



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

DA 14-240

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Ms. Karen Majcher
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Universal Service Administrative Company
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Washington, DC 20036

**Re: Tularosa Basin and Southwest Texas Eligible Recovery Correction (WC Docket No. 10-92;
CC Docket No. 01-92)**

Dear Ms. Majcher:

Tularosa Basin Telephone Company, Inc. (Tularosa Basin) and Southwest Texas Telephone Company, Inc. (Southwest Texas) have identified a data submission error that impacted allocation of reciprocal compensation revenue between the companies. Specifically, the reciprocal compensation amount that should have been included in Tularosa Basin's 2011 Base Period Revenue pursuant to section 51.917(b)(7)(iii) of the Commission's rules was incorrectly included in Southwest Texas's 2011 Base Period Revenue.¹ This letter directs USAC to reallocate the reciprocal compensation amount to Tularosa Basin's 2011 Base Period Revenue on a retroactive basis to correct for this error.

On June 10, 2013, Tularosa Basin filed a petition requesting a limited waiver of section 51.917(b)(7)(iii) of the Commission's rules in order to add \$36,995 in net reciprocal compensation revenue (the requested amount) to its 2011 Base Period Revenue. Tularosa Basin explained that when the company re-filed its 2012 CAF ICC data on October 4, 2012 as required by the Commission's Designation Order, the requested amount was inadvertently and erroneously removed from the data submission.² Tularosa Basin's consultant subsequently discovered that the requested amount was mistakenly allocated to the 2011 Base Period Revenue of another carrier – Southwest Texas – which is a shared client of the consultant.

On August 27, 2013, Tularosa Basin filed an amended waiver petition supplementing the explanation in its original petition and adding Southwest Texas as a petitioner. In the amended petition, Tularosa Basin and Southwest Texas agree that the requested net reciprocal compensation revenue should be included in Tularosa Basin's 2011 Base Period Revenue and should be removed from Southwest

¹ See 47 C.F.R. § 51.917(b)(7)(iii).

² *Investigation of Certain 2012 Annual Access Tariffs*, WC Docket No. 12-233, WCB/Pricing No. 12-09, Order Designating Issues for Investigation, 27 FCC Rcd 10311 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 2012) (*Designation Order*).

Texas's 2011 Base Period Revenue. The Commission sought comment on the amended petition on September 12, 2013 and no comments were received. A copy of the amended petition is attached.

Based on the unrefuted representations of the two carriers involved in the misallocation, we find that an administrative error occurred. Accordingly, this letter directs USAC to add the requested amount to Tularosa Basin's 2011 Base Period Revenue and remove the same amount from Southwest Texas's 2011 Base Period Revenue and begin compensating the companies correctly on a going forward basis. In addition, this letter directs USAC to retroactively pay Tularosa Basin the CAF support it should have received but for the administrative error and collect the CAF support that was overpaid to Southwest Texas.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact Greg Haledjian in the Pricing Policy Division at 202-418-7440 or gregory.haledjian@fcc.gov.

Sincerely,

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