Services Revenue	Resolution*
01/01/08 - 12/31/09	0.25%	D.07-12-054 R.06-06-028
01/01/10 - 10/31/11	0.00%	T-17248
11/01/11 - 03/31/13	0.14%	T-17343
04/01/13 - 03/31/14	0.164%	T-17386
04/01/14 - 11/30/16	0.464%	T-17434
12/01/16 - 02/28/18	0.000%	T-17536
03/01/18 - 11/30/20	0.56%	T-17593

* Resolutions are issued each funding year. Only Resolutions that changed the surcharge amount are represented.

CPUC Mandated Telecommunications End-User Surcharges and Fees

Surcharge Recovery

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP, PPW, All certificated telephone corporations and interconnected VoIP service providers must apply the CASF surcharge rate on revenues collected from end-users for intrastate telecommunications services.

Resolution T- 17434

VoIP

VoIP Methodology

The methodology chosen pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be consistent with the revenue allocation methodology the provider uses to determine its federal universal service contribution obligations.

Cal. Pub Util Code §285(e)(2)

VoIP

VoIP Methodology

For the purposes of determining what revenues are subject to a surcharge imposed pursuant to this section, an interconnected VoIP service provider may use any of the following methodologies to identify intrastate revenues: (A) The inverse of the interstate safe harbor percentage established by the Federal Communications

Commission for interconnected VoIP service for federal universal service contribution purposes, as these percentages may be revised from time to time. (B) A traffic study specific to the interconnected VoIP service provider allocating revenues between the federal and state jurisdictions. (C) Another means of accurately apportioning interconnected VoIP service between federal and state jurisdictions.

Cal. Pub Util Code §285(e)(1)

VoIP **Place of Primary Use** means the street address where the end-use customer's use of interconnected VoIP service primarily occurs, or a reasonable proxy as determined by the interconnected VoIP service provider, such as the customer's registered location for 911 purposes.

Cal. Pub Util Code §285(d)

VoIP The commission shall require interconnected VoIP service providers to collect and remit surcharges on their California intrastate revenues in support of the California Advanced Services Fund under Section 281.

Cal. Pub Util Code §285(c)(6)

VoIP The surcharge may only be imposed on end-use customers for interconnected VoIP service provided to an end-use customer's place of primary use that is located within California.

Cal. Pub Util Code §285(d)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP, PPW **Exceptions**

Carriers must assess the surcharges on all of their revenues for intrastate telecommunications services except for the following: 1. California LifeLine service revenue; 2. Charges to other certificated carriers for services that are to be resold; 3. Coin sent paid telephone calls (coin in box) and debit card calls; 4. Customer-specific contracts effective before 9/15/94; 5. Usage charges for coin-operated pay telephones; 6. Directory advertising; and 7. One-way radio paging.

CPUC Telephone Surcharge Reporting & Payment Filing (Rev. July 11, 2012)

Billing Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP, PPW Carriers must show the CASF surcharge as a separate line item on the customer's bill.

D.07-12-054, R.06-06-028 and Staff

Remittance Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP, PPW Carriers must submit CASF surcharge fees collected to the Commission using the Commission's Telecommunications User Fee Filing System (TUFFS).

Resolution T-17434

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP, PPW Surcharge monies must be reported and remitted, no later than 40 days, following the close of the reporting period.

CPUC Telephone Surcharge Reporting & Payment Filing (Rev. July 11, 2012)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP, PPW **Exemption**

(de minimis rule) The de minimis rule permits a carrier to, after meeting certain conditions, report and remit all surcharges semi-annually. The de minimis rule applies to carriers whose average intrastate service revenues subject to surcharge are equal to

or less than \$10,000 a month.

CPUC Telephone Surcharge Reporting & Payment Filing (Rev. July 11, 2012)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP, PPW All certificated carriers and VoIP providers offering telephone service to the public must report and remit surcharges on a monthly basis, except for those that bill a de

minimis amount of surcharges (the de minimis rule).

CPUC Telephone Surcharge Reporting & Payment Filing (Rev. July 11, 2012)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP, PPW **Exemption**

(de minimis rule) In the event that the total intrastate service revenues subject to surcharge exceed \$60,000 for carriers reporting under the de minimis rule, carriers must advise the CPUC and file monthly. It is up to the carrier to be aware that their reporting has changed and to notify the Commission of this change from semi-annually to monthly.

CPUC Telephone Surcharge Reporting & Payment Filing (Rev. July 11, 2012)

Administrative Recovery

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP, PPW Not addressed.

Tariff Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, ILEC

Tariffed Carriers Only

Carriers may tariff Public Programs surcharge rates through a generic reference to AT&T tariffs for the list of Public Program surcharge rates. The following language or equivalent should be used in the tariff to replace the existing carrier tariff reference(s): Pursuant to Resolution T-16901, all telecommunications carriers are required to apply CPUC mandated Public Program surcharge rates (excluding a. Universal Lifeline Telephone Service (ULTS) billings; b. charges to other certificated carriers for services that are to be resold; c. coin sent paid telephone calls(coin in box) and debit card calls; d. customer-specific contracts effective before 9/15/94; e. usage charges for coin-operated pay telephones; f. directory advertising; and g. one-way radio paging) and the CPUC Reimbursement Fee rate (excluding a. directory advertising and sales; b. terminal equipment sales; c. inter-utility sales) to intrastate services. For a list of the Public Program surcharges and Reimbursement Fee, and the amounts, please refer to the Pacific Bell (d.b.a. SBC California) tariffs.

Resolution T-16901; Ordering Paragraph #2

Colorado

High Cost Support Mechanism

Current Rate

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW 04/01/2013 - Current: 2.6% of intrastate retail revenues
Docket No. 98M-236T, Decision No. C21-0751

Historical Rate(s)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW

Year	% of Intrastate Retail Revenue	Docket No. 98M-236T Decision Nos.
10/01/05 - 09/30/06	2.9%	C05-0974
10/01/06 - 03/31/07	1.6%	C06-0987
04/01/07 - 06/30/08	2.7%	C07-0089
07/01/08 - 06/30/11	2.2%	C08-0535
07/01/11 - 03/31/13	2.9%	C11-1244

Surcharge Recovery

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW

The high cost support mechanism shall be supported through neutral assessment on all telecommunications providers in Colorado.

4 Colo. Code Regs. §723-2-2845(a)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW

For those providers opting to apply the rate element to their end user customers, the location of the telecommunication service delivery shall be used to determine whether the HCSM rate element applies where an end user service location receiving the bill and an end user service location receiving the service differ.

4 Colo. Code Regs. §723-2-2845(c)

Billing Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW

Providers may, at their option, apply the rate element to the retail revenues of each provider's end users as a line item on the monthly bill.

4 Colo. Code Regs. §723-2-2845(c)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW

For those telecommunications service providers opting to apply the rate element to their end user customers, in the first billing cycle of the third quarter of each calendar year, each provider that is collecting the rate element (also known as the "Colorado Universal Service Charge") from its end users shall provide to each of its customers, by message directly printed on the bill, by bill insert, or by separate first-class mail, or any combination of these alternatives, the continuing customer education material as may be ordered by the Commission.

4 Colo. Code Regs. §723-2-2845(e)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW

No specific bill label is provided. However, Staff observes that it is commonly referred to as the "Colorado Universal Service Charge" or an acceptable abbreviation thereof.

Staff

Remittance Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, **Exemption**
PPW

Revenues associated with the sale of cable services, other than video conferencing, shall not be considered when determining a provider's assessment.

4 Colo. Code Regs. §723-2-2845(a)(I)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, The HCSM contributions shall be remitted as directed by the Administrator no more than 30 days after the end of each quarter.

4 Colo. Code Regs. §723-2-2845(d)(II)

Administrative Recovery

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, Not addressed.
PPW

Tariff Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, ILEC

A provider's tariff must include a description of the Colorado High Cost Support Mechanism (CHCSM) surcharge.

4 Colo. Code Regs. §723-2-2122(b)(VI)

Other

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC,
PPW

Each provider shall provide to the Administrator a verified accounting of its gross retail revenues, and such other revenues, and uncollectibles as the Administrator shall request for purposes of determining contributions and disbursements under these rules.

4 Colo. Code Regs. §723-2-2845(b)(I)

Connecticut

Universal Service Fund

Other

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP To date, the Department has not established a state USF. The department may, if necessary, establish a universal service program, funded by all telecommunications companies or users in the state on an equitable basis, as determined by the department, to ensure the universal availability of affordable, high quality basic telecommunications services to all residents and businesses throughout the state regardless of location. Any funds contributed to a universal service program shall be used to support the availability of basic telecommunications services provided by any telecommunications company in a manner to be determined by the department.

Conn. Gen. Stat. §16-247e(b)

Delaware

Universal Service Fund

Other

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, There is no state Universal Service Fund at this time.

PPW, VoIP

District of Columbia

Universal Service Fund

Current Rate

CLEC, ILEC, VoIP

01/01/21 - current: 0.2678% or 0.002678 of reported and estimated intrastate retail revenue in DC

Formal Case No. 988, Order No. 21072, dated 12/8/2021

Historical Rate(s)

CLEC, ILEC, VoIP

Dates	% of Local Revenue
Prior to 2020	Available upon request.
01/01/20-12/31/20	0.0656%
01/01/21-12/31/21	0.2678%

Surcharge Recovery

CLEC, ILEC

A local exchange carrier may recover no more than the amount of its contributions to the DC USTF from its non-Lifeline retail customers.

D.C. Mun. Regs. tit. 15, §2815.1

CLEC, ILEC, VoIP

The amount of contribution required from each local exchange carrier and VoIP service provider shall be based on the total revenues of the local exchange carrier and VoIP service provider for local telecommunications service or telecommunications service derived from end users in the District of Columbia as a percentage of all the local exchange carrier's or VoIP service provider's total retail revenues for local telecommunications or telecommunications services derived from end users in the District of Columbia for the previous twelve (12)-month period ending December 31.

D.C. Mun. Regs. tit. 15, §2814.1

VoIP

For VoIP providers, local telecommunications services revenue shall be based on actual local telecommunications services revenue based on a customer's primary place of use, a traffic study used to allocate revenues by jurisdiction, or the inverse of the FCC's Federal Universal Service Fund's safe harbor mechanism used to determine interstate and intrastate revenue. For nomadic VoIP providers, a customer's registered E911 location may serve as a proxy for the customer's primary place of use. Each VoIP provider shall identify whether its reported revenue is based on actual local telecommunications services revenue, a traffic study, or the FCC safe harbor mechanism.

D.C. Mun. Regs. tit. 15, §2814.2

CLEC, ILEC

The local exchange carrier shall ensure that any recovery from its retail customers shall be in a fair, equitable, and nondiscriminatory manner.

D.C. Mun. Regs. tit. 15, §2815.3

CLEC, ILEC

The local exchange carrier shall also ensure that no over-recovery of contributions occurs. Any over-recovery of Fund contributions for the preceding year shall be carried forward to the ensuing year and shall be included as a reduction in the calculation of the retail end-user recovery amount for the ensuing twelve (12)-month period of the

local exchange carrier's contributions. Any under-recovery of contributions for the preceding year, may, at the option of the local exchange carrier, be recovered from the end-users within the following twelve (12) months.

D.C. Mun. Regs. tit. 15, §2815.4

CMRS

This chapter [Universal Service] shall be applicable to all local exchange carriers (LEC) and Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) service providers. However, providers of mobile service are exempt from regulation under this chapter pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 34-2006(b)(2010 Repl.).

D.C. Mun. Regs. tit. 15, §2801.2

Billing Requirements

CLEC, ILEC

In the event a local exchange carrier elects to recover its DC USTF contributions from its customers, the amount of the recovery shall be explicitly stated as a line item on its customers' bills.

D.C. Mun. Regs. tit. 15, §2815.5

Remittance Requirements

CLEC, ILEC, VoIP

Each local exchange carrier and VoIP service provider shall pay its contribution directly to the Fund Administrator on a monthly basis.

D.C. Mun. Regs. tit. 15, §2814.4

CLEC, ILEC, VoIP

Upon request by a local exchange carrier or VoIP service provider, the Fund Administrator may approve an alternative payment arrangement.

D.C. Mun. Regs. tit. 15, §2814.5

CLEC, ILEC, VoIP

Exemption

The Fund Administrator shall, based on the amount to be contributed to the DC USTF, calculate the contribution required to be made to the Fund by each contributor, based on the fund level established by the Commission and the information provided pursuant to 15 DCMR § 2804.1. If any annual contribution is less than or equals twelve dollars (\$12), then the Administrator may waive the payment of this contribution.

D.C. Mun. Regs. tit. 15, §2814.3

Administrative Recovery

CLEC, ILEC, VoIP

Not addressed.

Tariff Requirements

CLEC, ILEC

Prior to recovering its DC USTF contributions from its customers, a local exchange carrier shall have a tariff specifying the charge to be assessed, in accordance with the rules and Orders of the Commission.

D.C. Mun. Regs. tit. 15, §2815.2

FCC**Universal Service Fund****Current Rate***CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP* **Effective January 1, 2022**

Effective 1Q, January 1, 2022: 25.2% (0.252) projected collected interstate and international end-user telecommunications revenue.

DA 21-1550, Released December 13, 2021.**Historical Rate(s)***CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP*

Quarter / Year	% Projected Collected Interstate End-User Telecommunications Revenues
Prior to 2019	Available upon request.
1Q 2019	20.0%
2Q 2019	18.8%
3Q 2019	24.4%
4Q 2019	25.0%
1Q 2020	21.2%
2Q 2020	19.6%
3Q 2020	26.5%
4Q 2020	27.1%
1Q 2021	31.8%
2Q 2021	33.4%
3Q 2021	31.8%
4Q 2021	29.1%

Surcharge Recovery*CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP*

Federal universal service contribution costs may be recovered through interstate telecommunications-related charges to end users.

47 CFR §54.712(a)*CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP*

If a contributor chooses to recover its federal universal service contribution costs through a line item on a customer's bill, the amount of the federal universal service line-item charge may not exceed the interstate telecommunications portion of that customer's bill times the relevant contribution factor.

47 CFR §54.712(a)*ILEC***Non-Price Cap LEC** To the extent the company makes contributions to the Universal Service Support Mechanisms pursuant to §§54.706 and 54.709 of this chapter and the non-price cap local exchange carrier seeks to recover some or all of the amount of such contribution, the non-price cap local exchange carriers shall recover those contributions through a charge to end users other than Lifeline users. The charge to recover these contributions is not part of any other element established pursuant to part 69. Such a charge may be assessed on a per-line basis or as a percentage of interstate retail revenues. A non-price cap local exchange carrier opting to assess the Universal Service end-user rate element on a per-line basis may apply that charge

using the “equivalency” relationships established for the multi-line business PICC for Primary Rate ISDN service, as per §69.153(d), and for Centrex lines, as per §69.153(e).
47 CFR §69.131

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

Exemption
 Entities providing open video systems (OVS), cable leased access, or direct broadcast satellite (DBS) services are not required to contribute on the basis of revenues derived from those services. Prepaid calling card providers are not required to contribute on the basis of revenues derived from prepaid calling cards sold by, to, or pursuant to contract with the Department of Defense (DoD) or a DoD entity.
47 CFR §54.706(d)

CLEC, CMRS, ILEC

Exemption
 All eligible telecommunications carriers are prohibited from recovering contribution costs from their Lifeline customers.
FCC 02-329, ¶162, pg. 31

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

Carriers may charge all their end-user customers the same flat federal universal service line-item charge so long as that amount does not exceed the contribution factor times the interstate telecommunications revenues derived from any individual customer.
FCC 02-329, fn 132, pg. 28

ILEC

Price Cap LEC To the extent the company makes contributions to the Universal Service Support Mechanisms pursuant to §§ 54.706 and 54.709 of this chapter and the local exchange carrier seeks to recover some or all of the amount of such contribution, the local exchange carrier shall recover those contributions through a charge to end users other than Lifeline users. These contributions are not a part of any price cap baskets, and the charge to recover these contributions is not part of any other element established pursuant to part 69. Such a charge may be assessed on a per-line basis or as a percentage of interstate retail revenues, and at the option of the local exchange carrier it may be combined for billing purposes with other end user retail rate elements. A local exchange carrier opting to assess the Universal Service end-user rate element on a per-line basis may apply that charge using the “equivalency” relationships established for the multi-line business PICC for Primary Rate ISDN service, as per § 69.153(d), and for Centrex lines, as per § 69.153(e).
47 CFR §69.158

VoIP

Interconnected VoIP service means a service that: (1) Enables real-time, two-way voice communications; (2) Requires a broadband connection from the user's location; (3) Requires Internet protocol-compatible customer premises equipment (CPE); and (4) Permits users generally to receive calls that originate on the public switched telephone network and to terminate calls to the public switched telephone network.
47 CFR §9.3

Billing Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

If a contributor chooses to recover its federal universal service contribution costs through a line item on a customer's bill, the amount of the federal universal service line-item charge may not exceed the interstate telecommunications portion of that

customer's bill times the relevant contribution factor.

47 CFR §54.712(a)

ILEC **Non-Price Cap ILEC** To the extent the company makes contributions to the Universal Service Support Mechanisms pursuant to §§54.706 and 54.709 of this chapter and the non-price cap local exchange carrier seeks to recover some or all of the amount of such contribution, the non-price cap local exchange carriers shall recover those contributions through a charge to end users other than Lifeline users. The charge to recover these contributions is not part of any other element established pursuant to part 69. Such a charge may be assessed on a per-line basis or as a percentage of interstate retail revenues. A non-price cap local exchange carrier opting to assess the Universal Service end-user rate element on a per-line basis may apply that charge using the “equivalency” relationships established for the multi-line business PICC for Primary Rate ISDN service, as per §69.153(d), and for Centrex lines, as per §69.153(e).

47 CFR §69.131

ILEC **Price Cap ILEC** To the extent the company makes contributions to the Universal Service Support Mechanisms pursuant to §§ 54.706 and 54.709 of this chapter and the local exchange carrier seeks to recover some or all of the amount of such contribution, the local exchange carrier shall recover those contributions through a charge to end users other than Lifeline users. These contributions are not a part of any price cap baskets, and the charge to recover these contributions is not part of any other element established pursuant to part 69. Such a charge may be assessed on a per-line basis or as a percentage of interstate retail revenues, and at the option of the local exchange carrier it may be combined for billing purposes with other end user retail rate elements. A local exchange carrier opting to assess the Universal Service end-user rate element on a per-line basis may apply that charge using the “equivalency” relationships established for the multi-line business PICC for Primary Rate ISDN service, as per § 69.153(d), and for Centrex lines, as per § 69.153(e).

47 CFR §69.158

ILEC At the option of the local exchange carrier, the charge may be combined for billing purposes with other end user retail rate elements.

47 CFR §69.131

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP At this time, we [FCC] decline to mandate a specific label for federal universal service line items pursuant to our Truth-in-Billing rules. We will monitor how the reforms we adopt today affect carrier recovery practices and will take further action if necessary.

FCC 02-329, ¶65, pg. 32

CMRS CMRS providers may include a universal service line-item on a subscriber’s bill that does not reflect that particular subscriber’s interstate usage. The line-item, however, should accurately reflect the particular CMRS provider’s federal universal service assessment. Thus, for example, if a CMRS carrier contributes to the USF by using the Commission’s safe harbor rule, the line-item on a subscriber’s bill may not represent an amount that exceeds the contribution factor times the safe harbor percentage of the subscriber's total telecommunications service charges. At the same time, the CMRS provider may include a line-item based on the safe harbor percentage of the

subscriber's charges for all telecommunications services even if the particular subscriber did not make or receive any interstate telephone calls during the billing period.

DA 05-2320 ¶9, pg. 4

IXC, OSP

Interexchange carriers may, consistent with §§201 and 254(g), charge customers a combined charge that includes service-related and federal universal service recovery charges. Thus, for example, if a customer's long-distance charges totaled \$15 and the contribution factor was 10 percent, the interexchange carrier could direct the LEC to bill the customer one \$16.50 charge. The label for the combined charge, however, must not indicate that the charge consists solely of a federal universal service charge and must not otherwise be misleading. The interexchange carrier must also inform customers of the component amounts of the combined charge upon request and retain documentation of the component amounts for three years. We also find that it would be unreasonable for a LEC, when it is performing a billing and collection function for an interexchange carrier, to refuse to implement in a timely manner any rate changes necessitated by the imposition of such combined interexchange carrier charges.

FCC 02-329, ¶158, pg.30

Remittance Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, Exemption

PPW, VoIP

If a contributor's contribution to universal service in any given year is less than \$10,000 that contributor will not be required to submit a contribution or Telecommunications Reporting Worksheet for that year unless it is required to do so by our rules governing Telecommunications Relay Service (47 CFR 64.601 et seq. of this chapter), numbering administration (47 CFR 52.1 et seq. of this chapter), or shared costs of local number portability (47 CFR 52.21 et seq. of this chapter).

47 CFR §54.708

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, Exemption

PPW, VoIP

Any entity required to contribute to the federal universal service support mechanisms whose projected collected interstate end-user telecommunications revenues comprise less than 12 percent of its combined projected collected interstate and international end-user telecommunications revenues shall contribute based only on such entity's projected collected interstate end-user telecommunications revenues, net of projected contributions. For purposes of this paragraph, an "entity" shall refer to the entity that is subject to the universal service reporting requirements in §54.711 and shall include all of that entity's affiliated providers of interstate and international telecommunications and telecommunications services.

47 CFR §54.706(c)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, USAC includes contribution obligations in invoices sent to contributors. Contribution payments are due on the dates shown on the invoice.

DA 17-1203, released 12/14/17, pg. 4

Administrative Recovery

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, PPW, VoIP Carriers that are not rate-regulated by this Commission, namely interexchange carriers, CMRS providers, and competitive local exchange carriers, will have the same flexibility that exists today to recover legitimate administrative and other related costs. In particular, such costs can always be recovered through these carriers' rates or through other line items.

FCC 02-329, ¶155, pg. 29

ILEC Administrative costs of incumbent local exchange carriers (ILECs) subject to rate-of-return regulation solely related to implementation and compliance with the contribution methodology will be included in their cost accounting and therefore will be part of their end-user revenue requirement. As for carriers subject to price cap regulation, we do not anticipate that administrative costs associated with our contribution methodology will be extraordinary.

FCC 02-329, ¶155, pg. 29

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, PPW, VoIP Carriers may not include administrative costs in line items that are characterized as federal universal service contribution recovery charges. In particular, a carrier may not describe an amount as a regulatory fee relating to universal service when that amount exceeds the contribution factor times the interstate telecommunications revenues on the customer's bill.

FCC 02-329, ¶154, pg. 29

Tariff Requirements

CLEC CLECs do not tariff their federal universal service line items with the Commission.

FCC 02-329, ¶160, pg. 31

ILEC ILECs must include in their tariffs information regarding the recovery of contributions to the Universal Service Support Mechanisms.

47 CFR §69.4(d)

Other

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP **Record Retention**

Any entity required to contribute to the federal universal service support mechanisms shall retain, for at least 5 years from the date of the contribution, all records that may be required to demonstrate to auditors that the contributions made were in compliance with the Commission's universal service rules. These records shall include without limitation the following: Financial statements and supporting documentation; accounting records; historical customer records; general ledgers; and any other relevant documentation. This document retention requirement also applies to any contractor or consultant working on behalf of the contributor.

47 CFR §54.706(e)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP **Record Retention**

Contributors shall maintain records and documentation to justify information reported in the Telecommunications Reporting Worksheet, including the methodology used to determine projections, for three years and shall provide such records and documentation to the Commission or the Administrator upon request.

47 CFR §54.711(a)

IXC, OSP

Record Retention

Interexchange carriers who charge customers a combined charge that includes service-related and federal universal service recovery charges must also inform customers of the component amounts of the combined charge upon request and retain documentation of the component amounts for three years.

FCC 02-329, ¶158, pg.30

Florida

Universal Service Fund

Other

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, There is no state USF.

PPW, VoIP

Georgia

Universal Access Fund

Current Rate

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, ILEC

07/01/2021: 3.75% of intrastate gross revenue

Document No. 186039; Docket No. 32235; dated June 15, 2021

Historical Rate(s)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, ILEC

Dates	% Intrastate Gross Revenue From End-Users
Prior to 2020	Available upon request.
01/01/20 - 12/31/20	4.9%
01/01/21 – 06/30/2021	6.0%

Surcharge Recovery

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, ILEC

A local exchange company or other company shall not establish a surcharge on customers' bills to collect contributions required under this Code section [§46-5-167] without first submitting to the Public Service Commission the methodology and data used by such company for approval by the commission and upon a showing to the commission that the surcharge does not result in an increase in the company's service rates; provided, however, that such company shall not be required to submit for approval separate line items or surcharges that are specifically authorized or required by federal law or other provisions of state law.

Ga. Code Ann. §46-5-167(g)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, ILEC

Companies wishing to implement a UAF surcharge must file a PSC-specified affidavit with the PSC. Upon filing of the affidavit, along with the necessary tariff changes (if applicable), a company's methodology will be deemed approved.

Docket No. 36116, Order dated 11/29/12

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP

Companies collecting a surcharge must use the following methodology to determine the surcharge amount: [Commission-approved UAF contribution factor] x [total intrastate telecommunications services billed to an end user].

Docket No. 36116, Order dated 11/29/12

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, ILEC

Exemption

Companies may exempt certain customer categories from the UAF Surcharge so long as the companies make UAF contributions using total intrastate gross revenues times the Commission-approved UAF factor such that the UAF contributions are not reduced.

Docket No. 36116, Order dated 12/06/12

Billing Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, ILEC

A local exchange company or other company shall not establish a surcharge on customers' bills to collect contributions required under this Code section [§46-5-167] without first submitting to the Public Service Commission the methodology and data used by such company for approval by the commission and upon a showing to the commission that the surcharge does not result in an increase in the company's service rates; provided, however, that such company shall not be required to submit for

approval separate line items or surcharges that are specifically authorized or required by federal law or other provisions of state law.

Ga. Code Ann. §46-5-167(g)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, ILEC

Any carrier choosing to recover its UAF payments through a surcharge must use one of the following line items to identify the surcharge:

- Georgia Universal Access Fund (UAF) Surcharge
- Georgia Universal Access Fund
- Georgia Universal Access Fund Surcharge
- Georgia UAF
- Georgia UAF Surcharge
- GA Universal Access Fund
- GA Universal Access Fund Surcharge
- GA UAF
- GA UAF Surcharge

Docket No. 36116, Order dated 1/07/13

Remittance Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, ILEC

All telecommunications companies holding a certificate of authority issued by the commission to provide services within Georgia shall contribute quarterly to the fund as provided in this subsection. The commission shall determine the manner of contribution using either one or a combination of the following two contribution methodologies: (1) A charge for each working telephone number; or (2) A proportionate amount based on each company's gross intrastate revenues from the provision of telecommunications services to end users.

Ga. Code Ann. §46-5-167(b)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, ILEC

UAF payments and reports must be postmarked by the 30th day after the end of the quarter. Certified telecommunications companies that do not owe any payment to the UAF are still required under the Staffs recommendation to submit a report showing that no amount is due.

Docket No. 32235; Order dated 10/18/12

ILEC

In calculating such contributions, the commission shall allow a local exchange company holding a certificate of authority issued by the commission after July 1, 1995, and before January 1, 2010, with primary headquarters in Georgia and more than 750 full-time employees working in Georgia as of January 1, 2010, to utilize accumulated unexpired Georgia net operating losses for taxable years ending prior to January 1, 2010, on a full dollar-for-dollar basis to reduce up to 50 percent of its contribution to the Universal Access Fund. Within the same tax year of the election, companies making such election shall formally notify the Department of Revenue that the company agrees to forego any rights or claims to the Georgia net operating losses so used.

Ga. Code Ann. §46-5-167(b)(2)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, ILEC

Carriers that qualify for this tax credit should use the surcharge calculation approved by the Commission and multiply the result by 0.5.

Docket No. 36116, Order dated 11/29/12

CLEC

The commission may allow any telecommunications company certified as a competitive local exchange carrier to request a hearing seeking relief from this contribution requirement upon application, demonstration, and good cause shown that such competitive local exchange carrier does not receive a benefit from the reduction in intrastate switched access charges pursuant to subsection (c) of §46-5-166.

Ga. Code Ann. §46-5-167(b)(2)

Administrative Recovery

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, ILEC

Not addressed.

Tariff Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, ILEC

Tariffed Carriers Only

Companies collecting a UAF surcharge must include the following language in their tariffs: [Company Name] will comply with, and require its Customers to comply with, the Commission's Universal Access Fund Requirements as set forth in O.C.G.A. §46-5-167 or any Commission order, rule, or regulation adopted or promulgated hereunder. The surcharge will be shown as a separate line item on the Customers' monthly invoice and will read: Georgia Universal Access Fund (UAF) Surcharge. The rate of the surcharge will be equal to the contribution factor established by the Commission.

Docket No. 36116, Order dated 11/29/12

Hawaii

Universal Service Fund

Other

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, There is no state Universal Service Fund at this time.

PPW, VoIP

Idaho

Universal Service Fund

Current Rate

CLEC, IXC, OSP, ILEC

10/01/2021 - current: \$0.25 per Residential Line 10/01/2021 - current: \$0.44 per Business Line 10/01/2021 - current: \$0.007 per Intrastate MTS/WATS Billed Minute

Case No. GNR-T-21-07; Order No. 35180

Historical Rate(s)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, ILEC

Dates	Per Residential Line	Per Business Line	Per Intrastate MTS/WATS Billed Minute
Prior to 2015	Available upon request.		
10/01/2015 - 08/31/2017	\$0.12	\$0.20	\$0.005
09/01/2017 - 09/30/2019	\$0.25	\$0.44	\$0.009
10/01/2019 - 09/30/2020	\$0.25	\$0.44	\$0.007
10/01/2020 - 09/30/2021	\$0.25	\$0.44	\$0.007

Surcharge Recovery

CLEC, IXC, OSP, ILEC

Pursuant to 62-610(2), Idaho Code, the USF is funded by the imposition of statewide end-user surcharges on local exchange, MTS and wide-area telephone service (WATS) services in amounts to be determined by the Commission pursuant to Rule 104.

Idaho Admin. Code r.31.46.01.103.01

CLEC, ILEC

The local exchange surcharges are imposed monthly as cents-per-line charges uniform throughout the state with the business-residential differential for the surcharges equal to the statewide average business-residential price ratio.

Idaho Admin. Code r.31.46.01.103.02

IXC, OSP

The MTS and WATS surcharges are imposed monthly on a uniform basis by: (a) A uniform cents-per-minute surcharge applied to the monthly MTS and WATS bill of each end-user for all MTS/WATS companies using this option; or, alternatively, (b) A Company-specific percentage surcharge applied to the monthly MTS and WATS bill of each end-user.

Idaho Admin. Code r.31.46.01.103.03

CLEC, ILEC

All local exchange companies are authorized to impose a surcharge for residence and business local exchange service in the amounts set forth in the order issued pursuant to Rule 104.03. The LEC may impose surcharges on the service of any customer subscribing to local service on or after October 1 following issuance of the order and may prorate the surcharge in the same manner as the LEC prorates other flat monthly charges.

Idaho Admin. Code r.31.46.01.105.01

IXC, OSP

The MTS/WATS surcharge may be imposed in two (2) different manners: a. The MTS/WATS company is authorized to impose beginning October 1 following issuance of the order an MTS/WATS surcharge per toll minute in the amount set forth in the

order issued pursuant to the Rule 104.04.a.; or, alternatively, b. The MTS/WATS company is authorized to impose beginning October 1 following issuance of the order an MTS/WATS surcharge on a uniform percentage basis in the manner set forth in the order issued pursuant to Rule 104.04.b. Within fourteen (14) days after the Commission has issued its order pursuant to Rule 104 authorizing surcharges on MTS/WATS service, MTS/WATS companies authorized to impose surcharges under this paragraph must notify the administrator and the Commission in writing which option they choose for the twelve (12) months beginning October 1 following issuance of the order.

Idaho Admin. Code r.31.46.01.105.02

CLEC, IXC, OSP, ILEC

The USF shall be funded by imposing a statewide end user surcharge on local exchange service and MTS and WATS type services.

Idaho Code §62-610(2)

CLEC, ILEC

The local exchange surcharge shall be a cents per line charge with a business-residential differential equal to the statewide average business-residential price ratio.

Idaho Code §62-610(2)(a)

IXC, OSP

The MTS and WATS surcharge shall be recovered on a percentage basis through a surcharge applied to the monthly bill of each end user or by a cents per minute charge applied to the bills of all end users.

Idaho Code §62-610(2)(b)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, ILEC

The surcharges set forth in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection shall be collected by all telephone corporations, including telephone corporations subject to the provisions of this chapter and mutual nonprofit and cooperative telephone corporations, providing the services upon which the surcharge is levied.

Idaho Code §62-610(2)(c)

Billing Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, ILEC

Surcharges on Title 62 services may be explicitly added to customers' bills in addition to charges that would otherwise be collected or may be implicitly included in customers' bills (and remitted by the telephone corporation) without increasing customers' bills.

Idaho Admin. Code r.31.46.01.103.04

CLEC, IXC, OSP, ILEC

Title 62 Services means services provided by carriers regulated under Title 62. [All CLECs and IXCs (incl. pay telephone providers) are considered Title 62 providers. ILECs are considered Title 61 providers unless they have chosen to be regulated under Title 62.]

Staff (website)

Remittance Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, ILEC

Unless otherwise provided by order of the Commission or letter from the Commission Staff or from the USF administrator issued pursuant to Rules 401 or 402, surcharges imposed by these rules are to be remitted monthly to the administrator pursuant to Rule 201.

Idaho Admin. Code r.31.46.01.103.04

CLEC, ILEC

Unless otherwise provided by order, letter from the Commission Staff or from the USF administrator issued pursuant to Rule 401, all LECs providing local exchange service in Idaho shall remit the following funds to the administrator on or before the first day of the month: (a) The number of local residence lines in service in Idaho on the first day of the preceding month multiplied by the monthly residence surcharge the companies are authorized to impose under Rules 104.03 and 105.01; and (b) The number of local business lines in service in Idaho on the first day of the preceding month multiplied by the monthly business surcharge the companies are authorized to impose under Rules 104.03 and 105.01. The LEC's remittance shall be accompanied by a report on a form supplied by the administrator separately stating the number of local residence and business lines in service in Idaho for that LEC on the first day of the preceding month. This amount shall be remitted to the administrator without regard to whether the local exchange company has separately imposed the surcharge authorized by Rules 104.03 and 105.01.

Idaho Admin. Code r.31.46.01.201.01

IXC, OSP

Unless otherwise provided by Order of the Commission or letter from the Commission Staff or from the USF administrator issued pursuant to Rule 402, all MTS/WATS companies offering intrastate MTS or WATS services in Idaho shall remit the following funds to the administrator on or before the first day of the month: (a) The number of actual toll minutes billed to customers in Idaho for intrastate MTS/WATS services in the last complete monthly billing cycle billed by the first day of the preceding calendar month multiplied by the surcharge per toll minute that the companies were authorized to impose under Rules 104.04.a and 105.02.a; or, alternatively; (b) The percentage surcharge of revenues from all intrastate MTS/WATS services provided in last complete monthly billing cycle billed by the first day of the preceding calendar month that the companies are authorized to impose under Subsections 104.04.b. and 105.02.b. These MTS/WATS companies' remittances under both a and b of this paragraph shall be accompanied by a report on a form supplied by the administrator separately stating the number of toll minutes billed and the revenues associated with the toll minutes and showing the calculation of the surcharge on those minutes for the period stated in this paragraph. These amounts shall be remitted to the administrator without regard to whether the MTS/WATS company has separately imposed the surcharge authorized by Subsections 104.04 and 105.02.

Idaho Admin. Code r.31.46.01.201.02

CLEC, ILEC

Exemption

Local exchange companies may be exempted from monthly remittances and monthly reporting to the USF administrator under Rule 201 by order of the Commission or letter from the Commission Staff or from the USF administrator upon the grounds that the LEC provides such a small number of local service lines in Idaho and generates such a small monthly surcharge that neither the practical administration of the USF nor the public interest requires monthly remittances and reporting.

Idaho Admin. Code r.31.46.01.401.01

IXC, OSP

Exemption

MTS/WATS companies may be exempted from monthly remittances and monthly reporting to the USF administrator under Rule 201 by Order of the Commission or letter from the Commission Staff or from the USF administrator upon the grounds that the MTS/WATS company is exclusively a reseller of MTS/WATS services from another MTS/WATS company that is already remitting the surcharge prescribed for MTS/WATS services for all of the reselling MTS/WATS company’s MTS/WATS minutes.

Idaho Admin. Code r.31.46.01.402.01

CLEC, ILEC

Exemption

The order or letter excusing the LEC from monthly reporting shall specify quarterly, semiannual or annual remittances and reporting instead. The order or letter may be issued upon request of the LEC or upon the initiative of the Commission, the Commission Staff, or the USF administrator without a request from the LEC. No LEC will be excused from making remittances less often than annually nor from annual reporting under Rules 202 and 203.

Idaho Admin. Code r.31.46.01.401.02

CLEC, ILEC

Providers of local exchange service shall remit the local exchange surcharge revenues to the fund administrator on a monthly basis, unless less frequent remittances are authorized by order or rule of the commission.

Idaho Code §62-610(2)(a)

IXC, OSP

Providers of MTS or WATS services shall remit the revenues derived from such surcharge to the fund administrator on a monthly basis, unless less frequent remittances are authorized by order or rule of the commission.

Idaho Code §62-610(2)(b)

Administrative Recovery

CLEC, IXC, OSP, ILEC

Not addressed

Tariff Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, ILEC

Not addressed

Illinois

Universal Service Fund

Current Rate

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, ILEC

10/01/2021: 2.0507% intrastate retail revenues

[ISCECA USF Information Oct 2021-Sept 2022](#)

Historical Rate(s)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, ILEC

Dates	Intrastate Retail Revenues
Prior to 2020	Available upon request
10/01/19 - 09/30/20	2.6830%
10/01/2020 - 09/30/21	1.8454%

Surcharge Recovery

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, ILEC

All carriers contributing to the Fund shall recover their fund contributions from their end user customers via an explicit end user surcharge on the customer's bill. The surcharge shall be assessed in a competitively neutral manner consistent with existing Illinois rules and statutes.

[Case No. 00-0233, Second Interim Order dated 09/18/01; Ordering para. H](#)

Billing Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, ILEC

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[Case No. 00-0233, Second Interim Order dated 09/18/01; Ordering para. H](#)

Remittance Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, ILEC

All local exchange carriers and interexchange carriers certificated in Illinois shall contribute to the Fund on the basis of their intrastate retail revenues.

[Case No. 00-0233, Second Interim Order dated 09/18/01; Ordering para.F](#)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, ILEC

All companies that have received Certificates of Service Authority under Section 13-403, 13-404 and 13-405 of the Public Utilities Act shall be contributors to the Illinois Universal Service Fund except those companies that qualify as "de minimis carriers" as described below hereafter referred to as "Contributing Carriers". Carriers with contributions projected as less than \$2,400 per year will be considered "de minimis carriers" and will be exempt from contributing to the Illinois Universal Service Fund ("IUSF"). The status of a carrier as a "de minimis carrier" will be established at the beginning of each plan year and will not change during that plan year. Annual assessments will normally be paid to the Fund Administrator [ISCECA] in twelve equal monthly amounts. However, for those Contributing Carriers who have relatively small assessments, the Fund Administrator may establish quarterly rather than monthly payments. Assessments will normally be due on the first day of the month.

[ISCECA Website](#)

Administrative Recovery

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CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, ILEC

Not addressed.

Tariff Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, ILEC

Tariffed Carriers Only

Carriers that list the surcharge as a separate line item on the bill must have the surcharge percentage in their tariff.

Staff

Universal Telephone Service Assistance Program (UTSAP)

Current Rate

CLEC, ILEC

All end-user contributions are voluntary.

83 Ill. Adm. Code 757.205(a)

Surcharge Recovery

CLEC, ILEC

Customers wishing to participate in the funding of UTSAP may do so by electing to contribute, on a monthly basis, a fixed amount to be included by the LEC on the customer's monthly bill.

83 Ill. Adm. Code 757.205(b)

CLEC, ILEC

Residential customers may elect to contribute either \$.50, \$1.00, \$2.00 or \$5.00 per month. Business customers may elect to contribute \$1.00, \$5.00, \$10.00 or \$25.00 per month. Contributions will be collected on a recurring basis each month from the customer's bill remittance.

83 Ill. Adm. Code 757.205(c)

Billing Requirements

CLEC, ILEC

Customers wishing to participate in the funding of UTSAP may do so by electing to contribute, on a monthly basis, a fixed amount to be included by the LEC on the customer's monthly bill.

83 Ill. Adm. Code 757.205(b)

Remittance Requirements

CLEC, ILEC

Contributions will be collected on a recurring basis each month from the customer's bill remittance and will be reported and transferred to the UTSAP Administrator.

83 Ill. Adm. Code 757.205(c)

CLEC, ILEC

Each LEC shall forward to the UTSAP Administrator voluntary UTSAP contributions net of installation local exchange service charge waivers and Lifeline local exchange service charge waivers provided pursuant to Section 757.200(c).

83 Ill. Adm. Code 757.205(a)

CLEC, ILEC

Each LEC with more than 35,000 access lines shall report and remit monthly to the UTSAP Administrator, and shall report quarterly to the Commission and the UTSAP Administrator. Each LEC with 35,000 or fewer access lines shall report quarterly to the Commission and the UTSAP Administrator, and shall remit quarterly to the UTSAP

Administrator.

83 Ill. Adm. Code 757.205(c)

Administrative Recovery

CLEC, ILEC

The LECs shall be allowed to recover their administrative costs associated with the UTSAP from the voluntary UTSAP contributions. If seeking recovery, administrative costs shall be reported by LECs annually to the Commission and the UTSAP Administrator through reports.

83 Ill. Adm. Code 757.210(b)

Tariff Requirements

CLEC, ILEC

Tariffed Carriers Only

The fund must be specifically identified in the tariff.

Staff

Other

CLEC, ILEC

Customers may elect to discontinue or change the amount of the monthly contribution on their bill at any time upon providing at least 30 days notice to the LEC.

83 Ill. Adm. Code 757.205(d)

CLEC, ILEC

Required Contribution Solicitation & Program Publicity

All LECs shall publicize the UTSAP to encourage contributions. 1) Annually, each LEC shall notify its local exchange service customers that they may elect to participate in the funding of the UTSAP by electing to contribute, on a monthly basis, a fixed amount to be included in monthly bills until canceled by the customer. 2) The customer notification specified in subsection (a)(1) of this Section shall be in the form of an insert in the customer bill. The mailing will specify fixed monthly amounts from which customers wishing to contribute may choose. In addition, the bill insert shall contain a phone number, post card or a mailing address that the customer may use to contact the LEC in order to initiate monthly contribution billing. 3) On an ongoing basis, at least once each quarter, each LEC shall solicit UTSAP contributions from its local exchange service customers through bill inserts, news releases, LEC publications or other suitable means. 4) The LEC will inform customers that they may contribute to UTSAP in connection with all orders for new service installation or move of service within the LEC's territory.

83 Ill. Adm. Code 757.205(a)

CLEC, ILEC

This contribution [to UTSAP] shall not reduce the customer's total amount due for local exchange services or other charges appearing on the bill.

83 Ill. Adm. Code 757.205(b)

Indiana

Universal Service Fund

Current Rate

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW Effective January 1, 2022

Effective 01/01/2022: 2.26% of net billed intrastate retail telecommunications revenue.

Cause No. 42144 S3, dated November 11, 2021

Historical Rate(s)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW

Dates	Net Billed Intrastate Retail Telecommunications Revenue
Prior to 2018	Available upon request.
04/01/2018 - 03/31/2021	1.09%
04/01/2021 – 12/31/2021	1.40%

Surcharge Recovery

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW Exemption

Services not subject to assessment include, but are not limited to, the following: Interstate services including interstate long distance and interstate SLCs, wholesale services such as switched and special access, non-telecommunications services such as voicemail, directory advertising, video services, broadband services, premises equipment and wire, delinquent/NSF charges, billing and collection services, ring tone downloads, etc. Pay telephone service revenues received by providers of pay telephone services are exempt.

Cause No. 42144, dated 07/25/07, Implementation Guidelines §I(C)and (D)

CMRS, PPW

CMRS Methodology

Wireless carriers shall use net billed intrastate retail telecommunications revenue. Where a factor is used to allocate telecommunications revenue to the intrastate jurisdiction, the factor used should be the complement to the factor used to allocate telecommunications revenue to the federal jurisdiction.

Cause No. 42144, dated 07/25/07, Implementation Guidelines §I(F)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW A telecommunications provider may only recover the amount of its IUSF assessment from its retail customers, on the customer's intrastate telecommunications revenues. For purposes of the recovery of the IUSF assessment, pay telephone providers are considered retail customers.

Cause No. 42144, dated 07/25/07, Implementation Guidelines §IV

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW A single universal service fund surcharge shall not recover more than one month of assessments.

Cause No. 42144, dated 07/25/07, Implementation Guidelines §IV(D)

CLEC, ILEC

Exemption

An ETC serving a Lifeline recipient, may not assess the IUSF surcharge on the Lifeline recipient.

Cause No. 42144, Order dated 06/30/09

IXC, OSP

A Lifeline recipient may be billed an IUSF surcharge by a long distance provider based on Lifeline recipient's intrastate telecommunications revenue.

Cause No. 42144 S3, dated 6/30/09

Billing Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW IUSF assessment shall be passed through as a percentage surcharge added to its retail customers' bills: (i) the surcharge must be listed on the retail customers' bills as "IN Universal Service Surcharge" or IN USF Surcharge; and (ii) the surcharge must be assessed as a percentage, set by the Commission, of intrastate telecommunications revenue on every retail customers' bill.

Cause No. 42144, dated 07/25/07, Implementation Guidelines §IV(A)

Remittance Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW Each telecommunications provider must pay its IUSF assessment on a monthly or quarterly estimated basis. The quarterly reporting may be used as an alternative to filing on a monthly basis after the close of the data period.

Cause No. 42144S-3, dated 12/29/09

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW Each telecommunications provider must report monthly the amount it billed for intrastate retail telecommunications service, the amount of previously unreported monthly intrastate retail telecommunications service uncollectibles and the resulting assessment to the IUSF administrator on a form to be determined by the administrator.

Cause No. 42144, dated 07/25/07, Implementation Guidelines §III

CLEC, CMRS, IXC, OSP, PPW, ILEC **Exemption**

(de minimis rule) Carriers with nominal revenues (e.g. <\$10/month) may report revenue and submit IUSF assessments on an annual basis, as an alternative to filing on a monthly or quarterly basis. For those carriers with nominal revenues, they would have the option to file a yearly estimate at the beginning of the year. After the fiscal year is complete, annual filers would submit a revised worksheet with actual revenues and "true-up" any assessments.

Cause No. 42144 S3, entry dated 06/05/15

Administrative Recovery

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW Payments to the IUSF shall be computed by multiplying the assessment rate by the basis for assessments as determined by the Implementation Guidelines, minus 2% to be retained by the telecommunications provider as a billing and collection administrative fee.

Cause No. 42144, dated 07/25/07, Implementation Guidelines §II(B)

Tariff Requirements

CLEC, ILEC

Tariffed Carriers Only

A tariff describing the application of the surcharge for the IUSF shall be maintained by the Commission. Telecommunications providers that maintain a tariff with the Commission shall file a concurrence with this tariff, or file their own equivalent tariff. Telecommunications providers that do not submit a tariff but are subject to the Commission's authority shall be bound by the Commission's tariff (i.e., AOS, all Indiana

ETCs including Co-ops).

Cause No. 42144, dated 07/25/07, Implementation Guidelines §IV(B)

Iowa

Universal Service Fund

Other

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, There is no state Universal Service Fund at this time.

PPW, VoIP

Kansas

Universal Service Fund

Current Rate

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP Effective March 1, 2021
03/01/2021 to Current: Wireline Revenue & Wireless Revenue: 10.84%
Docket No. 21-GIMT-095-GIT, Order dated 1/21/2021

Historical Rate(s)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, PPW, VoIP, ILEC

Dates	Wireline Revenue	Wireless Revenue
Prior to 2020	Available upon request.	Available upon request.
03/01/20 - 02/28/21	9.40%	9.40%

Surcharge Recovery

CMRS, PPW

PPW Methodology

Whatever revenue allocation method a prepaid wireless provider uses is required to be identical for both KUSF and FUSF purposes. The Commission will assume that a prepaid wireless provider is using the Safe Harbor method to allocate its revenue, unless the provider files a pleading with the Commission stating that the provider will use the direct assignment or company-specific traffic study methods, or a combination.

Docket No. 11-GIMT-842-GIT, dated 12/22/11

CMRS, PPW

Exemption

Non-voice service revenues will not be included in wireless carriers' retail revenues.

Docket No. 06-GIMT-943-GIT, dated 09/07/06

VoIP

VoIP Methodology

The Commission directed VoIP providers to identify intrastate revenue subject to the KUSF assessment through direct assignment, a company specific traffic study, or the inverse of the FCC safe harbor.

Docket No. 07-GIMT-432-GIT, dated 09/22/08

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

The KUSF shall be funded by an equal assessment on all intrastate retail revenues.
Docket No. 94-GIMT-478-GIT, dated 12/27/96

ILEC

Exemption

Since the assessment is based on retail revenue, flow through of the assessment should only apply to retail customers and not to resold or unbundled services. The purchasing ALEC [CLEC] will be responsible for its own KUSF contribution.

Docket No. 94-GIMT-478-GIT, dated 12/27/96 (para.114)

CMRS, PPW, VoIP

Wireless, PPW & VoIP Methodology

Any traditional wireless, prepaid wireless, or interconnected VoIP provider wanting to allocate revenue to the interstate and intrastate jurisdiction for KUSF purposes using the direct assignment or traffic study methodology, or a

combination, must file a pleading with the Commission prior to using such methodology.

Docket No. 13-GIMT-130-GIT, dated 01/16/13

PPW, CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP The commission shall require every telecommunications carrier, telecommunications public utility and wireless telecommunications service provider that provides intrastate telecommunications services and, to the extent not prohibited by federal law, every provider of interconnected VoIP service, as defined by 47 C.F.R. 9.3, to contribute to the KUSF based upon the provider's intrastate telecommunications services net retail revenues on an equitable and non-discriminatory basis. The commission shall not require any provider to contribute to the KUSF under a different contribution methodology than such provider uses for purposes of the federal universal service fund, including for bundled offerings. Any telecommunications carrier, telecommunications public utility, wireless telecommunications service provider or provider of interconnected VoIP service which contributes to the KUSF may collect from customers an amount equal to such carrier's, utility's or provider's contribution, but such carrier, provider or utility may collect a lesser amount from its customer. Kan. Stat. Ann. §66-2008(a)

Billing Requirements

IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP Not addressed.

Remittance Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP Reporting and payment intervals vary based on a carrier's annual revenues. Carriers may file and remit more frequently, but no carrier may file and pay less frequently. less than \$10,000 - may remit annually \$10,001 to \$25,000 - may remit semi-annually \$25,001 to \$50,000 - may remit quarterly more than \$50,000 - must remit on a monthly basis. Carriers can change their remittance frequency once within an assessment year by completing and remitting the appropriate forms. If a carriers seeks to change more than once a year, they will be assessed a fee of \$100 for each change.

Docket No. 06-GIMT-332-GIT, dated 01/23/06

Administrative Recovery

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP Not addressed.

Tariff Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, ILEC Not addressed.

Other

CLEC, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, Record Retention

VoIP, IXC, OSP

The Commission has ordered Providers maintain for three (3) years, from the end of the KUSF fiscal year, in paper and/or digital form, records including, but not limited to, accounting and billing records relied on and necessary to complete the KUSF Provider Carrier Remittance Worksheets and records pertaining to KUSF

assessments billed to and collected from customers.
Order in Docket No. 14-GIMT-105-GIT, dated 10/20/15

Kentucky

Universal Service Fund

Other

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP The Kentucky Public Service Commission has only established a funding mechanism for the low-income portion of the Universal Service Fund. - See Lifeline Support.

Louisiana

Universal Service Fund

Current Rate

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP Varies by carrier. Carriers are invoiced monthly based on their percentage of total intrastate, end user retail revenues.

Surcharge Recovery

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP Each contributing TSP is free to decide whether to explicitly recover the contribution through an end-user surcharge appearing on the monthly bill or to build the amount into the cost of the carrier's service offerings.

Docket No. U-20883-Subdocket C (General Order dated 04/29/05) Recommendation #8

VoIP All VoIP providers, or any other carriers utilizing IP technologies, that meet the FCC definition of "interconnected VoIP services" as found in 47 CFR § 9.3 should contribute to the SUSF.

Docket No. R-30480 (General Order dated 02/09/09) Ordering Para. 5

VoIP **VoIP Methodology**
The intrastate traffic of interconnected VoIP carriers should be identified based upon the FCC's safe harbor rule. If an interconnected VoIP provider can identify and record the jurisdictional nature of its own traffic, then the provider will be permitted to submit its own actual data in order to overcome the presumption of intrastate traffic found in the FCC's safe harbor rule and the SUSF assessments shall be based on the carriers' actual intrastate traffic.

Docket No. R-30480 (General Order dated 02/09/09) Ordering Para. 5

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW All TSPs operating in Louisiana, including wireless carriers, contribute to the SUSF.

Docket No. U-20883-Subdocket C (General Order dated 04/29/05) Recommendation #7

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP The amount recovered through the end user surcharge should not exceed the TSP's annual contribution to the SUSF.

Docket No. U-20883-Subdocket C (General Order dated 04/29/05) Staff Recommendation pg.45

Billing Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP Each contributing TSP is free to decide whether to explicitly recover the contribution through an end-user surcharge appearing on the monthly bill or to build the amount into the cost of the carrier's service offerings.

Docket No. U-20883-Subdocket C (General Order dated 04/29/05) Recommendation #8

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP In the event that a TSP elects to recover its contribution through an end user surcharge, the carrier should identify the amount as the "Louisiana Universal Service Support Contribution."

Docket No. U-20883-Subdocket C (General Order dated 04/29/05) Staff Recommendation pg.45

Remittance Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP Contributions to the SUSF must be remitted by each TSP on a monthly basis. Docket No. U-20883-Subdocket C (General Order dated 04/29/05) Recommendation #9

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP Carriers are invoiced monthly by the SUSF Administrator and remittances are due by the 20th of the next calendar month.
[Monthly Administrator Invoice]

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP The contributions from the TSPs into the SUSF should be assessed annually. Docket No. U-20883-Subdocket C (General Order dated 04/29/05) Recommendation #4

Administrative Recovery

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP Not addressed.

Tariff Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, ILEC Not addressed.

Maine

Universal Service Fund

Current Rate

CLEC, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP

1/1/20 - current: \$0.44 per line or working telephone number

Docket No. 2019-00166, Order dated October 8, 2019.

Historical Rate(s)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP

Dates	% Intrastate Retail Revenues
12/01/09 - 05/31/10	1.30%
06/01/10 - 02/29/12	1.37%
03/01/12 - 08/31/12	1.49%
09/01/12 - 05/31/15	1.51%
06/01/15 - 11/30/15	1.60%
12/01/15 - 05/30/16	2.00%
06/01/16 - 12/31/19	2.10%

Prior to 12/31/2019 - IXC, OSP, and PSP contributed to this fund.

Surcharge Recovery

CLEC, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP

Line is any wired or wireless connection capable of real-time concurrent inbound or outbound voice communication calls that are made to or received from the public switched telephone network. For the purposes of this Chapter, private branch exchange (PBX) lines and Centrex lines are considered to be lines.

65-407-288 Me. Code R. § 2

CLEC, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP

Working Telephone Number is an active ten-digit telephone number that (1) is compliant with the guidelines established by the North American Numbering Plan Administrator for use by a voice network service provider; (2) has been assigned to an end-user customer of the voice network service provider; and (3) is capable of receiving voice traffic from, or originating voice traffic to, the Public Switched Telephone Network.

65-407-288 Me. Code R. § 2

CLEC, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP

Billing Account Number (BAN) is a unique number used by telecommunications service providers to designate a specific customer account or customer location to be billed.

65-407-288 Me. Code R. § 2

VoIP

Interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol Service (interconnected VoIP) means a service that enables real-time, two-way voice communications; requires a broadband connection from the user's location; requires internet protocol-compatible customer premises equipment (CPE); and permits users generally to receive calls that originate on the public switched telephone network and to terminate calls to the public switched telephone network.

65-407-288 Me. Code R. § 2

CLEC, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP

Voice Network Service Provider means a voice service provider that offers its subscribers the means to initiate or receive voice communications using the public

switched telephone network.

65-407-288 Me. Code R. § 2

Maximum # of Lines

ILEC, CLEC, CMRS, VoIP

Any surcharge imposed by a voice network service provider may not be applied to more than 25 Lines or Working Telephone Numbers per Billing Account Number.

65-407-288 Me. Code R. § 6(A)

Multi-Line/Multi-Channel

CLEC, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP

The number of lines a service provider provides to a subscriber shall be deemed to equal the number of inbound or outbound calls the subscriber can maintain at the same time using the service provider's service.

65-407-288 Me. Code R. § 2

Billing Requirements

CLEC, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP

Each contributing voice network service provider, except for providers of prepaid wireless service, may recover its contributions to the MUSF from its retail customers by applying a surcharge to its customers' bills that is no higher than the amount established by the Commission.

65-407-288 Me. Code R. § 6(A)

CLEC, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP

Any surcharge implemented pursuant to this Section shall be included on customers' bills as a separate line item and be identified as "Maine Universal Service Fund surcharge." This provision does not apply to any voice network service provider that does not provide bills or other statements of charges (written or electronic) to its customers.

65-407-288 Me. Code R. § 6(B)

Remittance Requirements

CLEC, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP

The reporting voice network service provider shall not report more than twenty-five Lines or Working Telephone Numbers per active Billing Account Number.

65-407-288 Me. Code R. § 5(B)(4)

CLEC, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP

Within twenty days after the end of each calendar quarter, each voice network service provider that must report its Lines or Working Telephone Numbers to the Fund Administrator, using the forms and instructions promulgated by the Fund Administrator, and shall calculate its required contribution to the MUSF by multiplying the number of Lines or Working Telephone Numbers reported for each month by the Contribution Amount established by the Commission.

65-407-288 Me. Code R. § 5(B)(5)

Administrative Recovery

CLEC, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP

Not addressed.

Tariff Requirements

CLEC, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP

Not addressed.

Other

CLEC, ILEC

Related Report

Within thirty days after the end of each calendar quarter, each local exchange carrier shall report to the Fund Administrator on forms provided by the Fund Administrator the number of its active residential and business Lines or Working Telephone Numbers, including those assigned to Centrex and PBX lines, that were providing voice telephone service in Maine at the end of each month of the preceding quarter.

65-407-288 Me. Code R. § 5(B)(1)

VoIP

Related Report

Within thirty days after the end of each calendar quarter, each provider of interconnected VoIP service shall report to the Fund Administrator on forms provided by the Fund Administrator the number, at the end of each month of the preceding calendar quarter, of its active interconnected VoIP Lines or Working Telephone Numbers that had a registered location within Maine.

65-407-288 Me. Code R. § 5(B)(2)

CMRS

Related Report

Within thirty days after the end of each calendar quarter, each provider of mobile telecommunications services, except for prepaid wireless providers, shall report to the Fund Administrator on forms provided by the Fund Administrator for the end of each month of the preceding quarter the number of its Lines or Working Telephone Numbers assigned to mobile telecommunications end-user customers whose place of primary use was in Maine.

65-407-288 Me. Code R. § 5(B)(3)

Maryland

Universal Service Fund

Other

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP There is no requirement to contribute to a state USF. Note: There is a Universal Service Fund - Low Income Fund that is administered by the State Department of General

Services (Department). The Department determines who should receive low income benefits. Local carriers are compensated via an offset to gross receipts tax.

Case No. 8745, Order No. 77913, pg.38 III.A.

Massachusetts

Universal Service Fund

Other

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP There is no requirement to contribute to a state USF.

Michigan

Universal Service Fund

Other

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP There is no state Universal Service Fund at this time.

Minnesota

Universal Service Fund

Other

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, There is no state USF at this time.

PPW, VoIP

Mississippi

Universal Service Fund

Other

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP There is no state USF at this time.

Missouri

Universal Service Fund

Current Rate

CLEC, IXC, OSP, ILEC, VoIP

1/1/20 - current: 0% of intrastate revenue

File No.TO-2019-0346, issued 11/4/20

Historical Rate(s)

IXC, OSP, PSP, ILEC, VoIP

Dates	% Net Jurisdictional Revenues
05/01/07 - 03/31/12*	0.29%
04/01/12 - 06/30/13	0.25%
07/01/13 - 09/30/14	0.17%
10/01/14 - 12/31/19	0.10%

* Effective 08/28/08, statutory changes required interconnected VoIP providers to collect and remit the USF Surcharge. [RSMo §392.550]

Surcharge Recovery

CLEC, IXC, OSP, ILEC, VoIP

The Missouri Universal Service Fund (USF) assessment is applied to the net jurisdictional revenue of all registered Interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) providers and certificated telecommunications companies except: pay telephone providers, shared tenant services (STS) providers, and those companies with annual net jurisdictional revenue below a de minimis level as identified on the Missouri USF website.

Mo. Code Regs. Ann. tit. 20, §4240-31.012(1)

Billing Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, ILEC, VoIP

Remittances may be submitted to the Missouri USF administrator using either of the following two (2) methods: (A) A carrier may remit an amount based solely on applying the percentage assessment to the carrier's Missouri net jurisdictional revenue. If this method is used, no refunds will be given if a carrier subsequently finds it remitted more than collected; or (B) A carrier may remit all funds received as a result of the application of a surcharge through a line item on a retail end-user customers' bill. This method satisfies the carrier's annual percentage assessment if-- 1. The surcharge equals the percentage assessment ordered by the commission; 2. The surcharge is identified as "Missouri Universal Service Fund"; and 3. The surcharge percentage is applied to each customer's total charges associated with the carrier's net jurisdictional revenues.

Mo. Code Regs. Ann. tit. 20, §4240-31.012(3)

Remittance Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, ILEC, VoIP

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method satisfies the carrier's annual percentage assessment if-- 1. The surcharge equals the percentage assessment ordered by the commission; 2. The surcharge is identified as "Missouri Universal Service Fund"; and 3. The surcharge percentage is applied to each customer's total charges associated with the carrier's net jurisdictional revenues.

Mo. Code Regs. Ann. tit. 20, §4240-31.012(3)

IXC, OSP, ILEC, VoIP, CLEC

Remittances shall generally be made on a monthly basis; however, quarterly payments may be allowed as described on the website.

MOUSF Administrator Web Page

CLEC, IXC, OSP, ILEC, VoIP

Remittance frequencies are as follows:

Annual Net Jurisd. Revenue = Available Payment Frequency

Less than \$24,000.....No payment or form required.

\$24,000-\$49,999.....Quarterly or Annually

\$50,000-\$249,999.....Monthly, Quarterly or Annually

\$250,000-\$999,999.....Monthly or Quarterly

\$1,000,000 or more.....Monthly

MOUSF Administrator Web Page

CLEC, IXC, OSP, ILEC, VoIP

Form and payment is due on the 22nd of the month following the collection period.

MOUSF Administrator Web Page

CLEC, IXC, OSP, ILEC, VoIP

The Missouri USF Board allows most companies to make less frequent payments after January 1, 2017. Companies may remain on their current payment schedule or have the option to submit payments on a less frequent basis. Payment frequency options will depend on a company's most recent Annual Net Jurisdictional Revenue.

MOUSF Administrator Web Page

Administrative Recovery

CLEC, IXC, OSP, ILEC, VoIP

Not addressed.

Tariff Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, ILEC

Tariffed Carriers Only

It is the policy of the Commission to require tariff approval of all state-specific regulated items appearing on a customer's bill. If the carrier itemizes surcharges on a customer's bill, language authorizing the itemizations are to be included in the carrier's tariff.

Staff

Montana

Retail Telecommunications Excise Tax

Current Rate

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP An excise tax of 3.75% is imposed on the sales price of retail telecommunications services.

Mont. Code Ann. §15-53-130

Surcharge Recovery

CLEC, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

The tax is imposed on the purchaser and must be collected by the telecommunications services provider.

Mont. Code Ann. §15-53-130

CMRS, PPW

All charges for mobile telecommunications services that are considered to be provided by the customer's home service provider may be subject to tax in this state if the customer's place of primary use is located within this state, regardless of where the mobile telecommunications services originate, terminate, or pass through.

Mont. Code Ann. §15-53-131(2)

CLEC, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

Retail telecommunications means, except as provided in subsection (b), the two-way transmission of voice, image, data, or other information over wire, cable, fiber optics, microwave, radio, satellite, or similar facilities that originates or terminates in this state and is charged to a customer with a Montana service address. (b) For mobile telecommunications services, the term means the two-way transmission of voice, image, data, or other information that originates or terminates in a single state that is charged to a Montana service address. (c) The term includes but is not limited to local exchange, long-distance, private communications, two-way paging, wireless telecommunications, and related services, regardless of whether the services are paid for on a call-by-call basis or postpaid calling basis.

Mont. Code Ann. §15-53-129(10)

Billing Requirements

CLEC, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

The excise tax imposed by this part must be separately stated on the end-user customer's bill or statement.

Mont. Code Ann. §15-53-135(1)

Remittance Requirements

VoIP, CLEC, CMRS, ILEC, PPW

A return, on a form approved by the department, and payment of the tax for the preceding calendar quarter must be filed with the department on or before 60 days after the end of each calendar quarter in which the tax imposed by this part is payable. Each telecommunications services provider engaged in providing retail telecommunications services in this state that is subject to tax under this part shall file a return.

Mont. Code Ann. §15-53-139(1)

CLEC, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP A telecommunications services provider may apply to the department for permission to report and pay the retail telecommunications excise tax on an accrual basis.
Mont. Code Ann. §15-53-137(1)

CLEC, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP **Exemption**
 If the total amount of tax due is less than \$50 in each of the quarters during the preceding calendar year, the taxpayer may file an annual return in lieu of filing the quarterly returns, provided the annual return is filed along with full payment within 60 days after the close of the calendar year.
Mont. Admin. R. 42.31.505(1)

Administrative Recovery

CLEC, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP Not addressed.

Tariff Requirements

CLEC, ILEC Not addressed.

Other

CLEC, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP **Record Retention**
 Each telecommunications services provider liable to collect the tax under this part shall keep a record, on a form approved by the department, of all revenue received from providing retail telecommunications services for each quarter.
Mont. Code Ann. §15-53-139(2)

CLEC, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP A telecommunications services provider may not advertise, hold out, or state to the public or to any customer that the tax imposed by this part will be absorbed or refunded.
Mont. Code Ann. §15-53-135(2)

Universal Service Fund

Other

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP There is no state Universal Service Fund at this time. The USF was replaced by the Retail Telecommunications Excise Tax.

Nebraska

Universal Service Fund

Current Rate

CLEC, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP

01/01/2022 – current: Residential/Business: \$1.75 per-connection
NUSF-119/PI-233 dated 05/11/2021

IXC, OSP

01/01/2022 - current: 6.95% of intrastate telecommunications end-user, retail revenues.
NUSF-119/PI-233 dated 05/11/2021

Historical Rate(s)

CLEC, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP

Dates	% Intrastate Telecommunications End-User Retail Revenues	Per Connection
04/01/2019 - 12/31/2021	Business: 6.95%	Residential: \$1.75

NUSF-4 Order dated 06/4/2019

IXC, OSP

Dates	% Intrastate Telecommunications End-User Retail Revenues
07/01/2014 - 12/31/2021	6.95%

NUSF-4 Order dated 06/4/2019

Surcharge Recovery

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP

The NUSF surcharge shall be assessed on all end-user telecommunications provided in Nebraska intrastate commerce.

291 Neb. Admin. Code Ch. 10, §002 (.01)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP

The NUSF surcharge shall be assessed on charges made to hotels, motels and other entities for telecommunications services that may be re-billed by the user to another party.

291 Neb. Admin. Code Ch. 10, §002 (.01C1)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP **Exemption**

Interstate Telecommunications, Charges and Surcharges The NUSF surcharge shall not apply on the interstate portion of telecommunications. When the intrastate portion of telecommunications cannot be determined or if such determination would result in an undue administrative burden, a telecommunications company may request that the Commission approve an allocation factor to determine the intrastate portion of the service or the Commission may adopt a relevant Federal Communications Commission safe harbor provision.

291 Neb. Admin. Code Ch. 10, §002 (.01D1)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP **Exemption**

Federal Charges and Surcharges The NUSF surcharge shall not be assessed on Federal Subscriber Line Charges (SLC), Primary Interexchange Carrier Charges (PICC), Number Portability Surcharges, and similar federal charges and surcharges.

291 Neb. Admin. Code Ch. 10, §002 (.01D2)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP **Exemption**

Pay Telephone Coin Revenue The NUSF surcharge shall not be assessed on coin

services provided from pay telephones.

291 Neb. Admin. Code Ch. 10, §002 (.01D3)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP **Exemption**

Intermediate Services The NUSF surcharge shall not be assessed on intermediate telecommunications services, such as access service, that are provided by one telecommunications company to another as long as the company receiving such service collects the NUSF surcharge from the retail services that it provides to its users through the use of the intermediate service.

291 Neb. Admin. Code Ch. 10, §002 (.01D4)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP **Exemption**

Taxes and Surcharges The NUSF surcharge shall not be assessed on local, state, or federal taxes, 911 surcharges, telecommunication relay service surcharges, or similar taxes or surcharges.

291 Neb. Admin. Code Ch. 10, §002 (.01D5)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP **Exemption**

Nebraska Telephone Assistance Program Recipients Qualifying users that are enrolled in the Nebraska Telephone Assistance Program (NTAP) are exempt from assessment of the NUSF surcharge. This exemption is limited to the single local exchange service line receiving NTAP support and the services provided thereon.

291 Neb. Admin. Code Ch. 10, §002 (.04A)

OSP, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP, CLEC, IXC **Interconnected Voice Over the Internet Protocol Service** A service that (1) enables real time, two-way voice communications; (2) requires a broadband connection from the user's location; (3) requires IP-compatible User premises equipment; and (4) permits users to receive calls which originate on the public switched telephone network and to terminate calls to the public switched telephone network.

291 Neb. Admin. Code Ch. 10, §001 (.01O)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP **Exemption**

Joint Use Services In cases where a charge is made for both intrastate and interstate telecommunications service, and the interstate telecommunications service is not charged separately or cannot be readily determined, the NUSF surcharge shall apply to the total charge, except as provided in Rule 002.01D1b [Allocation Factor].

291 Neb. Admin. Code Ch. 10, §002 (.01D1a)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP **Exemption**

Allocation Factor When the intrastate portion of a joint use service charge cannot be determined or if such determination would result in an undue administrative burden, a telecommunications company may request that the Commission approve an allocation factor to determine the intrastate portion of the service or may adopt any relevant Federal Communications Commission safe harbor provisions.

291 Neb. Admin. Code Ch. 10, §002 (.01D1b)

CMRS, PPW

Exemption

For purposes of service by a prepaid wireless telecommunications service provider, universal service fund contribution and surcharge obligations shall be governed by the Prepaid Wireless Surcharge Act, except that a prepaid wireless telecommunications

service provider shall continue to be subject to the audit requirements in subdivision (2)(d) of section 86-324.

Neb. Rev. Stat §86-328(3)

Billing Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP The NUSF surcharge shall be explicitly shown on user bills as "NE Universal Service".

291 Neb. Admin. Code Ch. 10, §002 (.02)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP **Exception**

De Minimis Waiver The Commission may grant a waiver from the requirement of section 002.02 [Bill label] to a telecommunications company upon application for good cause when the amounts to be collected from the user are de minimis as such term is defined by the Commission in an Order.

291 Neb. Admin. Code Ch. 10, §002 (.02A)

Remittance Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP **Monthly**

Telecommunications companies shall remit the NUSF surcharge on a monthly basis to the NUSF except as provided in Rule 003.01B [Quarterly Remittances].

291 Neb. Admin. Code Ch. 10, §003 (.01A)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP **Quarterly**

A telecommunications company whose assessable revenue is less than \$20,000 for a given calendar year may remit on a quarterly basis to the NUSF. A company who elects to file on a quarterly basis pursuant to this rule shall notify the Commission in writing prior to switching from a monthly remittance filing basis to a quarterly remittance filing basis.

291 Neb. Admin. Code Ch. 10, §003 (.01B)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP **Exception**

No Users Within the State A company shall not be required to file remittance information or remit payments when the telecommunications company has no users in the State of Nebraska and no assessable revenue as defined by Rule 001.01C. A company shall notify the Commission in writing prior to the cessation of filing remittances and remittance information.

291 Neb. Admin. Code Ch. 10, §003 (.07)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP Telecommunications companies shall collect and remit the NUSF surcharge.

291 Neb. Admin. Code Ch. 10, §002 (.01)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP Remittances shall be received by the Nebraska State Treasurer no later [than] the 15th day following the end of remittance period. In the event the 15th day falls on a weekend or a holiday, the electronic remittance is due on the next business day.

291 Neb. Admin. Code Ch. 10, §003 (.03)

Administrative Recovery

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP Not addressed.

Tariff Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, ILEC

According to Staff, the fund must be specifically identified in the carrier's tariff.
Staff Policy

Other

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP All companies providing telecommunications service in Nebraska shall file an annual affidavit with the Department attesting to the compliance with all Rules and Regulations and Commission Orders for the Nebraska Telephone Assistance Program.
291 Neb. Admin. Code Ch. 10, §002 (.04B)

Nevada

Availability of Telephone Service Fund f/k/a Universal Service Fund

Current Rate

PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP,
CLEC, IXC, OSP

01/01/2022 - current: 0.57% (0.0057) of intrastate retail revenues.
Docket No. 21-08008; Dated November 2, 2021

Historical Rate(s)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC,
PPW, VoIP

Dates	% Intrastate Retail Revenues
Prior to 2016	Available upon request.
01/01/16 - 12/31/16	0.0956%
01/01/17 - 12/31/17	0.1149%
01/01/18 - 12/31/18	0.1545%
01/01/19 - 12/31/19	0.2827%
01/01/20 - 12/31/20	0.17%
01/01/21 - 12/31/21	0.38%

Surcharge Recovery

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC,
PPW, VoIP

The Administrator shall: Collect assessments from all persons providing intrastate telecommunication service or the functional equivalent of such service through any form of telephony technology, unless the levy and collection of an assessment with regard to a particular form of technology is prohibited by federal law.

Nev. Admin. Code 704.68044

Billing Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC,
VoIP

Not addressed.

Remittance Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC,
PPW, VoIP

The assessment must be remitted to the Administrator by a provider of telecommunication service on a quarterly basis not later than 30 days after the last day of the month in the calendar quarter.

Nev. Admin. Code 704.68054 (2)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC,
PPW, VoIP

Minimum Contribution

There is a minimum contribution requirement of \$10 per year.

Docket No. 16-08057 dated 11/02/16

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC,
PPW, VoIP

Quarterly worksheets are due by the 30th day of the month following the end of each calendar quarter.

NV USF FY 2018 Remittance Worksheet

Administrative Recovery

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC,
PPW, VoIP

Not addressed.


Tariff Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP

N/A. Competitive suppliers are not required to file tariffs.

Nev. Rev. Stat. §704.68875

ILEC ILECs who are competitive suppliers do not file tariffs. Not addressed for small scale providers of last resort.
Nev. Rev. Stat. §704.68861(2)



New Hampshire

Universal Service Fund

Other

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, There is no requirement to contribute to a state USF.

PPW, VoIP

New Jersey

Universal Service Fund

Other

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, There is no requirement to contribute to a state USF.

PPW, VoIP

New Mexico

State Rural Universal Service Fund (SRUSF)

Current Rate

CLEC, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW,
VoIP

Effective 01/01/2022 - current: \$0.95 per communications connection

Docket No. 21-00235-UT, Issued 12/1/2022

Historical Rate(s)

CLEC, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW,
VoIP

Dates	Per Communication Connection
Prior to 2014	Available upon request
01/01/2014 - 01/28/2016	3.00%
01/29/2016 - 09/30/2016	3.50%
10/01/2016 - 12/31/2016	4.50%
01/01/2017 - 12/31/2017	5.03%
01/01/2018 - 09/30/2018	6.06%
10/01/2018 - 12/31/2018	\$1.17
01/01/2019 - 12/31/2019	\$1.24
01/01/2020 - 12/31/2020	\$0.88
01/01/2021 - 12/31/2021	\$1.08

*As of 01/01/2021, IXCs and OSPs are no longer required to collect and remit the surcharge. Docket No. 20-00153-UT; dated 12/16/2020

Surcharge Recovery

CLEC, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW,
VoIP

Intrastate retail telecommunications services means services including, but not limited to, all types of local exchange service; non-basic, vertical or discretionary services, also known as advanced features, or premium services, such as, but not limited to, call waiting, call forwarding, and caller ID; listing services; directory assistance services; cellular telephone and paging services; commercial mobile radio services; personal communications services (PCS); both optional and non-optional operator services; wide area telecommunications services (WATS) and WATS-like services; toll-free services; 900 services and other informational services; message telephone services (MTS or toll; CENTREX, centron and centron-like services; video conferencing and teleconferencing services; the resale of intrastate telecommunications services; payphone services; services that provide telecommunications through a New Mexico telephone number using voice over internet protocol (VOIP) or comparable technologies; any services regulated by the commission; and such other services as the commission may by order designate from time to time as equivalent or similar to the services listed above, without regard to the technology used to deliver such services.

N.M. Code R. §17.11.10.7(T)

CLEC, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW,
VoIP

Contributing company means any carrier that provides intrastate retail public telecommunications services or comparable retail alternative services in New Mexico.

N.M. Code R. §17.11.10.7(K)

CLEC, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

Access line means a dial tone line, or its functional equivalent, that provides local exchange service from a carrier’s switching equipment to a point of termination at the customer’s network interface and is not limited to wireline or any other technology; for the purposes of this rule, an access line does not include official lines, unbundled network elements/platforms, retail resale, wholesale resale, special access lines and private lines.

N.M. Code R. §17.11.10.7(A)

CLEC, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

A contributing company shall recover the amount of its contributions to the fund from its end-user customers in a manner that is not, either by act or omission, deceptive or misleading. Such recovery shall be made in a fair, equitable and nondiscriminatory manner, and no over-recovery of contributions shall be permitted.

N.M. Code R. §17.11.10.21(A)

CLEC, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

Each contributing company’s monthly contribution shall equal the state rural USF surcharge rate multiplied by its intrastate retail telecommunications revenues or non-exempt communication connections, as determined by the commission in New Mexico for the month.

N.M. Code R. §17.11.10.20(C)

CLEC, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

Communication connection means a voice-enabled telephone access line, wireless voice connection, unique voice over internet protocol service connection, or other uniquely identifiable functional equivalent as determined by the commission.

N.M. Code R. §17.11.10.7(I)

PPW, VoIP, CLEC, PSP, CMRS, ILEC

Carrier means an entity that provides intrastate retail public telecommunications services or comparable retail alternative services in New Mexico.

N.M. Code R. §17.11.10.7(G)

CMRS

Commercial mobile radio service (CMRS) means a designation by the federal communications commission for any carrier or licensee who’s wireless network is connected to the public switched telephone network or is operated for profit.

N.M. Code R. §17.11.10.7(H)

IXC, OSP

The Commission notes that, for toll providers and long distance providers, the elimination of revenue reporting results in the elimination of any reporting to the Fund Administrator.

Docket No. 20-00153-UT; dated December 16, 2020

Billing Requirements

CLEC, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

A contributing company shall recover the amount of its contributions to the fund from its end-user customers in a manner that is not, either by act or omission, deceptive or misleading. Such recovery shall be made in a fair, equitable and nondiscriminatory manner, and no over-recovery of contributions shall be permitted.

N.M. Code R. §17.11.10.21(A)

Remittance Requirements

PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP, CLEC

Each contributing company shall remit its monthly contribution to the administrator on a schedule to be determined by the administrator.

N.M. Code R. §17.11.10.20(E)

CLEC, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

Monthly reports and remittances are due by the 15th of the month following the end of the reported month.

Solix Letter dated 09/23/14

Administrative Recovery

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP Not addressed.

Tariff Requirements

CLEC, PSP, ILEC

A contributing company required to provide service in accordance with commission approved tariffs shall not recover contributions from its end-user customers except as permitted under commission approved modifications to those tariffs.

N.M. Code R. §17.11.10.21(B)

New York

State Universal Service High-Cost Fund (SUSF)

Current Rate

CLEC, IXC, OSP, ILEC

As invoiced: 1 Qtr 2021: 0.0755535906% of Contributor's Assessable Revenues for 2016

New York SUSF Invoice

Historical Rate(s)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, ILEC

Dates	% of Contributor's Assessable Revenues for [Revenue Year]
Prior to 2020	Available upon request.
1 Qtr 2020	0.0681154224% [2016]
2 Qtr 2020	0.0643072857% [2016]
3 Qtr 2020	0.0680916036% [2015]

New York SUSF Invoice

Surcharge Recovery

CLEC, IXC, OSP, ILEC

Under the terms of the Joint Proposal, a "contributor" is defined as a company that was required to contribute to the TAF during 2015. [CLECs, ILECs, IXCs and OSPs]

Case No. 15-M-0742, Order dated 09/16/16; Joint Proposal for the Renewal of the State Universal Service Fund, para.4(a)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, ILEC

Any new intrastate telecommunications service provider that enters a New York market after December 31, 2015, and that would have been required to contribute to the TAF and the SUSF had it been in the market during 2015 will be included as a Contributor after its entry into the market based on the amount of its then current and ongoing revenues that would have been assessable by TAF had the entity been in the market in 2015.

Case No. 15-M-0742, Order dated 09/16/16; Joint Proposal for the Renewal of the State Universal Service Fund, para.6(a)

CMRS, VoIP

A company that provides only Wireless and/or VoIP service will not be a Contributor.

Case No. 15-M-0742, Order dated 09/16/16; Joint Proposal for the Renewal of the State Universal Service Fund, para.4(a)

Billing Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, ILEC

Contributors will be allowed, but not required, to recover their contributions to the SUSF through new or increased retail end-user charges or surcharge, and Contributors will have discretion, subject to Commission oversight through the tariff process under Publ.Serv.L. §92 (with respect to rates subject to the requirements of that section) as to the structure of such charges or surcharges.

Case No. 15-M-0742, Order dated 09/16/16; Joint Proposal for the Renewal of the State Universal Service Fund, para.9

Tariff Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, ILEC

Contributors will be allowed, but not required, to recover their contributions to the SUSF through new or increased retail end-user charges or surcharge, and Contributors will have discretion, subject to Commission oversight through the tariff process under Publ.Serv.L. §92 (with respect to rates subject to the requirements of that section) as to the structure of such charges or surcharges.

Case No. 15-M-0742, Order dated 09/16/16; Joint Proposal for the Renewal of the State Universal Service Fund, para.9

Remittance Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, ILEC

The assessment will be billed at a maximum of four quarterly installments.

New York SUSF Invoice

CLEC, IXC, OSP, ILEC

Each Contributor shall be required to contribute to the SUSF that Contributor's Share of the Funding Amount for that Funding Date. Payment must be made by the Funding Date [Due Date].

Case No. 15-M-0742, Order dated 09/16/16; Joint Proposal for the Renewal of the State Universal Service Fund, para.3(b)

Administrative Recovery

CLEC, IXC, OSP, ILEC

Not addressed.

North Carolina

Universal Service Fund

Other

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP There is no state Universal Service Fund at this time.

North Dakota

Universal Service Fund

Other

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP There is no requirement to contribute to a state USF.

Ohio

Universal Service Fund (High Cost Support and Low Income Support)

Other

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, There is no requirement to contribute to a state USF.

PPW, VoIP

ILEC

ILEC ETC

An ILEC ETC may recover through a customer billing surcharge on retail customers of the ILEC's telecommunications service other than lifeline service customers, any lifeline service discounts and any other lifeline service expenses that are not recovered through federal or state funding and that are approved by the commission under this paragraph. The surcharge may not include recovery of expenses related to the marketing and promotion of lifeline service. The surcharge may be established through one of the following means: (1) An ILEC ETC that chooses to establish a customer billing surcharge to non-lifeline customers, to recover lifeline service discounts and expenses identified in this paragraph shall file a 30 day application for tariff amendment (ATA).

Ohio Admin. Code 4901:1-6-19(P)

Oklahoma

Universal Service Fund

Current Rate

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP 07/01/19 - 09/30/2021: 6.28% of intrastate retail revenue See Order No. 719918 remittance requirements below

Cause No. OSF 201900036, Order No. 695781

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP 09/01/2021: \$1.14 per connection per month.

Cause No. OSF 201900316, Order No. 719918

Historical Rate(s)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

Dates	% Intrastate Retail Revenues
Prior to 2015	Available upon request
06/01/2015 - 06/30/2018*	2.16%
07/01/2018 - 06/30/2019	1.20%
07/01/2019 - 9/30/2021	6.28%

*Oklahoma Law was expanded (effective 5/09/16) OUSF contributors to include VoIP providers.

Surcharge Recovery

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

The OUSF shall be funded in a competitively neutral manner in accordance with the Oklahoma Telecommunications Act [17 O.S. §139.101, et.seq.].

Okla. Admin. Code §165:59-3-40(a)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

A contributing provider may, at its option, recover the amount it pays into the OUSF from its retail customers as provided in the Oklahoma Telecommunications Act. If the contributing provider elects to recover the amount of its contributions from its retail customers, such recovery shall be made in a fair, equitable and nondiscriminatory manner.

Okla. Admin. Code §165:59-3-46(a)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

Any over-recovery of the OUSF contributions for the preceding year shall be carried forward to the ensuing year, and shall be included as a reduction in the calculation of the retail end-user recovery amount for the ensuing twelve-month period of the contributing provider's OUSF contributions. Any under-recovery of the OUSF contribution for the preceding year, may be included as an increase in the calculation of the retail end-user recovery amount for the ensuing twelve-month period of the contributing provider's OUSF recovery from its customers, provided the contributing provider made a reasonable attempt to collect the funds in the preceding year.

Okla. Admin. Code §165:59-3-46(b)

IXC, CLEC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

The OUSF shall be funded by a charge paid by all contributing providers as provided for in Section 139.107 of this title, at a level sufficient to maintain universal service.

17 Okl. St. §139.106(C)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

The funding from each contributing provider shall be based on the total intrastate retail Oklahoma Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) revenues and intrastate

telecommunications revenues, from both regulated and unregulated services, of the contributing provider, hereinafter referred to as assessed revenues, as a percentage of all assessed revenues of the contributing providers, or such other assessment methodology not inconsistent with federal law. VoIP services shall be assessed only as provided for in the decision of the Federal Communications Commission, FCC 10-185, released November 5, 2010, **or such other assessment methodology that is not inconsistent with federal law.** [Emphasis added]

17 Okl. St. §139.107(A)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

Contributing providers means providers, including but not limited to providers of intrastate telecommunications, providers of intrastate telecommunications for a fee on a non-common-carrier basis, providers of wireless telephone service and providers of interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP).

17 Okl. St. §139.102(9)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

Contributing providers may, at their option, recover from their retail customers the OUSF charges paid by the contributing provider.

17 Okl. St. §139.106(E)

VoIP

Interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol or VoIP means both fixed and nomadic versions of the service, with fixed Interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol service able to be used at only one location, and nomadic Interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol service able to be used at multiple locations. Interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol means a service that: (A) enables real-time, two-way voice communications: (B) requires a broadband connection from the user's location: (C) requires Internet protocol-compatible customer premises equipment: and (D) permits users generally to receive calls that originate on the public switched telephone network and to terminate calls to the public switched telephone network.

Okla. Admin. Code §165:59-1-4

Billing Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

Contributing providers may, at their option, recover from their retail customers the OUSF charges paid by the contributing provider.

17 Okl. St. §139.106(E)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

In the event a contributing provider, excluding prepaid wireless provider, elects to recover its OUSF contributions from its customers, the amounts of the recovery shall be explicitly stated as a line item on customer's bills.

Okla. Admin. Code §165:59-3-46(d)

Remittance Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

Waived by Order No. 719918 (d) Each contributing provider shall pay its contribution directly to the OUSF Administrator, or contracted agent, as directed by the OUSF Administrator, on a monthly or annual basis, conditioned upon an annual revenue threshold established by the OUSF Administrator. (e) If the contributing provider qualifies to pay its contribution annually, payment shall be made at the beginning of the fiscal year, and is past due after August 31. If the contributing provider under estimates its annual contribution by 15% or greater, the contributing provider shall be

required to make its contributions monthly for the next fiscal reporting year, and under payments will be subject to interest. (f) If the contributing provider qualifies to pay its contribution monthly, the contributing provider shall report the prior calendar month's revenues, and pay on those revenues, by the end of the month, each month, without skipping a month.

Okla. Admin. Code §165:59-3-44(d-f)

PPW, VoIP, CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC

Transition methodology The Administrator has been directed to work with providers to ensure an orderly transition to the new assessment methodology and ensure no gaps in payments and that no provider pays more than 12 monthly assessments during calendar year 2021. The number of connections at Sept. 30, 2021, is to be reported and the assessment paid on or by Nov. 15th. Revenue-based assessment payments continue through Oct. 31 and cease Nov. 1st.

Cause No. OSF 201900316, Order No. 719918

Administrative Recovery

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, Not addressed.

PPW, VoIP

Tariff Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, ILEC

Tariffed Carriers Only

Not addressed.

Other

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, **Tax Status**

PPW, VoIP

The OUSF charges shall not be subject to state or local taxes or franchise fees.

17 Okl. St. §139.106(E)

OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP, CLEC, **Record Retention**

IXC, PPW

Contributing providers must maintain records and documentation to justify information used in its determination of its contributions to the OUSF for three (3) years and shall provide such records and documentation to the OUSF Administrator upon request.

Okla. Admin. Code §165:59-3-40(d)

High Cost Fund

Current Rate

CLEC, IXC, ILEC

There is no set rate. Carriers are invoiced monthly.

Commission Order No. 399040, dated 01/30/06

Surcharge Recovery

CLEC, IXC, ILEC

The HCF shall be funded on a nondiscriminatory basis by all appropriate telecommunications providers, including but not limited to, interLATA and intraLATA toll providers, including resellers.

Commission Order No. 399040, dated 01/30/06

CLEC, IXC, ILEC

The Administrator should reduce its collection of contributions to the HCF in accordance with the transition mechanism. The Administrator should notify each contributor of its reduced obligation for each step of the transition mechanism.

Cause No. 201200040, Order No. 673325, dated 02/08/2018

CLEC, IXC, ILEC

Transition mechanism The Oklahoma HCF, created by Commission Order No. 399040, should be abolished, effective February 28, 2022, in accordance with the following transition mechanism: a. Beginning February 28, 2019, each Oklahoma HCF recipient will receive HCF payments reduced by 25% of the amounts received in 2018; b. Beginning February 29, 2020, each Oklahoma HCF recipient will receive HCF payments reduced by 50% of the amounts received in 2018; c. Beginning February 28, 2021 each Oklahoma HCF recipient will receive HCF payments reduced by 75% of the amounts received in 2018; and d. Effective February 28, 2022, no further HCF payments will be made to any Oklahoma HCF recipients.

Cause No. 201200040, Order No. 673325, dated 02/08/2018

Billing Requirements

CLEC, IXC

A reseller may pass through to the end user whatever the underlying carrier has passed through to the reseller.

OCC Staff

IXC, CLEC

Contributors that pass their contribution obligations through to their end users should reduce their collection amounts in accordance with the transition mechanism (See Surcharge Recovery).

Cause No. 201200040, Order No. 673325, dated 02/08/2018

Remittance Requirements

CLEC, IXC, ILEC

Funds are to be remitted monthly to the HCF Administrator.

Commission Order No. 399040, dated 01/30/06

Administrative Recovery

CLEC, IXC, ILEC

Not addressed.

Tariff Requirements

IXC, ILEC, CLEC

Contributors should amend all related tariffs or terms of service that address collections to reflect the changes required by the transition mechanism (See Surcharge Recovery).

Cause No. 201200040, Order No. 673325, dated 02/08/2018

Oregon

Universal Service Fund

Current Rate

ILEC, CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, VoIP 07/01/2021 - Current: 6.0% of intrastate retail telecommunications services revenue
Docket No. UM 1594, Order No. 21-159; entered 05/18/21

Maximum Rate

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP Unless otherwise provided by the Public Utility Commission by rule, the universal service surcharge must...not exceed six percent (6%) of the sale of services subject to the surcharge.
Or. Rev. Stat. §759.425(4)(e)

Historical Rate(s)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, ILEC, CMRS, VoIP

Dates	Customer Surcharge Amount % intrastate retail telecommunications service revenues	Order No.
*07/01/2012 - 12/31/2020	8.5%	Order 12-205; 06/05/12
01/01/2021 - 06/30/2021	5.0%	Order 20-388; 10/27/20

*The base of the OR USF was expanded effective January 1, 2021 to include assessments on VoIP and CMRS Intrastate revenues. OR ST § 759.425(4)(a)

Surcharge Recovery

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP

Retail telecommunications service means a telecommunications service provided for a fee to customers. “Retail telecommunications service” does not include a service provided by one telecommunications carrier to another telecommunications carrier, unless the carrier receiving the service is the end user of the service.

Or. Rev. Stat. §759.400(4)

IXC, CMRS, OSP, PSP, CLEC, ILEC, VoIP

VoIP Interconnected voice over internet protocol service” has the meaning given the term “interconnected VoIP service” in 47 C.F.R. 9.3.

Or. Rev. Stat. §759.400(3)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP

There is imposed a universal service surcharge on the sale in this state of all: (A) Retail telecommunications services; (B) Retail commercial mobile radio services; and (C) Retail interconnected voice over internet protocol services.

Or. Rev. Stat. §759.425(4)(a)

CMRS

A retail commercial mobile radio service provider shall identify the intrastate revenues subject to the universal service surcharge based on the inverse of the percentage of interstate revenues utilized for purposes of federal universal service contributions or based on any other method approved by the Public Utility Commission. A retail commercial mobile radio service provider may rely upon the sourcing rules set forth in the Mobile Telecommunications Sourcing Act (P.L. 106-252) to identify revenues attributable to Oregon.

Or. Rev. Stat. §759.425(4)(b)

VoIP

A retail interconnected voice over internet protocol service provider may identify, in accordance with federal guidelines, the intrastate revenues subject to the universal service surcharge based on any one of the following: (A) The inverse of the interstate safe harbor percentage established by the Federal Communications Commission for interconnected voice over internet protocol service for federal universal service contribution purposes, as the interstate safe harbor percentage may be revised from time to time; (B) A traffic study specific to the interconnected voice over internet protocol service provider that allocates revenues between federal and state jurisdictions; or (C) Another methodology for accurately apportioning interconnected voice over internet protocol service revenues between federal and state jurisdictions.

Or. Rev. Stat. §759.425(4)(c)

Multi-Line/Multi-Channel

ILEC, CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, VoIP

For any service provider subject to the universal service surcharge that provides, to multiple locations, shared simultaneous voice channel capacity configured to provide local dial in different states, the revenue subject to the surcharge shall be only the portion of the shared capacity in this state as identified: (A) By information itemizing, on the billing statements provided to customers, the charges subject to the surcharge, as may be identified by individual end-user location, the total number of end users and the number of end users at each end-user location; or (B) If information described in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph does not exist, by the service provider's billing system books and records.

Or. Rev. Stat. §759.425(4)(d)

Billing Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, ILEC

The surcharge will be optional, but if imposed must be imposed in the percentage we establish, and must be explained on the bill as directed by the Commission.

Docket No. UM731, Order No. 00-312, entered 06/16/00; pg 27

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, ILEC

Staff's proposed language is as follows: "Oregon Universal Service Surcharge (Percent Amount) Percent" followed by the computed dollar amount.

Docket No. UM731, Order No. 00-312, entered 06/16/00; pg 26

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, ILEC

Carriers complained about the space available on their bills. As a result, Staff has approved a shorter version, "OR USF."

Staff

CMRS, VoIP

The commission may not prescribe whether, or the manner by which, a commercial mobile radio services provider or an interconnected voice over internet protocol services provider may list the surcharge in billing statements provided to customers.

Or. Rev. Stat. §759.425(4)(f)

Remittance Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, ILEC

For the purpose of the OUS fund, a telecommunications provider must file its contribution report with the OUS Administrator. For the first quarter (January through March) the contribution report is due on or before May 28, for the second quarter (April through June) it is due on or before August 28, for the third quarter (July through September) it is due on or before November 28, and for the fourth quarter (October

through December) it is due on or before February 28 of the following year.

Or. Admin. R. 860-100-0110(1)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, ILEC

A telecommunications provider must file the contribution report for each quarter with no exceptions, including when the contribution amount shown on the report is \$0.00.

Or. Admin. R. 860-100-0110(2)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, ILEC

The amount shown on the contribution report referenced in section (1) of this rule is due and payable by the telecommunications provider on or before the following days: February 28, May 28, August 28, and November 28. A telecommunications provider must send payment (electronically or by mail) so that it is received in the Commission's offices by no later than 5 p.m. on the date it is due.

Or. Admin. R. 860-100-0110(3)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, ILEC

Exemption

If the telecommunications provider's contribution amount for a quarter is less than a minimum of \$10 (i.e. \$9.99 or less), the telecommunications provider is not required to pay the contribution amount for that quarter but it must still file its contribution report. If the telecommunications provider has outstanding amounts owing for contributions, late statement fees, late payment penalties, and interest totaling more than the \$10 minimum amount, this section does not apply and the total amount is due and payable.

Or. Admin. R. 860-100-0110(4)

CMRS, VoIP, CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, ILEC

A service provider required to collect the universal service surcharge shall: (A) Transmit amounts collected pursuant to this section to the commission in accordance with a schedule adopted by the commission; and (B) Provide the commission with information requested by the commission as necessary for the commission to implement this section.

Or. Rev. Stat. §759.425(4)(g)

Administrative Recovery

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, ILEC

Not addressed.

Tariff Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, ILEC

Not addressed.

Other

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, ILEC

Record Retention

A telecommunications provider must keep all records supporting each report and worksheet required to be filed with the OUS Administrator for three (3) years, or until a Commission review or audit is complete, whichever is later.

Or. Admin. R. 860-100-0150(2)

Pennsylvania

Universal Service Fund

Current Rate

CLEC, IXC, OSP, ILEC

01/01/2022 - current: 2.1255092% of 2020 average monthly intrastate end-user retail telecommunications revenue.

Docket No. M-00001337, Order dated 12/02/2021

Historical Rate(s)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, ILEC

Dates	Average Monthly Intrastate End-User Retail Telecommunications Revenues
Prior to 2020	Available upon request.
2020	2.0838055% (2018 revenues)
2021	2.1673586% (2019 revenues)

Orders issued in Docket No. M-00001337

Surcharge Recovery

CLEC, IXC, OSP, ILEC

A telecommunications service provider may **not** [emphasis added] implement a customer or end user surcharge or any other direct or indirect charge to recover any contributions to the Fund.

52 Pa.Code §63.170

Billing Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, ILEC

A telecommunications service provider may **not** [emphasis added] implement a customer or end user surcharge or any other direct or indirect charge to recover any contributions to the Fund.

52 Pa.Code §63.170

Remittance Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, ILEC

Exemption

(de minimis rule) If a carrier's contribution to the Fund in a given year is less than \$120, that carrier will not be required to submit a contribution.

52 Pa.Code §63.169(c)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, ILEC

At the beginning of the calendar year, the administrator will provide monthly reporting forms to each contributing telecommunications provider. Each carrier will complete the form monthly and remit the form to the administrator along with its monthly contribution in full.

52 Pa.Code §63.169(a)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, ILEC

Carriers with less than \$2000 in annual payments, are encouraged to pay their annual contributions in a lump sum payment at the beginning of the calendar year rather than in monthly installments if economically feasible. Additionally, carriers that have nominal monthly contributions, less than \$500 per month, are encouraged to remit payments on a quarterly basis as an alternative to the annual payment suggestion. While financial penalties do not attach for remitting monthly payments, we encourage carriers to remit either quarterly payments or lump-sum annual contributions.

Docket No. M-00001337, dated 11/14/2019

Administrative Recovery

CLEC, IXC, OSP, ILEC Not addressed.

Tariff Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, ILEC Not addressed.

Rhode Island

Universal Service Fund

Other

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP There is no state Universal Service Fund at this time.

South Carolina

Universal Service Fund

Current Rate

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP 01/01/2022 - current: 2.67% of all end-user retail revenue.
Office of Regulatory Staff Public Notice CY 2022

Historical Rate(s)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP

Dates	% Intrastate Retail End-User Billings
Prior to 2015	Available upon request
12/01/2015 - 12/31/2016	2.6654%
01/01/2017 - 06/30/2017	1.85%
07/01/2017 - 11/30/2017	2.665%
12/01/2017 - 12/31/2017	0%
*01/01/2018 - 12/31/2018	2.07%
01/01/2019 - 12/31/2019	1.9%
01/01/2020 - 12/31/2020	2.18%
01/01/2021 - 12/31/2021	2.40%

Surcharge Recovery

CLEC, IXC, OSP, ILEC

Exemption

Charges by local or long distance telecommunications carriers to PSPs for toll or access line charges are not retail "end user" telecommunications revenues, and do not serve as a basis for that local or long distance telecommunications carrier's contribution to the USF. As such, local and long distance telecommunications carriers are prohibited from passing any USF charges on to their PSP customers.

Docket No. 97-239-C; Order No.2001-996 Exh A §5

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC

The commission shall require all telecommunications companies providing telecommunications services within South Carolina to contribute to the USF as determined by the commission.

S.C. Code Ann. §58-9-280(E)(2)

PSP

Payphone service providers shall contribute to the State USF based on end user revenues, and not the payphone service providers' local telephone service bills.

Docket No. 97-239-C; Order No.2001-996 Exh A §5

CLEC, ILEC

Exchange access facility means the access from a particular telephone subscriber's premises to the telephone system of a service supplier. Exchange access facilities include service supplier provided access lines, PBX trunks, and Centrex network access registers, all as defined by the South Carolina Public Service Commission. Exchange access facilities do not include service supplier owned and operated telephone pay station lines, or wide area telecommunications service (wats), foreign exchange (fx), or incoming lines.

S.C. Code Ann. §58-9-2510(8)

CMRS, ILEC, CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, VoIP

USF contributors, other than prepaid wireless sellers, offering services within the state shall contribute to the USF on the basis of their relative shares of all reported

assessable retail "end-user" revenues.

Docket No. 97-239-C; Order No.2016-756 Exh A §VI B; Docket No. 2016-267-C, Order No. 2016-837, dated 12/15/16

VoIP

The South Carolina Public Service Commission (PSC) requires interconnected VoIP providers to contribute to the state Universal Service Fund on a prospective basis. The PSC ruled that all interconnected VoIP service providers, regardless of whether they hold a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity issued by the Commission, must contribute to the USF based on their retail voice communications services.

Docket No. 2016-267-C, Order No. 2016-837, dated 12/15/16

Billing Requirements

OSP, CLEC, IXC, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP

Contributions to the USF (for all USF Contributors except prepaid wireless sellers) may be recovered through an explicit surcharge on retail customers' bills. A carrier other than a prepaid wireless seller may choose not to recover its contribution. However, any carrier other than a prepaid wireless seller attempting to recover contributions to the State USF shall do so through the use of a uniform surcharge on end-user retail assessable charges. Any surcharge applied to end user retail assessable charges by the carrier shall not exceed the percentage assessed to the carrier, as determined by the Administrator.

Docket No. 97-239-C; Order No.2016-756 Exh A §XI; Docket No. 2016-267-C, Order No. 2016-837, dated 12/15/16

Remittance Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, ILEC

Entities that provide service pursuant to a certificate issued by the commission must remit these contributions to the Office of Regulatory Staff.

S.C. Code Ann. §58-9-280(E)(2)(a)

CMRS, VoIP

All other entities [non-certificated] must remit contributions to the Department of Revenue. The Department of Revenue monthly shall assess each provider that does not have such a certificate, the provider's contribution to the USF.

S.C. Code Ann. §58-9-280(E)(2)(a); Docket No. 2016-267-C, Order No. 2016-837, dated 12/15/16

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP

Exemption

If the monthly contribution of a USF Contributor is calculated to be less than \$100, the USF Contributor will not be required to contribute for that year.

Docket No. 97-239-C; Order No.2016-756 Exh A §VI D; Docket No. 2016-267-C, Order No. 2016-837, dated 12/15/16

Administrative Recovery

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP

Not addressed.

VoIP

Tariff Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, ILEC

Not addressed.

Prepaid Wireless USF Fee

Current Rate

PPW

01/01/17 - current: \$0.50 per retail transaction

Office of Regulatory Staff Public Notice CY 2021

Surcharge Recovery

- PPW **Prepaid wireless consumer** means a person or entity that purchases prepaid wireless telecommunications service in a prepaid wireless retail transaction.
S.C. Code Ann. §58-9-2510(13)
- PPW **Prepaid wireless seller** means a person or entity that sells prepaid wireless telecommunications service to another person or entity for any purpose other than resale.
S.C. Code Ann. §58-9-2510(16)
- PPW **Prepaid wireless retail transaction** means the purchase of prepaid wireless telecommunications service from a prepaid wireless seller for any purpose other than resale.
S.C. Code Ann. §58-9-2510(15)
- PPW A person or entity defined as a "Prepaid wireless seller" must collect the USF contribution from a "Prepaid wireless consumer" with respect to each [Prepaid wireless] retail transaction occurring in this State.
S.C. Code Ann. §58-9-280(E)(2)(d)
- PPW All Prepaid wireless retail transaction charges for prepaid wireless calling arrangements must be sourced to the: (i) location in this State where the over-the-counter sale took place; (ii) shipping address if the sale did not take place at the seller's location and an item is shipped; or (iii) either the billing address or location associated with the mobile telephone number if the sale did not take place at the seller's location and no item is shipped.
S.C. Code Ann. §§58-9-280(E)(d)(i) and 12-36-910(B)(5)(b)
- PPW USF contributions for Prepaid wireless telecommunications service must be collected from Prepaid wireless consumers, by persons or entities defined as Prepaid wireless sellers. The amount of the charge to be collected with respect to each retail transaction must be a fixed per transaction fee established annually by the Office of Regulatory Staff.
S.C. Code Ann. §58-9-280(E)(2)(b)

Billing Requirements

- PPW The amount of the charge either must be separately stated on an invoice, receipt, or other similar document that is provided to the [Prepaid wireless] consumer by the person or entity defined as a "Prepaid wireless seller"; or otherwise disclosed to the [Prepaid wireless] consumer.
S.C. Code Ann. §58-9-280(E)(2)(d)
- PPW At the election of the person or entity [Prepaid wireless seller], the dual party relay charge, the USF contribution charge, and the 911 charge may be combined into a single charge for purposes of being stated on the invoice, receipt, or other similar document or otherwise disclosed to the [Prepaid wireless] consumer. The person or entity [Prepaid wireless seller] shall notify the department [Department of Revenue] as to how much of the amount remitted is for dual party relay and how much of the

amount remitted is for USF.

S.C. Code Ann. §58-9-280(E)(2)(d)

Remittance Requirements

PPW

A person or entity [Prepaid wireless seller] must remit the remainder of the USF contribution to the department [Department of Revenue] on or before the twentieth day of the second month succeeding each monthly collection of the USF charges.

S.C. Code Ann. §58-9-280(E)(2)(d)(ii)

PPW

The USF contribution required to be remitted to the department [Department of Revenue] must be administered and collected by the department in the same manner as taxes.

S.C. Code Ann. §58-9-280(E)(2)(e)

Administrative Recovery

PPW

A prepaid wireless seller is entitled to retain (3%) three percent of the gross USF contribution remitted to the department [Department of Revenue] as an administrative fee.

S.C. Code Ann. §58-9-280(E)(2)(d)(ii)

Other

PPW

Tax Status

The amount of the USF contribution collected by a person or entity [Prepaid wireless seller], whether or not such amount is separately stated on an invoice, receipt, or other similar document provided to the [Prepaid wireless] consumer, may not be included in the base for measuring any tax, fee, USF contribution, or other charge that is imposed by this State, any political subdivision of this State, or any intergovernmental agency. This amount may not be considered revenue of the person or entity [Prepaid wireless seller].

S.C. Code Ann. §58-9-280(E)(2)(d)(ii)

PPW

The department [Department of Revenue] shall establish procedures by which a prepaid wireless seller may document that a sale is not a prepaid wireless retail transaction, which procedures shall substantially coincide with the procedures for documenting sale for resale transactions pursuant to Section 12-36-950 [Sales Tax].

S.C. Code Ann. §58-9-280(E)(2)(d)(iii)

South Dakota

Universal Service Fund

Other

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, There is no requirement to contribute to a state USF.

PPW, VoIP

Tennessee

Universal Service Fund

Other

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP There is no requirement to contribute to a state USF. The Tennessee Regulatory Authority has Docket 91-00888 pending; however, no activity has occurred in the docket since July of 2001.

Texas

Universal Service Fund

Current Rate

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW 03/01/2015 - current: 3.3% of customers' taxable intrastate telecommunications service receipt

Project No. 21208, Order issued 12/18/14

Historical Rate(s)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW

Dates	% Intrastate Telecommunications Revenues
07/01/07 - 12/31/08	4.4%
01/01/09 - 12/31/11	3.4%
01/01/12 - 08/31/13	3.7%
09/01/13 - 02/28/15	3.7%

Orders issued in Project No. 21208

Surcharge Recovery

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW Assessments shall be made to each telecommunications provider based upon its monthly taxable actual intrastate telecommunications services receipts reported by that telecommunications provider under Chapter 151 of the Texas Tax Code

16 Tex. Admin. Code §26.420(f)(3)(A)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW A provider may choose to recover its TUSF assessment through a surcharge added to the retail customer's bill. The surcharge must be assessed as a percentage of intrastate telecommunications services receipts on every retail customers' bill, except Lifeline and/or Link Up.

16 Tex. Admin. Code §26.420(f)(6)(A)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW A single universal service fund surcharge must not recover more than one month of assessments.

16 Tex. Admin. Code §26.420(f)(6)(D)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW **Safe Harbor**

A telecommunications provider that is unable to calculate actual intrastate telecommunications services receipts by January 1, 2007, and does not meet the de minimis exemption in subsection (c) of this section, may request, and the commission may grant for good cause, the modification or waiver of the requirement set forth in subsection (a) of this section, to allow the telecommunications provider to calculate all or some of its intrastate taxable telecommunications receipts using the relevant commission-ordered safe-harbor percentage.

16 Tex. Admin. Code §26.420(f)(3)(B)

Billing Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW The surcharge must be listed on the retail customers' bills as "Texas Universal Service."

16 Tex. Admin. Code §26.420(f)(6)(A)(i)

ILEC An ILEC choosing to recover the TUSF assessment through a surcharge on its retail customers' bills must file for commission approval of the surcharge mechanism.
16 Tex. Admin. Code §26.420(f)(6)(B)

Remittance Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW Each telecommunications provider shall pay its TUSF assessment each month by multiplying the commission-approved assessment rate by the basis for assessments as determined pursuant to paragraph (3) of this subsection.
16 Tex. Admin. Code §26.420(f)(4)

Administrative Recovery

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW Not addressed.

Tariff Requirements

ILEC An ILEC choosing to recover the TUSF assessment through a surcharge on its retail customers' bills must file for commission approval of the surcharge mechanism.
16 Tex. Admin. Code §26.420(f)(6)(B)

ILEC, CLEC, IXC, OSP A certificated telecommunications utility choosing to recover the TUSF assessment through a surcharge on its retail customers' bills shall file the appropriate changes as necessary to its tariff and/or price sheet and provide supporting documentation for the method of recovery.
16 Tex. Admin. Code §26.420(f)(6)(C)

Utah

Universal Service Support Fund (UUSF)

Current Rate

CLEC, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

07/01/2021 - Current: \$0.36 per month, per access line that as of the last calendar day of each month, has a primary place of use within the state of Utah

Docket No. 21-R008-01; Utah Admin. Code R746-8-301

Maximum Rate

CLEC, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

\$0.36 per month is both the maximum and minimum amount of remittance necessary for any single access line.

Utah Admin. Code r. 746-8-301(1)(e)(iii)(B)

Minimum Amount

CLEC, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

\$0.36 per month is both the maximum and minimum amount of remittance necessary for any single access line.

Utah Admin. Code r. 746-8-301(1)(e)(iii)(B)

Historical Rate(s)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

Dates	% Billed Intrastate Retail Rates/Per Month, Per Access Line
Prior to 2020	Available upon request.
05/01/2019 - 07/07/2020	\$0.60
07/08/2020 – 06/30/2021	\$0.54

Surcharge Recovery

CMRS, PPW

An access line or connection provider that provides mobile telecommunications service shall contribute to the Universal Public Telecommunications Service Support Fund only to the extent permitted by the Mobile Telecommunications Sourcing Act, 4 U.S.C. Sec. 116 et seq.

Utah Code Ann. §54-8b-15(11)

CLEC, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

Connection means an authorized session that uses Internet protocol or a functionally equivalent technology standard to enable an end-user to initiate or receive a call from the public switched network.

Utah Code Ann. §54-8b-15(1)(c)

CLEC, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

Each access line provider and each connection provider shall contribute to the Universal Public Telecommunications Service Support Fund through an explicit charge assessed by the commission on the access line provider or connection provider.

Utah Code Ann. §54-8b-15(8)

CLEC, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

Access line means a circuit-switched connection, or the functional equivalent of a circuit-switched connection, from an end-user to the public switched network.

Utah Code Ann. §54-8b-2(1) & Utah Admin. Code r. 746-8-200(1)(a)

PPW, CMRS

A provider of mobile telecommunications service shall consider the customer's place of primary use to be the customer's residential street address or primary business street

address.

Utah Admin. Code r. 746-8-301(1)(b)(ii)

CLEC, ILEC, VoIP

A provider of non-mobile telecommunications service shall consider the customer's place of primary use to be: (A) the customer's residential street address or primary business street address; or (B) the customer's registered location for 911 purposes.

Utah Admin. Code r. 746-8-301(1)(b)(iii)

ILEC, CLEC, CMRS, PPW, VoIP

Place of primary use means the street address representative of where the customer's use of the telecommunications service primarily occurs.

Utah Admin. Code r. 746-8-301(1)(b)(i)

PPW

Multiple recharges of prepaid wireless service during a single month do **not** trigger multiple contribution requirements.

Utah Admin. Code r. 746-8-301(1)(e)(i)(C)

PPW

A provider who is required to make a remittance for an access line under Subsection R746-8-301(1)(e)(i) is not required to make an additional remittance for the same access line under Subsection R746-8-301(1)(a).

Utah Admin. Code r. 746-8-301(1)(e)(i)(B)

PPW

Subsection R746-8-301(1)(e)(i) [Prepaid] operates in lieu of Subsection R746-8-301(1)(a) in that a provider who is required to make a remittance for an access line under Subsection R746-8-301(1)(e)(i) [Prepaid] is not required to make an additional remittance for the same access line under Subsection R746-8-301(1)(a).

Utah Admin. Code r. 746-8-301(3)(e)(i)(B)

CLEC, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

Exception

(3)(a) Subject to Subsection (3)(b), a provider may omit the UUSF surcharge with respect to an access line that is described in Subsection R746-8-301(1), and:

- i. generates revenue that is subject to a universal service fund surcharge in a state other than Utah for the relevant month for which the provider omits the UUSF surcharge;
- ii. for the relevant month for which the provider omits the UUSF surcharge, was not used to access Utah intrastate telecommunications services; or
- iii. subject to R746-8-403(5) [deduction of omitted surcharge amount from state Lifeline support paid to provider], receives subsidization through a federal Lifeline program approved by the FCC.

(b) A provider that omits any UUSF surcharge pursuant to Subsection R746-8-301(3)(a) shall:

- i. maintain documentation for at least 36 months that the omission complied with Subsection R746-8-301(3)(a); and
- ii. consent to any audit of the documentation requested by the:
 - A. Commission; or
 - B. Division of Public Utilities.

(c) A provider who omits any UUSF surcharge pursuant to Subsection (3)(a) shall report monthly to the Division of Public Utilities, using a method approved by the Division, the number of omissions claimed pursuant to each Subsection R746-8-301(3)(a)(i) and R746-8-301(3)(a)(ii).

Utah Admin. Code r. 746-8-301(3)

Multi-Line/Multi-Channel

CLEC, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

A provider that offers a multi-line service shall apply the surcharge to each concurrent real-time voice communication call session that an end-user can place to or receive from the public switched telephone network.

Utah Admin. Code r. 746-8-301(1)(d)

Billing Requirements

CLEC, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

A provider may collect the surcharge: (i) as an explicit charge to each end-user; or (ii) through inclusion of the surcharge within the end-user's rate plan.

Utah Admin. Code r. 746-8-301(1)(c)

Remittance Requirements

CLEC, CMRS, PPW

Average UUSF Assessment \$1,000 or more

Providers shall remit surcharge assessments to the Commission as follows: (1) If, over a period of six months, the average monthly UUSF surcharge assessments total \$1,000 or more, the provider shall remit the funds: (a) on a monthly basis; and (b) within 45 days of the last calendar day of each month.

Utah Admin. Code r. 746-8-302(1)

CLEC, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

A provider shall remit to the Commission no less than 98.69 percent of its total monthly surcharge collections.

Utah Admin. Code r. 746-8-301(2)(a)

CLEC, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

Average UUSF Assessment less than \$1,000

Providers shall remit surcharge assessments to the Commission as follows: If, over a period of six months, the average UUSF surcharge assessments are less than \$1,000 per month, the provider shall accrue the UUSF surcharge assessments and submit the accrued assessments every six months.

Utah Admin. Code r. 746-8-302(2)

Administrative Recovery

CLEC, CMRS, ILEC, VoIP, PPW

A provider may retain a maximum of 1.31% of its total monthly surcharge collections to offset the costs of administering this rule.

Utah Admin. Code r. 746-8-301(2)(b)

Tariff Requirements

CLEC, ILEC

Not addressed.

Other

CLEC, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

The statutory name for this fund is the "Universal Public Telecommunications Service Support Fund."

Utah Code Ann. §54-8b-15(1)(d)

Vermont

Universal Service Fund

Current Rate

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW 07/01/19 - current: 2.4% of Retail Telecommunications End-User Revenues
 VT. Stat. Ann. Tit. 30, §7523

Historical Rate(s)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC

Dates	% Retail Telecommunications End-User Revenues
09/01/09 - 08/31/10	2.00%
09/01/10 - 08/31/11	1.35%
09/01/11 - 08/31/12	1.60%
09/01/12 - 08/31/13	1.82%
09/01/13 - 06/30/14	1.80%
07/01/14 - 06/30/19*	2.00%

*PPW providers began remitting in November, 2014. [Public Utility Commission (f/k/a Public Service Board) Order dated 09/03/2014]

Surcharge Recovery

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC

A universal service charge is imposed on all retail telecommunications service provided to a Vermont address. Where the location of a service and the location receiving the bill differ, the location of the service shall be used to determine whether the charge applies. The charge is imposed on the person purchasing the service, but shall be collected by the telecommunications provider.

VT. Stat. Ann. Tit. 30, §7521(a)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC

Exemption

The universal service charge shall not apply to wholesale transactions between telecommunications service providers where the service is a component part of a service provided to an end user. This exemption includes network access charges and interconnection charges paid to a local exchange carrier.

VT. Stat. Ann. Tit. 30, §7521(b)

CMRS

In the case of mobile telecommunications service, the universal service charge is imposed when the customer's place of primary use is in Vermont. The terms "customer," "place of primary use," and "mobile telecommunications service" have the meanings given in 4 U.S.C. § 124. All provisions of 32 V.S.A. § 9782 [Mobile Telecommunications Sourcing] shall apply to the imposition of the universal service charge under this section.

VT. Stat. Ann. Tit. 30, §7521(c)

PPW

If a provider sells directly to a consumer in a retail transaction, the provider may collect the charge from the customer at the rate specified in section 7523 of this title.

VT. Stat. Ann. Tit. 30, §7521(d)(1)(A)

PPW

[I]f the provider does not sell directly to the consumer, or if the provider sells directly to the customer in a retail transaction but elects not to collect the Charge from the customer, the Charge shall be imposed on the provider at the rate determined in

subdivision (2) of this subsection (d).

VT. Stat. Ann. Tit. 30, §7521(d)(1)(B)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW
Exemption

Telecommunications service does NOT include: (i) Services consisting primarily of the creation of artistic material or other information that is later transmitted over telecommunications equipment, including information services and electronic bulletin boards, but only to the extent that charges for such information processing are separated from charges for other telecommunications services, and only to the extent that such information is not used by any telecommunications service provider in the administration of the telecommunications network. (ii) Mobile radio and paging services that do not have an electronic interface into the public switched network. (iii) Private network services; provided, however, that payments by a private network to a telecommunications service provider, such as for point-to-point transmission services, are not exempt under this subdivision. (iv) [Repealed.] (v) Telecommunications services paid for at the point of purchase by depositing coins or currency. (vi) Charges incurred by utilizing prepaid telephone calling cards or prepaid authorization numbers.
VT. Stat. Ann. Tit. 30, §7501(b)(8)(B)

PPW
Prepaid wireless telecommunications service means a telecommunications service as defined in subdivision 203(5) of this title that a consumer pays for in advance and that is sold in predetermined units or dollars that decline with use. [30 VSA §203(5)] A person or company offering telecommunications service to the public on a common carrier basis. "Telecommunications service" means the transmission of any interactive two-way electromagnetic communications, including voice, image, data and information. Transmission of electromagnetic communications includes the use of any media such as wires, cables, television cables, microwaves, radio waves, light waves or any combination of those or similar media. Telecommunications service does not include value added nonvoice services in which computer processing applications are used to act on the form, content, code and protocol of the information to be transmitted unless those services are provided under tariff approved by the public service board;

VT. Stat. Ann. Tit. 30, §7521(d)(3)

PPW
PPW Methodology

Providers may employ any reasonable methodology to determine the amount to be remitted to the VUSF with respect to wholesale transactions and instances where the provider does not collect the charge from the consumer.

Public Service Board Order dated 09/03/14

PPW
PPW Methodology

Prior to making its first remittance to the fund, each provider subject to the charge shall file with the Commission (f/k/a Board) and the Department for review a general description of the methodology to be employed in calculating the amount of the remittance.

Public Service Board Order dated 09/03/14

Remittance Requirements

<i>PPW</i>	<p>PPW Methodology</p> <p>Prior to making its first remittance to the fund, each provider subject to the charge shall file with the Commission (f/k/a Board) and the Department for review a general description of the methodology to be employed in calculating the amount of the remittance.</p> <p>Public Service Board Order dated 09/03/14</p>
<i>CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC</i>	<p>Telecommunications service providers must pay to the fiscal agent all universal service charge receipts collected from customers.</p> <p>VT. Stat. Ann. Tit. 30, §7524(a)</p>
<i>CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC</i>	<p>Payments shall be made monthly, by the 15th day of the month, and shall be based upon amounts collected in the preceding month. If the amount is small, the commission (f/k/a/ the board) may allow payment to be made less frequently, and may permit payment on an accrual basis.</p> <p>VT. Stat. Ann. Tit. 30, §7524(b)</p>
<i>CLEC, CMRS, ILEC</i>	<p>When a payment is due under this section by a telecommunications service provider who has provided customer credits under the lifeline program, the amount due may be reduced by the amount of credit granted.</p> <p>VT. Stat. Ann. Tit. 30, §7524(d)</p>
<i>PPW</i>	<p>Payments shall be made monthly, by the 15th day of the month, and shall be based upon amounts collected in the preceding month. The VUSF fiscal agent may allow payment to be made less frequently.</p> <p>Public Service Board Order dated 09/03/14</p>

Maximum # of Lines

ILEC, CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS Not addressed.

Multi-Line/Multi-Channel

ILEC, CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS Not addressed.

Billing Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC A. Telecommunications service providers may show the USF charge on a single line on the customer's bill. On a monthly bill, the USF Charge should be described in one of the following ways: "Vermont Universal Service Charge," "Vermont Universal Service Fund," "Vermont USF Charge," or the "Vt. USF Charge." B. In some cases, because of billed services being exempt from the USF charge, the total USF Charge due may not simply be the product of the gross bill and the USF Charge rate. In such cases the company should be prepared to explain to the customer the basis for calculation of the USF charge. C. An explanation of how the USF charge is calculated shall be given to customers at least once per year.

Interpretation of Act No. 197 of 1994, relating to the Vermont Universal Service Fund, by the Vermont Public Service Board, §405

Administrative Recovery

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW Not allowed.
VT. Stat. Ann. Tit. 30, §7524(a)

Tariff Requirements

ILEC Each telecommunications service provider shall include in its tariffs filed at the Public Utility Commission (f/k/a Public Service Board) a description of its billing procedures for the universal service fund charge.
VT. Stat. Ann. Tit. 30, §7521(a)

Other

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW In addition to funding universal service, the Vermont USF program funds the Vermont telecommunications relay service, Vermont lifeline program, and the enhanced E911 programs.
VT. Stat. Ann. Tit. 30, §7503(a)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW **Record Retention**
Telecommunications service providers shall maintain records adequate to demonstrate compliance with the requirements of this chapter.
VT. Stat. Ann. Tit. 30, §7524(c)

Virginia

Universal Service Fund

Other

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, There is no state USF at this time.

PPW, VoIP

Washington

Universal Service Fund

Other

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP There is no explicit state USF.

However, under Docket No. UT-971140, the Commission adopted a fund as part of its Washington Exchange Carrier Association (WECA) pooling process. The access plan that was adopted by WECA, and approved by the Commission includes a universal service fund rate element that a CLEC assessing access charges to an IXC must charge and collect. Effective 08/01/14, ILECs and CLECs were directed to eliminate this rate element from their tariffs. All LECs must continue to collect and remit the revenues from the rate element to WECA for intrastate traffic billed through July 31, 2014.

[Docket No. UT-971140; Order No. 10]

Docket No. UT-971140

West Virginia

Universal Service Fund

Other

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, There is no state Universal Service Fund at this time.

PPW, VoIP

Wisconsin

USF - PSC Programs

Current Rate

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP 10/01/21 - current: 0.05938% retail end-user revenues
PSC Order 5-UF-2021 dated 10/11/2021

Historical Rate(s)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

Dates	% Retail End-User Revenues
Prior to 2015	Available upon request.
10/01/15 - 09/30/16	0.01998%
10/01/16 - 09/30/17	0.03614%
10/01/17 - 09/30/18	0.01930%
10/01/18 - 09/30/19	0.04419%
10/01/19 - 09/30/20	0.02322%
10/01/20 - 09/30/21	0.04170%

Surcharge Recovery

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

A telecommunications provider or other person may establish a surcharge on customers' bills to collect from customers contributions required under this subsection.

Wis. Stat. §196.218(3)(e)

CLEC, ILEC

A telecommunications utility that provides local exchange service may make adjustments to local exchange service rates for the purpose of recovering its contributions to the universal service fund required under this subsection.

Wis. Stat. §196.218(3)(f)

CLEC, ILEC

A telecommunications utility that adjusts local exchange service rates for the purpose of recovering such contributions shall identify on customer bills a single amount that is the total amount of the adjustment. The public service commission shall provide telecommunications utilities the information necessary to identify such amounts on customer bills.

Wis. Stat. §196.218(3)(f)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

Wholesale Methodology

Wholesale only providers are assessed based on an imputed industry average of the percentage of retail sales relative to gross sales.

Docket No. 5-GF-104, Decision dated October 19, 2011

Billing Requirements

CLEC, ILEC

Through Rates

If providers raise rates to recover their USF assessment, they may do so only to the extent that the providers actually have or had raised their rates due to the USF assessment. Providers should be prepared to document the amounts that rates are or have been adjusted and the related amounts identified on customers' bills. If the assessments go down, providers that have previously raised rates to cover earlier assessments should reduce rates accordingly. i.e.: Local rate: \$14.60* *Of this amount,

\$0.60 covers State USF programs

Universal Service Fund Identification of State USF Recovery Amounts on Customer Bills (October 2010)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

Through Surcharge

Providers that use a surcharge to recover the USF assessment may only collect enough from its customers to recover their USF assessment. Providers should be prepared to document the amounts that surcharges have been added and the related amounts identified on customers’ bills. If the assessments go down, providers should reduce surcharges accordingly. i.e.: Local rate: \$14.00 State USF surcharge: \$ 0.60

Universal Service Fund Identification of State USF Recovery Amounts on Customer Bills (October 2010)

Remittance Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

Exemption

(de minimis rule) Each assessed provider shall pay the amount of its assessment to the universal service fund. Assessed providers include all telecommunications providers operating within Wisconsin, except those with intrastate gross telecommunications revenues of less than \$200,000 during the preceding calendar year.

Wis. Admin. Code PSC §160.18(1)

IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP, CLEC

Assessments shall be paid within 30 days after the bill is mailed.

Wis. Admin. Code PSC §160.18(9)(a)

Administrative Recovery

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

Not addressed.

Tariff Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, ILEC

Not addressed.

Other

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

Tax Status

A surcharge to recover USF assessments is a rate that the provider chooses to apply to customers’ bills. It is not a mandatory fee to be imposed on customers’ bills. As a rate it is subject to mandatory taxes.

Universal Service Fund Identification of State USF Recovery Amounts on Customer Bills (October 2010)

USF - DPI BadgerLink

Current Rate

IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP, CLEC

10/01/21 - current: 0.23869% retail end-user revenues

PSC Order 5-UF-2021 dated 10/11/2021

Historical Rate(s)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

Dates	% Retail End-User Revenues
Prior to 2015	Available upon request.
10/01/15 - 02/29/16	0.09350%
03/01/16 - 06/30/16	0.12306%
07/01/16 - 09/30/16	0.09350%

10/01/16 - 09/30/17	0.11241%
10/01/17 - 09/30/18	0.11850%
10/01/18 - 09/30/19	0.13022%
10/01/19 - 09/30/20	0.15080%
10/01/20 - 09/30/21	0.17655%

Surcharge Recovery

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

A telecommunications provider or other person may establish a surcharge on customers' bills to collect from customers contributions required under this subsection.

Wis. Stat. §196.218(3)(e)

CLEC, ILEC

A telecommunications utility that provides local exchange service may make adjustments to local exchange service rates for the purpose of recovering its contributions to the universal service fund required under this subsection.

Wis. Stat. §196.218(3)(f)

CLEC, ILEC

A telecommunications utility that adjusts local exchange service rates for the purpose of recovering such contributions shall identify on customer bills a single amount that is the total amount of the adjustment. The public service commission shall provide telecommunications utilities the information necessary to identify such amounts on customer bills.

Wis. Stat. §196.218(3)(f)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

Wholesale Methodology

Wholesale only providers are assessed based on an imputed industry average of the percentage of retail sales relative to gross sales.

Docket No. 5-GF-104, Decision dated October 19, 2011

Billing Requirements

CLEC, ILEC

Through Rates

If providers raise rates to recover their USF assessment, they may do so only to the extent that the providers actually have or had raised their rates due to the USF assessment. Providers should be prepared to document the amounts that rates are or have been adjusted and the related amounts identified on customers' bills. If the assessments go down, providers that have previously raised rates to cover earlier assessments should reduce rates accordingly. i.e.: Local rate: \$14.60 * *Of this amount, \$0.60 covers State USF programs

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CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

Through Surcharge

Providers that use a surcharge to recover the USF assessment may only collect enough from its customers to recover their USF assessment. Providers should be prepared to document the amounts that surcharges have been added and the related amounts identified on customers' bills. If the assessments go down, providers should reduce surcharges accordingly. i.e.: Local rate: \$14.00 State USF surcharge: \$ 0.60

Universal Service Fund Identification of State USF Recovery Amounts on Customer Bills (October 2010)

Remittance Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP **Exemption**

(de minimis rule) Each assessed provider shall pay the amount of its assessment to the universal service fund. Assessed providers include all telecommunications providers operating within Wisconsin, except those with intrastate gross telecommunications revenues of less than \$200,000 during the preceding calendar year.

Wis. Admin. Code PSC §160.18(1)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP Assessments shall be paid within 30 days after the bill is mailed.

Wis. Admin. Code PSC §160.18(9)(a)

Administrative Recovery

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP Not addressed.

Tariff Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, ILEC Not addressed.

Other

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP **Tax Status**

A surcharge to recover USF assessments is a rate that the provider chooses to apply to customers' bills. It is not a mandatory fee to be imposed on customers' bills. As a rate it is subject to mandatory taxes.

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USF - Educational Telecommunications Access Program (TEACH)

Current Rate

OSP, CLEC, IXC, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP 10/01/21 - current: 0.14059% retail end-user revenues

PSC Order 5-UF-2021 dated 10/11/2021

Historical Rate(s)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

Dates	% Retail End-User Revenues
Prior to 2015	Available upon request.
10/01/15 - 09/30/16	0.07019%
10/01/16 - 09/30/17	0.09106%
10/01/17 - 09/30/18	0.09362%
10/01/18 - 09/30/19	0.10361%
10/01/19 - 09/30/20	0.11134%
10/01/20 - 09/30/21	0.11753%

Surcharge Recovery

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP A telecommunications provider or other person may establish a surcharge on customers' bills to collect from customers contributions required under this subsection.

Wis. Stat. §196.218(3)(e)

CLEC, ILEC A telecommunications utility that provides local exchange service may make adjustments to local exchange service rates for the purpose of recovering its

contributions to the universal service fund required under this subsection.

Wis. Stat. §196.218(3)(f)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

Wholesale Methodology

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Docket No. 5-GF-104, Decision dated October 19, 2011

CLEC, ILEC

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Wis. Stat. §196.218(3)(f)

Billing Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

Through Surcharge

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Universal Service Fund Identification of State USF Recovery Amounts on Customer Bills (October 2010)

CLEC, ILEC

Through Rates

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Universal Service Fund Identification of State USF Recovery Amounts on Customer Bills (October 2010)

Remittance Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

Exemption

(de minimis rule) Each assessed provider shall pay the amount of its assessment to the universal service fund. Assessed providers include all telecommunications providers operating within Wisconsin, except those with intrastate gross telecommunications revenues of less than \$200,000 during the preceding calendar year.

Wis. Admin. Code PSC §160.18(1)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

Assessments shall be paid within 30 days after the bill is mailed.

Wis. Admin. Code PSC §160.18(9)(a)

Administrative Recovery

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP Not addressed.

Tariff Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, ILEC Not addressed.

Other

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, **Tax Status**
PPW, VoIP

A surcharge to recover USF assessments is a rate that the provider chooses to apply to customers’ bills. It is not a mandatory fee to be imposed on customers’ bills. As a rate it is subject to mandatory taxes.

Universal Service Fund Identification of State USF Recovery Amounts on Customer Bills (October 2010)

USF - UW System (University of Wisconsin)

Current Rate

PSP, CLEC, IXC, OSP, CMRS, ILEC, 10/01/21 - current 0.01008% retail end-user revenues
PPW, VoIP **PSC Order 5-UF-2021 dated 10/11/2021**

Historical Rate(s)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC,
PPW, VoIP

Dates	% Retail End-User Revenues
Prior to 2015	Available upon request.
12/01/15 - 09/30/16#	0.00663%
10/01/16 - 09/30/17	0.00526%
10/01/17 - 09/30/18	0.00645%
10/01/18 - 09/30/19	0.00674%
10/01/19 - 09/30/20	0.00738%
10/01/20 - 09/30/21	0.00859%

#Due to an unintentional omission in the Budget Bill covering the 2016-2017 biennium, the PSC was left without authority to use, as it has in prior years, USF assessment to collect the appropriation for UW-System services. Corrective legislation was passed in November to begin using the rate in December 2015.

Surcharge Recovery

CLEC, ILEC

A telecommunications utility that adjusts local exchange service rates for the purpose of recovering such contributions shall identify on customer bills a single amount that is the total amount of the adjustment. The public service commission shall provide telecommunications utilities the information necessary to identify such amounts on customer bills.

Wis. Stat. §196.218(3)(f)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, A telecommunications provider or other person may establish a surcharge on customers’ bills to collect from customers contributions required under this subsection.
PPW, VoIP

Wis. Stat. §196.218(3)(e)

CLEC, ILEC

A telecommunications utility that provides local exchange service may make adjustments to local exchange service rates for the purpose of recovering its contributions to the universal service fund required under this subsection.

Wis. Stat. §196.218(3)(f)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

Wholesale Methodology

Wholesale only providers are assessed based on an imputed industry average of the percentage of retail sales relative to gross sales.

Docket No. 5-GF-104, Decision dated October 19, 2011

Billing Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

Through Surcharge

Providers that use a surcharge to recover the USF assessment may only collect enough from its customers to recover their USF assessment. Providers should be prepared to document the amounts that surcharges have been added and the related amounts identified on customers' bills. If the assessments go down, providers should reduce surcharges accordingly. i.e.: Local rate: \$14.00 State USF surcharge: \$ 0.60

Universal Service Fund Identification of State USF Recovery Amounts on Customer Bills (October 2010)

CLEC, ILEC

Through Rates

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Universal Service Fund Identification of State USF Recovery Amounts on Customer Bills (October 2010)

Remittance Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

Exemption

(de minimis rule) Each assessed provider shall pay the amount of its assessment to the universal service fund. Assessed providers include all telecommunications providers operating within Wisconsin, except those with intrastate gross telecommunications revenues of less than \$200,000 during the preceding calendar year.

Wis. Admin. Code PSC §160.18(1)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

Assessments shall be paid within 30 days after the bill is mailed.

Wis. Admin. Code PSC §160.18(9)(a)

Administrative Recovery

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

Not addressed.

Tariff Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, ILEC

Not addressed.

Other

PPW, VoIP, CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC

Tax Status

A surcharge to recover USF assessments is a rate that the provider chooses to apply to customers' bills. It is not a mandatory fee to be imposed on customers' bills. As a rate it is subject to mandatory taxes.

Universal Service Fund Identification of State USF Recovery Amounts on Customer Bills (October 2010)

Wyoming

Universal Service Fund

Current Rate

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP 07/01/2021 - Current: 2.40% of gross intrastate retail revenues.
Record No. 15684; Docket No. 90072-48-XO-21; issued 05/13/2021

Historical Rate(s)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

Dates	% of Gross Intrastate Retail Telecommunications Revenues
Prior to 2020	Available upon request.
07/01/20 - 01/31/21	1.10%
02/01/21 - 06/30/21	1.90%

Surcharge Recovery

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

All Companies realizing intrastate retail revenue from telecommunications services in Wyoming are required to report such gross revenues to the Commission as described in (a) and contemporaneously pay into the fund the assessment amount calculated by multiplying the Company's gross revenue, less any wholesale transactions described in paragraph (d), by the assessment rate.

023.0002.5 Wyo. Code R §3(f)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

The Fund assessment rate shall apply only to intrastate retail telecommunications service revenues and shall not apply to revenues associated with wholesale services.

023.0002.5 Wyo. Code R §3(d)

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

Wholesale services include any service which is resold with or without additional value-added features, to end users by the purchaser of that service, except lines purchased and resold by internet service providers.

023.0002.5 Wyo. Code R §3(d)

Remittance Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP

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023.0002.5 Wyo. Code R §3(f)

CLEC, ILEC, CMRS, IXC, OSP, PSP, VoIP, PPW

For assessments of \$500 per month or less, payment is required quarterly. For assessments greater than \$500 per month, payment is required monthly. Payment is due on or before the last day of the first month following the assessment month or quarter.

023.0002.5 Wyo. Code R §3(g)

Billing Requirements

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP Fund assessment charges shall appear as a separate line item on each customer’s bill unless the Company requests a waiver and the Commission grants the request.
023.0002.5 Wyo. Code R §3(e)

Administrative Recovery

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP Administrative costs incurred by Companies making payments into the Fund shall not be used as an offset to the required payments of assessment.
023.0002.5 Wyo. Code R §3(f)

Tariff Requirements

IXC, OSP, ILEC, CLEC Not addressed.

Other

CLEC, IXC, OSP, PSP, CMRS, ILEC, PPW, VoIP **Record Retention**
Companies shall preserve Fund-related records for at least three (3) years after the date of entry of the record.
023.0002.5 Wyo. Code R §4(c)(iv)