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**Division Announces Release of Revised  
Universal Service Worksheet, FCC Form 457  
CC Docket Nos: 97-21, 96-45**

In this Public Notice, the Accounting and Audits Division (Division) issues a revised Universal Service Worksheet, FCC Form 457 (Worksheet), and revised instructions to the Worksheet, to make them consistent with recent actions taken by the Commission in the universal service proceeding.<sup>1</sup>

On May 8, 1997, the Commission released an Order establishing new federal universal service support mechanisms consistent with the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.<sup>2</sup> In that Order, the Commission required all telecommunications carriers that provide interstate telecommunications services, providers of interstate telecommunications, and payphone service providers to contribute to the federal universal service support mechanisms.<sup>3</sup> The Commission excluded from the universal service contribution requirements those *de minimis* contributors whose annual contributions to federal universal service would be less than \$100.<sup>4</sup> On July 18, 1997, the Commission released an Order requiring all contributors to universal service to report

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<sup>1</sup> See Changes to the Board of Directors of the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, *Second Order on Reconsideration in CC Docket 97-21*, CC Docket Nos. 97-21, 96-45, FCC 97-400 (rel. Nov. 26, 1997) (*Second Order on Reconsideration*); Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Access Charge Reform, Price Cap Performance Review for Local Exchange Carriers, Transport Rate Structure and Pricing, End User Common Line Charge, CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 96-262, 94-1, 91-213, 95-72, *Fourth Order on Reconsideration*, FCC 97-420 at paras. 277-284, 295-298 (rel. Dec. 30, 1997) (*Fourth Order on Reconsideration*).

<sup>2</sup> Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, *Report and Order*, 12 FCC Rcd 8776 (1997) (*Universal Service Order*).

<sup>3</sup> *Universal Service Order*, 12 FCC Rcd at 9173-9178, 9183-9185.

<sup>4</sup> *Universal Service Order*, 12 FCC Rcd at 9188.

semi-annually their end-user telecommunications revenues on the Worksheet.<sup>5</sup> The Office of Management and Budget approved the final Worksheet on July 31, 1997, and the Commission announced the release of the Worksheet on August 4, 1997.<sup>6</sup>

On November 26, 1997, the Commission released the *Second Order on Reconsideration*, which authorized the administrator of the federal universal service support mechanisms<sup>7</sup> to bill contributors and collect contributions on a monthly, rather than a quarterly basis.<sup>8</sup> On December 30, 1997, the Commission released the *Fourth Order on Reconsideration*, which, among other things, raised the *de minimis* exemption from \$100 to \$10,000 and excluded broadcasters, non-profit schools, colleges, universities, and health care providers, and certain systems integrators from the federal universal service contribution requirements.<sup>9</sup> In the *Fourth Order on Reconsideration*, the Commission also concluded that support for waived presubscribed interexchange carrier charges for Lifeline consumers would be recovered from the universal service support mechanism for low-income consumers and clarified that revenues derived from leasing bare transponder capacity do not constitute end-user telecommunications revenues.<sup>10</sup>

To make the Worksheet clearer and consistent with the changes adopted in the *Second and Fourth Orders on Reconsideration*, we issue a revised Worksheet and revised instructions to the Worksheet, as reflected in the Worksheet and instructions attached hereto as Appendix A. Specifically, we revise the instructions to clarify, consistent with the *Second Order on Reconsideration*, that quarterly contributions will be paid in monthly installments and further clarify the method by which the administrator of the universal service support mechanisms calculates the individual quarterly contributions of universal service contributors. In addition, consistent with the *Fourth Order on Reconsideration*, we revise the instructions to provide a list of entities that are excluded from federal universal service contribution requirements. The revised Worksheet reflects the new *de minimis* exemption, adopted in the *Fourth Order on Reconsideration*, which excludes from the contribution requirements contributors whose annual contribution to universal service would be less than \$10,000. Also consistent with the *Fourth Order on Reconsideration*, the instructions direct entities preparing Worksheets to include on Line 27 amounts associated with waived presubscribed interexchange carrier charges for Lifeline

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<sup>5</sup> Changes to the Board of Directors of the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, *Report and Order and Second Order on Reconsideration*, CC Docket Nos. 97-21, 96-45, FCC 97-253 (rel. July 18, 1997) (*NECA Order*) at para. 80.

<sup>6</sup> See FCC Announces Release of Universal Service Worksheet, Form 457, *Public Notice*, DA 97-1671 (FCC rel. Aug. 4, 1997). The Commission announced minor changes to the worksheet instructions on August 1, 1997. See FCC Announces Non-Substantive Changes to Universal Service Worksheet Instructions Released on August 4, 1997, Form 457, *Public Notice*, DA 97-1671A (FCC rel. Aug. 11, 1997).

<sup>7</sup> The Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) is the temporary administrator of the universal service support mechanisms. See *NECA Order* at paras. 25-30.

<sup>8</sup> *Second Order on Reconsideration* at paras. 3-4.

<sup>9</sup> *Fourth Order on Reconsideration* at paras. 277-284, 295-298.

<sup>10</sup> *Id.* at paras. 122-125, 280-290.

customers who have toll blocking and clarify that revenues derived from the lease of bare transponder capacity should not be included in Lines 32 or 46.

In addition, we revise Line 4, "Principal communications business," to include a new category, "SMR (dispatch)" and clarify that, where possible, contributors should list billed revenues that are based on books of account. Finally, we add a new Line 51. Contributors that wish to request Commission nondisclosure of information contained in the Worksheet may check a box in Line 51 to do so. By checking this box, the officer of the company signing the Worksheet certifies that the information contained on the Worksheet is privileged or confidential commercial or financial information and that disclosure of such information would likely cause substantial harm to the competitive position of the company filing the Worksheet. This box may be checked in lieu of submitting a separate request for confidentiality pursuant to section 0.459 of the Commission's rules.<sup>11</sup> Most of the entities submitting Worksheets in September 1997 attached letters requesting confidential treatment for the Worksheet. This revision will reduce paperwork burdens for entities filing the Worksheet and Commission staff. All decisions regarding disclosure of company-specific information, however, will be made by the Commission. Contributors will be required to file the Worksheet, as revised herein, by March 31, 1998.

Copies of the revised Worksheet and instructions may be downloaded from the Commission's Forms Web Page, [www.fcc.gov/formpage.html](http://www.fcc.gov/formpage.html). Copies also may be obtained by calling the fax-on-demand line at (202) 418-2830 and selecting document number 6730. Finally, copies may be obtained from USAC at (973) 560-4400.

For further information, contact Frances Downey, Cheryl Leanza, or Lori Wright, Universal Service Branch, Accounting and Audits Division, Common Carrier Bureau, at (202) 418-7400.

Action by the Chief, Accounting and Audits Division

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<sup>11</sup> See 47 C.F.R. § 0.459.

# Universal Service Worksheet

*Please read instructions before completing. Report actual amounts billed to customers and contributors during the filing period without subtracting uncollectibles or international settlement payments. Report revenues in whole dollars. Do not report negative amounts.*

**Block 1: Contributor Identification**

1 Legal name of contributor			
2 IRS employer identification number	TRS Company Code		
3 Name contributor is doing business as			
4 Principal communications business (check only one)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Shared Tenant Service Provider	<input type="checkbox"/> Payphone Service Provider	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Service Provider	
<input type="checkbox"/> Incumbent LEC	<input type="checkbox"/> CAP/CLEC	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Reseller	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Local
<input type="checkbox"/> Cellular/PCS/SMR (wireless telephony)	<input type="checkbox"/> Paging & Messaging	<input type="checkbox"/> Wireless Data	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Mobile
<input type="checkbox"/> IXC	<input type="checkbox"/> Toll Reseller	<input type="checkbox"/> OSP	If Other Local, Other Mobile, or Other Toll is checked, describe contributor type below.
<input type="checkbox"/> Satellite	<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-paid Card	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Toll	
5 Holding company			
6 Management company (if contributor is managed by another entity)			
7 Principal Carrier Identification Code used for interexchange service			
8 Complete mailing address of contributor's corporate headquarters			
9 Telephone number for customer inquiries	(      )		

**Block 2: Contact Information**

10 Name of contact person			
11a Telephone number of contact person	(      )	11b Fax number	(      )
12 E-mail of contact person			
13 Complete mailing address of contact: <small>[Filing information and future Universal Service Worksheets will be sent to this address.]</small>			
14 Billing address: <small>[Bills for Universal Service contributions will be sent to this address.]</small>			

**Block 3: Certification: (To be signed by an officer of the contributor.)**

I certify that I am an officer of the above-named contributor, that I have examined this report and to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, all statements of fact contained in this Worksheet are true and that said Worksheet is an accurate statement of the affairs of the above-named contributor.

15 Signature			
16 Printed name of officer			
17 Position with contributor			
18 Date			
19	Year of data in Block 4	Filing Period (Check one)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Due by September 1 <b>Data for current year, January 1 through June 30</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Due by March 31 <b>Data for prior year, January 1 through December 31</b>	
20 This filing is:	<input type="checkbox"/> Original filing	<input type="checkbox"/> Revised filing	

**Do not include a check with this filing. For additional information, please call the Universal Service Administrator. Mail this Worksheet to the Universal Service Administrator, not to the FCC. The Administrator's address and telephone number are available on the FCC's website.**

PERSONS MAKING WILLFUL FALSE STATEMENTS IN THE WORKSHEET CAN BE PUNISHED BY FINE OR IMPRISONMENT UNDER TITLE 18 OF THE UNITED STATES CODE, 18 U.S.C. §1001

Please read instructions before completing. Report actual amounts billed to customers and contributors during the filing period without subtracting uncollectibles or international settlement payments. Report revenues in whole dollars. Do not report negative amounts.

Block 4: Contributor Revenue Information						
21	Year of data	Filing Period (Check one)		Total Revenues	Percent Interstate & International	Interstate and International Revenues
		<input type="checkbox"/> Data for January 1 through June 30	<input type="checkbox"/> Data for January 1 through December 31	(a)	(b)	(c)
<b>Revenue from Other Contributors</b>						
Fixed local service						
22	Monthly service, local calling, connection charges, vertical features, inside wiring maintenance, and other local exchange service					
	a Provided as unbundled network elements					
	b Provided under tariffs or arrangements other than unbundled network elements					
23	Per minute charges for originating or terminating calls					
	a Provided as unbundled network elements or other contract arrangement					
	b Provided under state or federal access tariffs					
24	Local private line & special access					
25	Pay telephone compensation from toll contributors					
26	Other local telecommunications service revenues					
27	Universal service support revenues					
Mobile service <i>(includes wireless telephony, paging &amp; messaging, and other mobile services)</i>						
28	Monthly, activation, and message charges except toll					
Toll Service						
29	Operator and toll calls with alternative billing arrangements (credit card, collect, international call-back, etc.)					
30	Other switched toll service (includes MTS, 800/888 service, etc.)					
31	Long distance private line services					
32	Satellite services					
33	All other long distance services					
<b>Revenue From All Other Sources</b>						
Fixed local service						
34	Monthly service, local calling, connection charges, vertical features, inside wiring maintenance, and other local exchange service charges except for federally tariffed subscriber line charges					
35	Tariffed subscriber line charges					
36	Local private line and special access service					
37	Pay telephone coin revenues					
38	Other local telecommunications service revenues					
Mobile service <i>(includes wireless telephony, paging &amp; messaging, and other mobile services)</i>						
39	Monthly and activation charges					
40	Message charges including roaming but excluding toll charges					
Toll service						
41	Pre-paid calling card					
42	International calls that both originate and terminate in foreign points					
43	Operator and toll calls with alternative billing arrangements (credit card, collect, international call-back, etc.) other than revenues reported on Line 42					
44	Other switched toll service (includes MTS, 800/888 service, etc.)					
45	Long distance private line services					
46	Satellite services					
47	All other long distance services					
48	Subtotal of lines 34 through 41 and lines 43 through 47					
Other revenue that will not be included in the contribution base						
49	Enhanced services, billing and collection, customer premises equipment, published directory, and non-telecommunications products and service revenues					
50	Gross billed revenues from all sources					
51	<input type="checkbox"/> Request for Commission nondisclosure of information contained in the Worksheet. Certification that the information contained on this Worksheet is privileged or confidential commercial or financial information and that disclosure of such information would likely cause substantial harm to the competitive position of the entity filing the Worksheet. This box may be checked in lieu of submitting a separate request pursuant to section 0.459 of the Commission's rules.					

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NOTICE TO INDIVIDUALS: Sections 54.703, 54.711, and 54.713 of the Federal Communications Commission's rules require all telecommunications carriers providing interstate telecommunications services, providers of interstate telecommunications that offer interstate telecommunications for a fee on a non-common carrier basis, and payphone providers that are aggregators to contribute to universal service and file this Universal Service Worksheet (FCC Form 457) with the Universal Service Administrator. 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.703, 54.711, 54.713. The collection of information stems from the Commission's authority under Section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 254. The data in the Worksheet will be used to calculate contributions to the universal service support mechanisms. 47 C.F.R. § 54.709.

We have estimated that each response to this collection of information will take, on average, 5 hours. Our estimate includes the time to read the instructions, look through existing records, gather and maintain the required data, and actually complete and review the form or response. If you have any comments on this estimate, or how we can improve the collection and reduce the burden it causes you, please write the Federal Communications Commission, AMD-PERM, Washington, D.C. 20554, Paperwork Reduction Project (3060-0785). We also will accept your comments via the Internet if you send them to [jboley@fcc.gov](mailto:jboley@fcc.gov). Please **DO NOT SEND COMPLETED WORKSHEETS TO THIS ADDRESS.**

This form should be submitted to:

USAC -- Universal Service Administration  
100 South Jefferson Rd.  
Whippany, NJ 07981

Remember -- You are not required to respond to a collection of information sponsored by the Federal government, and the government may not conduct or sponsor this collection, unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. This collection has been assigned an OMB control number of 3060-0785.

The Commission is authorized under the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, to collect the personal information we request in this form. We will use the information that you provide to determine contribution amounts. If we believe there may be a violation or potential violation of a statute or a Commission regulation, rule, or order, your Worksheet may be referred to the Federal, state, or local agency responsible for investigating, prosecuting, enforcing, or implementing the statute, rule, regulation, or order. In certain cases, the information in your Worksheet may be disclosed to the Department of Justice, court, or other adjudicative body when (a) the Commission; or (b) any employee of the Commission; or (c) the United States government, is a party to a proceeding before the body or has an interest in the proceeding.

If you owe a past due debt to the federal government, the taxpayer identification number (such as your social security number) and other information you provide also may be disclosed to the Department of the Treasury Financial Management Service, other federal agencies, and/or your employer to offset your salary, IRS tax refund, or other payments to collect that debt. The Commission also may provide this information to those agencies through the matching of computer records where authorized.

With the exception of your social security number, if you do not provide the information we request on the Worksheet, the Commission may consider you in violation of section 54.713 of the Commission's rules. 47 C.F.R. § 54.713.

The foregoing Notice is required by the Privacy Act of 1974, P.L. 93.579, December 31, 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(e)(3), and the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. P.L. No. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. § 3501, *et seq.*

FCC 457, July 1997  
Approved by OMB 3060-0785  
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**Instructions for Completing the  
Worksheet for Filing Contributions  
to the Universal Service Support Mechanisms.**

NOTICE TO INDIVIDUALS

Section 54.703 of the Commission's rules requires all telecommunications carriers providing interstate telecommunications services, providers of interstate telecommunications that offer services to others for a fee, and pay telephone providers to contribute to universal service support mechanisms. Section 54.711 of the Commission's rules requires all contributors to complete and submit this Worksheet twice a year. Contributors must provide revenue data for January 1 through June 30 by September 1 of each year and revenue data for January 1 through December 31 by March 31 of each year. Each affiliate or subsidiary must file separately. The collection of information and fees stems from the Commission's authority under the Communications Act of 1934, Sections 4 and 254, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154 and 254. The data in this Worksheet will be used to ensure that subject entities make equitable and nondiscriminatory contributions to preserve and advance universal service. Selected information provided in the Worksheet will be made available to the public in a manner consistent with the Commission's rules. Except for contributors qualifying for the *de minimis* exemption or other exclusions discussed below, all carriers providing interstate telecommunications services, as well as non-common carrier entities that offer interstate telecommunications to others for a fee and pay telephone providers, must file this Worksheet.

The foregoing Notice is required by the Privacy Act of 1974, P.L. 93.579, December 31, 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(e)(3), and the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. P.L. No. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. § 3501, *et seq.* Remember -- You are not required to respond to a collection of information sponsored by the Federal government, and the government may not conduct or sponsor this collection, unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. This collection has been assigned an OMB control number of 3060-0785.

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The Commission is authorized under the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, to collect the personal information we request in this form. We will use the information that you provide to

determine contribution amounts. If we believe there may be a violation or potential violation of a statute or a Commission regulation, rule, or order, your Worksheet may be referred to the Federal, state, or local agency responsible for investigating, prosecuting, enforcing, or implementing the statute, rule, regulation, or order. In certain cases, the information in your Worksheet may be disclosed to the Department of Justice, court, or other adjudicative body when (a) the Commission; or (b) any employee of the Commission; or (c) the United States government, is a party to a proceeding before the body or has an interest in the proceeding.

If you owe a past due debt to the federal government, the taxpayer identification number (such as your social security number) and other information you provide also may be disclosed to the Department of the Treasury Financial Management Service, other federal agencies, and/or your employer to offset your salary, IRS tax refund, or other payments to collect that debt. The Commission also may provide this information to those agencies through the matching of computer records where authorized.

With the exception of your social security number, if you do not provide the information we request on the Worksheet, the Commission may consider you in violation of section 54.713 of the Commission's rules. 47 C.F.R. § 54.713.

## I. Introduction.

On May 8, 1997, the Commission released rules that require all telecommunications carriers that provide interstate telecommunications services, providers of interstate telecommunications that offer services to others for a fee, and pay telephone providers to contribute to the universal service support mechanisms based on their proportionate share of end-user telecommunications revenues.<sup>1</sup> On July 18, 1997, the Commission released rules directing contributors to submit information on a Universal Service Worksheet.<sup>2</sup> Section 54.711(a) provides as follows:

Contributions shall be calculated and filed in accordance with the Universal Service Worksheet. The Universal Service Worksheet sets forth information that the contributor must submit to the Administrator on a semi-annual basis. . .<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, *Report and Order*, 12 FCC Rcd 8776 (1997).

<sup>2</sup> Changes to the Board of Directors of the National Exchange Carrier Association, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, *Report and Order*, 12 FCC Rcd 18400 (1997).

<sup>3</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 54.711(a).



## II. Filing Requirements and General Instructions.

### A. Who must file.

All telecommunications carriers providing interstate telecommunications services within the United States, with very limited exceptions, must file an FCC Form 457 Universal Service Worksheet. For this purpose, the United States is defined as the contiguous United States, Alaska, Hawaii, American Samoa, Baker Island, Guam, Howland Island, Jarvis Island, Johnston Atoll, Kingman Reef, Midway Island, Navassa Island, the Northern Mariana Islands, Palmyra, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Wake Island.

For the purpose of calculating contributions, the term "interstate telecommunications" includes, but is not limited to, the interstate portion of the following types of services: cellular telephone and paging services; mobile radio services; operator services; personal communications services (PCS); access to interexchange service; special access; wide area telecommunications services (WATS); toll-free services; 900 services; message telephone services (MTS); private line; telex; telegraph; video services; satellite services; and resale services. Note that all local exchange carriers provide access services and, therefore, provide interstate telecommunications. Entities are subject to the universal service contribution requirement if they offer interstate telecommunications for a fee to the public even if only a narrow or limited class of users could utilize the services. Included are entities that provide interstate telecommunications to entities other than themselves for a fee on a private, contractual basis. In addition, owners of pay telephones, sometimes referred to as "pay telephone aggregators," must contribute to universal service. For the purpose of determining whether an entity must contribute to the universal service support mechanisms, an entity provides interstate telecommunications services, if it or if any affiliate provides interstate telecommunications, or if it provides any of its services over switches or lines that are also used to provide interstate services. **EACH LEGAL ENTITY that provides interstate telecommunications service, including each affiliate or subsidiary of an entity, must complete and file separately a copy of the attached Worksheet. Entities may not file Worksheets for more than one contributor. Each affiliate or subsidiary completing and filing a Worksheet should show the same holding company name on Line (5) of the Worksheet. Entities that have distinct articles of incorporation, for example, are separate legal entities.**

Entities that provide services only to themselves or to commonly owned affiliates need not contribute. Government entities that purchase telecommunications services in bulk on behalf of themselves, e.g., state networks for schools and libraries, are not required to contribute. Public safety and local governmental entities licensed under Subpart B of Part 90 of the Commission's rules are not required to contribute. Similarly, if an entity provides interstate telecommunications exclusively to public safety or government entities and does not offer services to others, that entity is not required to contribute.

**Contributors whose contributions would be *de minimis*.** A contributor that provides interstate telecommunications will be exempt from universal service contribution and filing requirements if that

contributor's contribution for the year is expected to be less than \$10,000. This determination is made using the following Worksheet. Contributors exempt from filing and contributing because of *de minimis* revenues must retain the following Worksheet and make it available to the Commission or to the Universal Service Administrative Company upon request. **If a reseller qualifies for the *de minimis* exemption, it must notify its underlying carrier that it is not contributing directly to universal service and must be considered an end user for universal service contribution purposes.**

**Instructions for completing the Worksheet to determine whether the *de minimis* standard is met.** Enter universal service contribution bases for the current filing period in column (a). For example, if an entity is determining whether to contribute for the September 1 filing, it would use revenue data for the period beginning January 1 and ending June 30 of the current year. If an entity is determining whether to contribute for the March 31 filing, it would use revenue data for January 1 through December 31 of the previous year. Multiply these amounts by the factors in column (b) and enter the result in column (c). The contributor need not file or contribute if the amount on line 3 (the sum of the two products) is less than \$10,000. This calculation must be made every six months.

Worksheet to determine if a contributor meets the *de minimis* standard

		amount (a)	estimation factor ** (b)	(a) x (b) (c)
1	Total universal service contribution base *			
2	Total interstate and international end-user telecommunications revenues *			
3	Total			
<p>* The total universal service contribution base is equal to gross billed revenues to end users for telecommunications or telecommunications service. Some types of revenues can be excluded. See instructions below, in Section III-D-1.</p> <p>** The semi-annual estimation factors (as well as actual contribution factors) can be found on the Commission's web page (<a href="http://www.fcc.gov">www.fcc.gov</a>). The estimation factors for determining whether to file a Universal Service Worksheet by September 1 of any year are .030 for line 1 and .061 for line 2. The estimation factors for determining whether to file a Universal Service Worksheet by March 31 of any year are .015 for line 1 and .031 for line 2. If the Commission changes the estimation factors, new estimation factors will appear on the Commission's web page. The quarterly factors used to calculate actual contributions will be released before the start of each quarter.</p>				

In addition, the following entities are not required to file the Worksheet or contribute directly to universal service:

broadcasters, non-profit schools, non-profit libraries, non-profit colleges, non-profit universities, non-profit health care providers, and systems integrators that derive less than five percent of their systems integration revenues from the resale of telecommunications.

Systems integrators that are excluded from contribution requirements must notify their underlying carriers that they do not contribute to universal service and must be considered end users for universal service contribution purposes. (Systems integrators are providers of integrated packages of services and products that may include the provision of computer capabilities, interstate telecommunications services, remote data processing services, back-office data processing, management of customer relationships with underlying carriers and vendors, provision of telecommunications and computer equipment, equipment maintenance, help desk functions, and other services and products.)

B. When and Where to File

The Universal Service Worksheet must be filed semi-annually with the Universal Service Administrator. The Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) is the temporary Universal Service Administrator. Until notified otherwise, mail the completed Universal Service Worksheet to:

USAC -- Universal Service Administration  
100 South Jefferson Rd.  
Whippany, NJ 07981.

If you have questions regarding how to complete the Worksheet, please call USAC at (973) 560-4400. The name of the permanent Universal Service Administrator and addresses for future filings will be announced by Public Notice and will be available on the FCC web page ([www.fcc.gov](http://www.fcc.gov)).

Worksheets will be due each year as follows:

- September 1    Containing data for the six-month period from January 1 through June 30 of the current calendar year
- March 31        Containing data for the prior calendar year

Data filed on September 1 for the first half of the year will be used to calculate universal service support contributions for January to June. Data filed on March 31 for the whole prior calendar year will be used to calculate universal service support contributions for July through December. USAC will base the July through December contributions on data for the second half of the prior calendar year. USAC will calculate second half data as annual data minus the previously filed first half data. For each of the first two quarters of every year, USAC will multiply the relevant contribution factor

times one-half the amount contained in Line (48a) or (48c) of the Worksheet filed on September 1. For each of the last two quarters of every year, USAC will multiply the relevant contribution factor times one-half the second half data contained in Line (48a) or (48c) ((March 31 Line (48) minus September 1 Line (48)) divided by 2).

**DO NOT INCLUDE A CHECK WITH THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE WORKSHEET.** Information filed on Universal Service Worksheets will be compiled and used to calculate the universal service contribution factors that will be used as the actual basis for contributions. Contribution factors will be announced in a Public Notice each quarter. USAC will collect and bill quarterly contributions in equal monthly payments. Payments must be made by the date listed on USAC's bills.

C. Rounding of Numbers

All information provided in the Worksheet, except the signature, should be neatly printed in ink or typed. Reported revenues in block 4, column (a) and column (c) may be rounded to the nearest thousand dollars. Regardless of rounding, **all dollar amounts must be reported in whole dollars.** For example, \$2,271,881.93 could be reported as \$2,271,882 or as \$2,272,000, but could not be reported as \$2272 thousand or \$2.272 million. Please enter \$0 in any line for which the contributor had no revenues for the year.

**Percentages reported in block 4, column (b) should be rounded to the nearest whole percent.** For example, if the ratio of interstate to total revenue was .4269155, then the figure 43% should be reported. Percentages between zero percent and one percent should be reported as one percent. Please enter zero percent if there were no interstate revenues for the line for the preceding calendar year.

Gross revenues reported in the Universal Service Worksheet must be taken directly from corporate books of account. The interstate and international portion of any revenue category should be taken directly from corporate books of account if available. Otherwise, interstate revenues should be calculated as gross revenues in column (a) times the percentage shown in column (b). Calculated interstate revenues may be rounded to the nearest thousand dollars and entered in column (c). If an entity cannot derive the interstate and international revenues from corporate books of account, that entity may submit a good faith estimate of the percentage of interstate and international revenues in column (b). An entity may not submit a good faith estimate lower than one percent.

#### D. Compliance

Contributors failing to file the Universal Service Worksheet or contributions in a timely fashion may be subject to the enforcement provisions of the Communications Act and any other applicable law. In addition, Section 54.713 of the Commission's rules authorizes the Universal Service Administrator to bill a contributor for reasonable costs, including interest and administrative costs that are caused by inaccurate or untruthful filing of the Worksheet or overdue contributions.

Section 54.709(d) of the Commission's rules also authorizes the Universal Service Administrator to bill a contributor that has failed to file a Worksheet in a timely fashion a universal service contribution based on whatever relevant data the Administrator has available.

### III. Specific Instructions.

#### A. Block 1: Contributor Identification.

Block 1 of the Universal Service Worksheet requires identification information. Contributors are directed to provide their Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) Company Code, which is an identification number assigned by the TRS Fund Administrator. The current TRS Fund Administrator, the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA), can be contacted at 973-884-8173. Carriers and their TRS Company Codes are published in the annual FCC report *Carrier Locator: Interstate Service Providers*, which is available on the Commission's **FCC State Link**, web site [www.fcc.gov/ccb/stats](http://www.fcc.gov/ccb/stats). Most companies that must contribute to the universal service support mechanisms also must contribute to the TRS fund. The exceptions are shared tenant service and private service providers, which should enter "n.a." as the TRS Company Code.

Line (1) requests the legal name of the contributor as it appears on articles of incorporation or other legal documents. **EACH LEGAL ENTITY MUST FILE A SEPARATE WORKSHEET.** Line (2) requests the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) employer identification number (EIN) for the contributor and the TRS Company Code described above. If the contributor has more than one EIN, it should include the number used to file federal excise taxes. Line (3) requests the principal name under which the company conducts telecommunications activities. This would typically be the name that appears on customer bills, or the name used when service representatives answer customer inquiries. Line (4) provides a checkoff for the principal contributor activity. Please check the category that best describes the contributor.

Shared Tenant Service Provider      -- manages or owns a multi-tenant location that provides telecommunications services or facilities to the tenants for a fee.

Payphone Service Provider            -- Provides customers access to telephone networks through pay telephone equipment, special teleconference rooms, etc.

Payphone service providers also are referred to as pay telephone aggregators.

Private Service Provider	-- offers telecommunications to others for a fee. This would include a company that offers excess capacity on a private system that is used primarily for internal purposes.
Incumbent LEC	-- provides local exchange service. An incumbent local exchange carrier (LEC) generally is a carrier that was at one time franchised as a monopoly service provider.
CAP/CLEC	(Competitive Access Provider/Competitive Local Exchange Carrier) -- competes with incumbent LECs to provide local exchange services or telecommunications services that link customers with interexchange facilities, local exchange networks, or other customers.
Local reseller	-- provides local exchange or fixed telecommunications services by reselling services of other carriers.
Cellular/PCS/SMR (wireless telephony)	(Cellular, Personal Communications Service, and Specialized Mobile Radio service provider) -- primarily provides wireless telecommunications services (wireless telephony). This category includes the provision of wireless telephony by resale. An SMR provider would select this category if it primarily provides wireless telephony rather than dispatch or other mobile services.
Paging and Messaging	-- provides wireless paging or wireless messaging services. This category includes the provision of paging and messaging services by resale.
Wireless Data	-- provides mobile or fixed wireless data services using wireless technology. This category includes the provision of wireless data services by resale.
IXC	(Interexchange Carrier) -- provides long distance telecommunications services substantially through switches or circuits that it owns or leases.
Toll Reseller	-- provides long distance telecommunications services primarily by reselling the long distance telecommunications

services of other carriers.

OSP

(Operator Service Provider)

-- companies other than incumbent LECs that serve customers needing the assistance of an operator to complete calls, or needing alternate billing arrangements.

Satellite

-- provides satellite space segment or earth stations that are used for telecommunications service.

Pre-paid Card

-- provides pre-paid calling card services by selling pre-paid calling cards to the public or to retailers. Pre-paid card providers typically resell the toll service of other carriers and determine the price of the service by setting the price of the card and controlling the number of minutes that the card can be used for.

SMR (dispatch)

(Specialized Mobile Radio service provider)

-- primarily provides dispatch and mobile services other than wireless telephony.

The form also provides boxes for "Other Local," "Other Mobile," and "Other Toll." If one of these categories is checked, the contributor should further describe the nature of the service it provides. For example, a company that provides network access services on behalf of a group of incumbent LECs would identify itself as "Other Local" and enter "incumbent LEC network access" in the space provided.

Line (5) requests the name of the contributor's holding company or controlling entity, if any. All affiliates or commonly controlled contributors should have the same name appearing in Line (5). An affiliate is a "person that (directly or indirectly) owns or controls, is owned or controlled by, or is under common ownership or control with, another person."<sup>4</sup>

Line (6) requests the name of the management company, if the contributor is managed by an entity other than itself. If the filing company and one or more other contributors is commonly managed, then each should show the same management company on Line (6). Contributors need not be affiliated to have a common management company. The management company would typically be the point of contact for the Universal Service Administrator.

Line (7) requests the primary carrier identification code (CIC) used by the carrier for the provision of interexchange services, if any. All carriers that purchase feature group B or feature group D access services have one or more CICs. CICs are administered by the North American Numbering Plan Administrator, which can be reached at (732) 699-3700.

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<sup>4</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 153(1).

Line (8) requests the complete mailing address of the corporate headquarters of the contributor. Line (9) requests a telephone number that can be used for customer inquiries.

B. Block 2: Contact Information.

The contributor should identify a contact person who can provide clarifications, additional information, and, if necessary, could serve as the first point of contact in the event that either the Commission or the Universal Service Administrator should choose to audit information provided in the Universal Service Worksheet.

Line (10) should contain the name of the contact person. Lines (11a) and (11b) should contain a telephone and facsimile number for the contact person, respectively. Line (12) should contain an e-mail address for the contact person, if available. Line (13) should contain the complete mailing address of the contact person. A semi-annual filing package will be mailed to this address.

On Line (14), provide a billing address, including the name of a person or department, where the bill for universal service contributions should be sent. Information on establishing electronic fund transfer and bills for universal service contributions will be sent to this address.

C. Block 3: Certification.

An officer of the contributor must examine the data provided in the Universal Service Worksheet and certify that the information provided therein is accurate. An officer is a person who occupies a position specified in the corporate by-laws (or partnership agreement), and would typically be president, vice president for operations, vice president for finance, comptroller, treasurer, or a comparable position. If the contributor is a sole proprietorship, the owner must sign the certification.

Line (15) is provided for the signature of the officer. Line (16) should contain the printed name for the officer. Line (17) should describe the position of the officer. Line (18) should contain the date certification was signed.

Line (19) requests the filing period for which revenue data is being submitted. Filings due by September 1 should contain data for January 1 through June 30 of the current calendar year. Filings due by March 31 should contain data for January 1 through December 31 of the prior calendar year. Check the appropriate box. The same information should be entered on Line (21) on page 2.

On Line (20), there is a check-off to show whether the Worksheet is the original filing for the year, or whether the Worksheet is a revised filing for the year. A contributor must file a revised Worksheet if it discovers an error in the data that it reports. Contributors generally close their books for financial purposes by the end of March of each year. Accordingly, for such contributors, the filing due by March 31 should be based on closed books. The filing due by September 1 should be based on books as of June 30 of the filing year. Contributors should not include (carry back or bring forward) routine out-of-period adjustments to revenue data unless such adjustments would affect a reported amount by more than ten percent. Contributors should not file a revised Form 457 to reflect mergers,



acquisitions, or sales of operating units. In the event that a contributor that filed a Form 457 no longer exists, the successor company to the contributor's assets or operations is responsible for continuing to make payments for the funding period.

D. Block 4: Contributor Revenues Information.

1. Column (a).

For each filing period, the contributor must report gross revenues from all sources, including nonregulated and non-telecommunications services, on Line (50). For example, if the Worksheet is due by September 1, 1997, contributors should submit revenues billed during the calendar period January 1 through June 30, 1997. If the Worksheet is due by March 31, 1998, contributors should submit revenues billed during the calendar period January 1 through December 31, 1997. Where two contributors have merged prior to filing, the successor company should report total revenues for the reporting period for all predecessor operations. The two contributors, however, should continue to report separately if each maintains a separate corporate identity and continues to operate. Gross revenues should include revenues derived from the provision of interstate, international, and intrastate telecommunications and telecommunications services. Gross revenues consist of total revenues billed to customers during the filing period with no allowances for uncollectibles or out-of-period adjustments. Billed revenues may be distinct from booked revenues. NECA pool companies should report the actual gross billed revenues (CABS Revenues) reported to the NECA pool and not settlement revenues received from the pool. For international services, gross revenues consist of gross revenues billed by U.S. contributors with no allowances for settlement payments. International settlement receipts for foreign billed service should not be included. Gross revenues also should include any surcharges on communications services that are billed to the customer and either retained by the contributor or remitted to a non-government third party under contract. Gross revenues should exclude taxes and any surcharges that are not recorded on the company books as revenues but which instead are remitted to government bodies.

Line (50) - Gross billed revenues from all sources should equal the sum of revenues by type of service reported on Lines (22) through (47) and Line (49). The Universal Service Worksheet contains two broad types of service categories: revenue from other contributors; and revenue from all other sources (also termed end-user revenues).

Revenues from service provided to resellers that contribute directly to universal service will be excluded from the funding base for determining universal service contributions of the underlying contributor (i.e., the entity selling service to the reseller). For this purpose, a reseller is a telecommunications service provider that 1) incorporates purchased telecommunications services into its own offerings and 2) can reasonably be expected to contribute to support universal service based on revenues from those offerings. IXC's, for example, use access services in providing switched toll services. The underlying contributors would report the access service revenues as revenues from resellers and those revenues would not be incorporated in determining the underlying contributor's universal service contribution.

An underlying contributor should have documented procedures to ensure that it reports as revenues from resellers only revenues from entities that reasonably would be expected to contribute to support universal service. The procedures should include but not be limited to maintaining the following information on resellers: legal name; address; name of a contact person; and phone number of the contact person. If the underlying contributor does not have other reason to know that the entity will, in fact, resell service, then the contributor should obtain a signed statement to that effect. "International only" and "intrastate only" carriers should not be treated as resellers for the purpose of reporting revenues because they are not required to contribute to universal service. A carrier will be considered a non-contributing "international only" or "intrastate only" carrier if neither it nor any of its affiliates provide any interstate telecommunications. Similarly, resellers that qualify for the *de minimis* exemption, broadcasters, systems integrators that derive less than five percent of their systems integration revenues from telecommunications, and non-profit schools, colleges, universities, libraries, and rural health care providers should be treated as end users for reporting purposes because these entities are not required to contribute directly to federal universal service. Systems integrators and entities qualifying for the *de minimis* exemption must notify their underlying carrier that they should be considered end users for reporting purposes.

Contributors are instructed to report revenues from other contributors in Lines (22) through (33). Contributors are instructed to report all other revenues in Lines (34) through (47). In many cases, the categories are duplicated in the two sections. Carriers required to use the Uniform System of Accounts (USOA) prescribed in Part 32 of the Commission's rules should base their response on their USOA account data and supplemental records dividing revenues into those received from other universal service contributors and end-user revenues. All contributors should report revenues based on the following descriptions.

#### Fixed local service.

Fixed local services connect a specific point to one or more other points. These services can be provided using either wireline or wireless technologies and can be used for either local exchange service, private communications, or access to toll services.

Line (22) and Line (34) -- Monthly service, local calling, connection charges, vertical features, inside wiring maintenance, and other local exchange services should include the basic local service revenues except for local private line revenues, access revenues, and revenues from providing mobile or cellular services. For carriers required to use the USOA, these lines should include Account 5001 -- Basic area revenue; Account 5002 -- Optional extended area revenue; Account 5050 -- Customer premises revenue; Account 5060 -- Other local exchange revenue; and Account 5069 -- Other local exchange revenue settlements. Line (22) also should include amounts in Account 5004 -- Other mobile services revenue -- that were derived from connecting with mobile service carriers. Revenues for services provided to carriers should be divided between Line (22a) -- provided as unbundled network elements and Line (22b) -- provided under tariffs or arrangements other than unbundled network elements (for example, resale).

Line (35) -- Tariffed subscriber line charges should contain charges to end users (other than for

special access services) specified in access tariffs. Line (35) should include revenues in Account 5081 -- End user revenue -- as well as the appropriate portion of revenues in Account 5084 -- State access revenue. Contributors that do not have subscriber line charge tariffs on file with the Commission or with a state utility commission should report \$0 on Line (35).

Line (23) -- Per-minute charges for originating or terminating calls should include Account 5082 -- Switched access revenue -- and any revenues in Account 5084 -- State access revenue -- that were based on per-minute charges. This line also would include Account 5003 -- Cellular mobile revenue (revenues to the local exchange carrier for messages between a cellular customer and another station within the mobile service area). The line should include gross charges to other carriers for the origination or termination of non-toll traffic. Do not deduct or net payments to carriers for origination or termination of traffic on their networks. Revenues for originating and terminating minutes should be divided between Line (23a) -- provided as unbundled network elements or other contract arrangements and Line (23b) -- provided under state or federal access tariffs.

Line (24) and Line (36) -- Local private line and special access service should include revenues from providing local services that involve dedicated circuits, private switching arrangements, and/or predefined transmission paths. These lines should include amounts recorded in Account 5040 -- Local private line revenue. These lines also should include Account 5083 -- Special access revenue -- and any intrastate special access revenues in Account 5084 -- State access revenue.

Lines (25) and Line (37) -- Pay telephone compensation should include Account 5010 -- Pay telephone revenues and revenues from nonregulated payphone services in Account 5280 -- Nonregulated operating revenue. Line (25) should include revenues received from carriers as compensation for originating toll calls. Line (37) should include revenues received from customers paid directly to the payphone service provider. This primarily will consist of revenues from coin sent paid traffic.

Line (26) and Line (38) -- Other local telecommunications service revenues should include some revenues contained in Account 5200 -- Miscellaneous revenue -- as well as other local telecommunications service revenues that reasonably would not be included with one of the other local service revenue categories. Line (26) should include charges for physical collocation of equipment pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 251(c)(6). Lines (26) and (38) should **exclude**: enhanced services; billing and collection; customer premises equipment sale, lease or insurance; published directory revenues; and any non-telecommunications revenues.

Line (27) -- Universal service support revenues should include all amounts that contributors receive as universal service support from either states or the federal government. Line (27) should include as revenues Lifeline Assistance reimbursement for the waived portion of subscriber line or presubscribed interexchange carrier charges or credits for subsidized services provided to schools, libraries, and rural health care providers. Line (27) should include amounts received as cash as well as amounts received as credit against contribution obligations.

#### Mobile service.

Mobile services are wireless communications between wireless equipment, such as cellular phones, and other points.

Line (28), Line (39), and Line (40) should contain mobile service revenues other than toll charges to mobile service customers and charges associated with customer premises equipment. A single category -- Line (28) -- is provided for all mobile service provided to resellers. Line (39) should contain monthly charges, activation fees, and service order processing charges, etc. Line (40) should contain message charges, including any roaming charges assessed for calls placed out of customers' home areas. Lines (39) and (40) should include amounts in Account 5004 -- Other mobile service revenue -- that were derived from providing service directly to the public. End-user pre-paid wireless service revenues attributable to activation and daily or monthly access charges should be reported on Line (39). End-user pre-paid wireless service revenues attributable to air time should be reported on Line (40). Toll charges to mobile service customers should be included in Line (44).

#### Toll carrier service.

Toll services are telecommunications services, wireline or wireless, that enable customers to communicate outside of local exchange calling areas. Toll service revenues include intrastate, interstate, and international long distance services.

Line (41) -- Pre-paid calling card should include revenues from pre-paid calling cards provided either to customers or to retail establishments. Gross billed revenues should represent the amounts actually paid by customers for the cards without any reduction or adjustment for discounts provided to retail establishments. All pre-paid card revenues are classified as end-user revenues.

Line (42) - International calls that both originate and terminate in foreign points are exempt from universal service contributions regardless of whether the service is provided to resellers or to end users. Nevertheless, revenues derived from such international calls should be included in Line (42). Contributors should not report international settlement revenues from transiting traffic on the Worksheet.

Line (29) and Line (43) -- Operator and toll calls with alternative billing arrangements should include all calling card or credit card calls, person-to-person calls, and calls with alternative billing arrangements such as third number billing, collect calls, and country-direct type calls that either originate or terminate in a U.S. point. These lines should include all charges from toll or long distance directory assistance. Lines (29) and (43) should include revenues from all calls placed from all coin, public and semi-public, accommodation and prison telephones, except that calls that are paid for via pre-paid calling cards should be included in Line (42), and calls paid for by coins deposited in the phone should be included in Line (37).

Line (30) and Line (44) -- Other switched toll services should include amounts from Account 5100 -- Long distance message revenue -- except for amounts reported on Lines (29), (41), (42), or (43). Line (30) and Line (44) should include ordinary message telephone service, WATS, toll-free, 900, "WATS-like," and similar switched services.

Line (31) and Line (45) -- Long distance private line service should include revenues from dedicated circuits, private switching arrangements, and/or predefined transmission paths, extending beyond the basic service area. This category should include revenues from the resale of special access services. Line (31) and Line (45) should include Account 5120 -- Long distance private network revenue.

Line (32) and Line (46) -- Satellite service should contain revenues from providing space segment service and earth station up-link capacity used for providing telecommunications or telecommunications services via satellite. Revenues derived from the lease of bare transponder capacity should not be included in Lines (32) and (46).

Line (33) and Line (47) -- All other long distance should include all other revenues from providing long distance communications services. These lines should include Account 5160 -- Other long distance revenue.

Line (48) should contain a subtotal of Lines (34) through (41) and Lines (43) through (47). All revenues reported in Lines (34) through (41) and Lines (43) through (47) are referred to as the **universal service contribution base** and represent the revenues of the contributor that will be used to calculate universal service contributions. For any quarter, the schools, libraries, and rural health care support mechanisms' contribution factor will be assessed against Line (48a). For any quarter, the high cost and low income support mechanisms' contribution factor will be assessed against Line (48c).

#### Other revenues.

Contributors may have revenues on their books that are not derived from telecommunications or telecommunications-related functions that should not be included in the universal service contribution base. For example, information services offering a capability for generating, acquiring, storing, transforming, processing, retrieving, utilizing, or making available information via telecommunications are not included in the universal service contribution base. Information services do not include any use of any such capability for the management, control, or operation of a telecommunications system or the management of a telecommunications service. Information services also are called enhanced services because they are offered over common carrier transmission facilities used in interstate communications and employ computer processing applications that act on the format, content, code, protocol, or similar aspects of the subscriber's transmitted information; provide the subscriber additional, different, or restructured information; or involve subscriber interaction with stored information. These services are exempt from contribution requirements.

Line (49) should contain revenues from enhanced services and other services that are exempt from contribution requirements and are not reported elsewhere. Line (49) should include Account 5230 -- Directory revenues -- and Account 5270 -- Carrier billing and collection revenue. Line (49) should include revenues from the sale, lease, maintenance, or insurance of customer premises equipment (CPE), and all non-telecommunications service revenues on the contributor's books.

## 2. Column (b)

For each entry in Lines (22b) through (23a) and Lines (24) through (47) estimate the percentage amounts reported in column (a) that are for interstate or international service, and enter this percentage in Column (b). Interstate and international revenues include all revenues received for calls that do not originate and terminate in the same state. For example, if a cellular carrier collects a fixed amount of revenue per minute of traffic, and 15 percent of minutes are interstate, then interstate revenues would include 15 percent of the per-minute revenues. Similarly, if a LEC bills local measured service charges for calls that originate in one state and terminate in another, these billings should be classified as interstate even though they are included in a local service account. Under the Commission's rules, if over ten percent of the traffic carried over a private or WATS line is interstate, then the revenues and costs generated by the entire line are classified as interstate.<sup>5</sup> In general, flat-rated unbundled network access elements should be classified according to the regulatory agency that has primary jurisdiction over the contracts.

Wherever possible, contributors should calculate the percentage of total revenues that are interstate by using information from their books of accounts and other internal data reporting systems. In such cases, contributors should enter the billed amount in column (c) that is based on their books of account. Contributors that cannot calculate a percentage by using information from their books of accounts and other internal data reporting systems may elect to rely on a special study to estimate the percentages. All information supporting special studies must be made available to either the FCC or to the Universal Service Administrator upon request.

### 3. Column (c).

Contributors should enter billed revenues for interstate and international service that are based on information in books of account in column (c). If interstate and international revenues cannot be taken from the contributor's books, multiply the gross revenues reported in column (a) by the interstate and international percentages reported in column (b), and then place the results in column (c).

### Request for nondisclosure of information contained on the Worksheet.

Check the box in Line (51) if you would like to request Commission nondisclosure of the information contained on the Worksheet. By checking this box, the officer of the company signing the Worksheet certifies that the information contained on the Worksheet is privileged or confidential commercial or financial information and that disclosure of such information would likely cause substantial harm to the competitive position of the company filing the Worksheet. This box may be checked in lieu of submitting a separate request for confidentiality pursuant to section 0.459 of the Commission's rules. 47 C.F.R. § 0.459. All decisions regarding disclosure of company-specific information will be made by the Commission.

### IV. Reminders.

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<sup>5</sup> See 47 C.F.R. § 36.154(a).

- **EACH LEGAL ENTITY that provides interstate telecommunications service, including each affiliate or subsidiary of an entity, must complete and file separately a copy of the attached Worksheet.** Each affiliate or subsidiary should show the same holding company name on Line (5).

- Provide data for all lines that apply. Show a zero for all items for which the contributor had no revenues for the filing period.

- **Contributors must file twice a year.** Contributors must provide revenue data for January 1 through June 30 by September 1 of each year. Contributors must provide revenue data for January 1 through December 31 of the prior year by March 31 of each year.

- **The Worksheet must be signed by an officer of the company.** An officer is a person who occupies a position specified in the corporate by-laws (or partnership agreement), and would typically be president, vice-president for operations, comptroller, treasurer, or a comparable position.

Requests for Commission nondisclosure of information contained in the Worksheet can be made by checking the box in Line (51). All decisions regarding disclosure of company-specific information will be made by the Commission.

For further information regarding the Worksheet and instructions, contact Frances Downey, Cheryl Leanza, or Lori Wright, (202) 418-7400. The Universal Service Orders underlying the Worksheet and instructions can be found on the FCC website at: <http://www.fcc.gov/ccb>.

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