

**THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS**

Before Commissioners: Susan K. Duffy, Chair
Shari Feist Albrecht
Dwight D. Keen

In the Matter of Certification of Compliance)
with Section 254(e) of the Federal) Docket No. 20-GIMT-415-GIT
Telecommunications Act of 1996 and)
Certification of Appropriate Use of Kansas)
Universal Service Fund Support)

ORDER OPENING DOCKET; REQUIRING COMPLIANCE FILINGS

NOW, the above-captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) for consideration and decision. Having reviewed its files and records and being duly advised in the premises, the Commission makes the following findings:

1. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) requires Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (ETCs) receiving federal high-cost support to submit certain information to the states, the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC), tribal governments (where relevant), and the FCC by July 1st of each year.¹

2. Furthermore, the FCC requires states to certify to the FCC every calendar year (by October 1st) that ETCs receiving federal high-cost support in such state used the support in the preceding calendar year, and will use the support in the coming calendar year “only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.”² If a state does not certify that an ETC used its federal high-cost support appropriately, the ETC will not receive the support.³

¹47 C.F.R. §54.313.

²47 C.F.R. §54.314(a).

³Id.

3. The Commission believes that this docket should be opened to collect the information required to be submitted pursuant to the FCC's and Commission's rules, and to determine whether the Commission should certify that the ETCs in Kansas have used and will use their federal Universal Service Fund (USF) support appropriately for 2019 and 2021, respectively. The docket should also be used to determine whether Kansas ETCs used their Kansas Universal Service Fund (KUSF) support appropriately in 2019 and will use their support appropriately in 2021.⁴

4. Commission Staff (Staff) prepared a Report and Recommendation (R&R) dated April 10, 2020, attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference. The R&R addresses the above stated matters and requests the Commission open this docket. The Commission approves Staff's R&R and adopts the request.

IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:

A. This docket shall be opened for the purposes of receiving information and certifications to ensure compliance with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e) and to ensure appropriate use of federal USF and KUSF support.

B. The required ETC certifications, along with the attached worksheet(s), shall be filed with the Commission in this docket on or before July 1, 2020. Refer to Staff's R&R to determine which filings need to be made by which entities and how to report the information. Copies of the supporting Excel files for Attachments 2-4 must be e-mailed to c.aarnes@kcc.ks.gov and s.reams@kcc.ks.gov on or before July 1, 2020. The required worksheets and Excel files may be downloaded from the Commission's website under the ETC Certification Files link under the Telecommunications tab (under Telecommunications Quick Links). They can also be found under

⁴See Order Adopting Staff Workshop Report and Issue Resolutions and Soliciting Additional Comments, Docket No. 08-GIMT-154-GIT (Jan. 30, 2009).

Service Provider Forms at:

https://kcc.ks.gov/images/PDFs/telecommunications/telecom_files.zip. ETCs are reminded that late or incomplete filings may result in fines or penalties.

C. ETCs that received high-cost KUSF support in 2019 should use the Annual Total amount of support listed for the carrier on Staff Exhibit 1. If an ETC reports a different number, it needs to explain why the different amount was used and why it differs from the amount on Staff Exhibit 1.

D. ETCs are reminded that any information filed confidentially shall comply with K.A.R. 82-1-221a. This includes K.A.R. 82-1-221a(a)(5)'s requirement of a written explanation explaining whether the information constitutes a trade secret or confidential commercial information, and an explanation regarding the harm or potential harm disclosure would cause. Failure to comply with such regulation may result in a penalty or public disclosure of information.

E. Any party may file and serve a petition for reconsideration pursuant to the requirements and time limits established by K.S.A. 77-529(a)(1).

F. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and parties for the purpose of issuing such further order, or orders, as it may deem necessary.

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Duffy, Chair; Albrecht, Commissioner; Keen, Commissioner

Dated: 04/21/2020



Lynn M. Retz
Executive Director

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Susan K. Duffy, Chair
Shari Feist Albrecht, Commissioner
Dwight D. Keen, Commissioner

Laura Kelly, Governor

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION UTILITIES DIVISION

TO: Chair Susan K. Duffy
Commissioner Shari Feist Albrecht
Commissioner Dwight D. Keen

FROM: Christine Aarnes, Chief of Telecommunications & SPP Affairs
Sandy Reams, Assistant Chief of Telecommunications
Jeff McClanahan, Director of Utilities

DATE: April 10, 2020

SUBJECT: Docket No. 20-GIMT-415-GIT
In the Matter of Certification of Compliance with Section 254(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 and Certification of Appropriate Use of Kansas Universal Service Fund Support.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) requires Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (ETCs) to submit specific information as outlined in 47 C.F.R. § 54.313 to the states, the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC), tribal governments (where relevant), and the FCC by July 1st of each year, beginning in 2012.¹ In addition, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 and 47 U.S.C. § 254(e), states that desire ETCs in their state to receive funding pursuant to the federal high-cost program must file an annual certification with USAC and the FCC stating that all federal high-cost support provided to such carriers within that state was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the following calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

Staff recommends the Commission open a generic docket to collect the required filings and to determine whether the Commission should provide the aforementioned certification letter to the FCC and USAC. The docket should further include a certification and analysis to ensure Kansas Universal Service Fund (KUSF) support was used in 2019 and will be used in 2021 appropriately.

¹ *Connect America Fund; A National Broadband Plan for Our Future; Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers; High-Cost Universal Service Support; Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime; Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service; Lifeline and Link-Up; Mobility Fund; WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 07-135, 05-337, 03-109, CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 96-45, GN Docket No. 09-51, WT Docket No. 10-208, Third Order on Reconsideration, (May 14, 2012), ¶ 10.*

Each filing should be required to be submitted separately by company and a copy of the supporting Excel files for Attachments 2-4 emailed to Staff at c.aarnes@kcc.ks.gov and s.reams@kcc.ks.gov concurrent with the filing.

BACKGROUND:

Section 254(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act provides that carriers receiving federal high-cost support shall use the support “*only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.*” (Emphasis added). The FCC has delegated responsibility for oversight of Section 254(e) to the states.

In order for ETCs in Kansas to be eligible to receive federal high-cost support in 2021, the Commission must send a letter by October 1 (of each year) to the FCC and USAC stating that the companies named in the letter have provided certification that they will use their federal high-cost support in the following year and used their federal high-cost support in the prior year in accordance with Section 254(e).

In addition, the Commission determined on January 30, 2009, in Docket No. 08-GIMT-154-GIT (154 Docket), that ETCs must provide information to document that the carriers appropriately spent their KUSF support and will continue to spend their KUSF support appropriately. Pursuant to K.S.A. 66-2008(c)(4), competitive ETCs ceased receiving high-cost KUSF on March 1, 2018. Therefore, Staff removed the portion of the review related to KUSF support from Attachment 3 and completely eliminated the form previously referred to as Attachment 5. Forms previously referred to as Attachments 6 and 7 are now Attachments 5 and 6, respectively.

ANALYSIS:

Kansas ETC Certification Forms

Listed below are the Forms and Instructions that will be used for this year’s filing:

Attachment

| <u>No.</u> | <u>Description</u> |
|-------------------|--|
| 1 | Certification Form for Federal High-Cost Support and KUSF Support |
| 2a | Kansas’ Test for Certification for Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers (ILECs) |
| 2b | Kansas’ Test for Certification for ILECs Using Illustrative Data |
| 3a | Kansas’ Test for Certification for Competitive ETCs |
| 3b | Kansas’ Test for Certification for Competitive ETCs Using Illustrative Data |
| 4 | Narrative Report for New Investments |
| 5 | Additional ETC Requirements Adopted in Docket No. 06-GIMT-446-GIT |
| 6 | Certification Instructions |

Attachment 6 contains the instructions for completing Attachments 1-5.

- ILECs that received in 2019 and/or will receive federal high-cost support and/or KUSF support in 2021 should complete Attachments 1, 2a, 4, and 5.
- Competitive ETCs that received in 2019 and/or will receive federal high-cost support in 2021 need to complete Attachments 1, 3a, 4, and 5.

- Lifeline-Only ETCs need to complete only Attachment 5.

Attachments 2b and 3b are provided for illustration purposes to complete the respective 2a and 3a cost reports. Additionally, competitive ETCs should exclude expenses and investments for SWBT exchanges when justifying federal high-cost support on Attachments 3a and 4, pursuant to the Commission's August 9, 2007 Order in the 07-GIMT-498-GIT (498 Docket).²

In the 2018 ETC certification proceeding (Docket No. 18-GIMT-394-ETC), almost half of the ETCs reported the net amount of KUSF received after deducting the carrier's assessments owed to the Fund. The carrier's statutory requirement to contribute to the KUSF is separate and distinct from its high-cost funding and should not be deducted from the amount of high-cost KUSF funding the carrier received. Rather, the gross amount of KUSF support received is to be reported on Attachments 2a and 3a.

Staff has listed the amount of high-cost KUSF support disbursed to ETCs in 2019 on Staff Exhibit 1. ETCs should use the amount listed on Staff Exhibit 1 for the amount of KUSF high-cost funding received in 2019. If a different number is reported, the carrier needs to explain why.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Commission open a generic docket to collect the required filings and to determine whether the Commission should certify to the FCC and USAC that all federal high-cost support provided to ETCs in Kansas was used in 2019 and will be used in 2021 in accordance with Section 254(e). The docket should further include a certification and analysis to ensure KUSF support was used in 2019 and will be used in 2021 appropriately.

Staff further recommends the Commission require ETCs and competitive ETCs to submit their ETC certifications for 2019, along with the required attached worksheets, on or before July 1, 2020. Each filing shall be submitted separately by company and a copy of the supporting Excel files for Attachments 2-4 should be concurrently emailed to c.aarnes@kcc.ks.gov and s.reams@kcc.ks.gov. **Carriers should be reminded that late or incomplete filings may result in fines or penalties.**

² In the 498 Docket, the Commission reaffirmed its previous decision not to certify competitive ETCs' expenditures and investments of federal high-cost support in non-supported areas, which are areas served by SWBT, except to the extent the competitive ETCs can justify an allocation of a portion of expenditures and investments of federal high-cost support to serve a supported area.

KUSF High-Cost Support Paid to ETCs**January - December 2019****(Annual total should match amount reported. Include explanation for any variance)**

| Company | Jan. - Dec. 2019 Annual Total (A = B + C) | Jan - Feb. 19 Total (B) | March -Dec. 19 Total (C) |
|--|--|--|---|
| Bluestem (1) | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Blue Valley | 631,415 | 111,975 | 519,440 |
| Columbus | - | - | - |
| Craw-Kan | 2,329,186 | 395,977 | 1,933,209 |
| Cunningham | 873,020 | 147,183 | 725,837 |
| Elkhart | 5,082 | 2,565 | 2,516 |
| Consolidated Communications of Missouri f/k/a FairPoint-MO (2) | - | - | - |
| Golden Belt | 589,921 | 101,664 | 488,257 |
| Gorham | 555,634 | 93,230 | 462,404 |
| H & B | 693,689 | 116,618 | 577,072 |
| Haviland | - | - | - |
| Home | 566,627 | 96,786 | 469,840 |
| JBN | 634,580 | 107,164 | 527,415 |
| KanOkla | 706,136 | 119,023 | 587,113 |
| LaHarpe | - | - | - |
| Madison | 229,041 | 39,083 | 189,958 |
| Mokan | - | - | - |
| Moundridge | - | - | - |
| Mutual | 221,444 | 37,739 | 183,705 |
| Peoples | 494,368 | 84,902 | 409,466 |
| Pioneer | 3,655,107 | 618,043 | 3,037,063 |
| Rainbow | 802,316 | 136,773 | 665,543 |
| Rural | 2,711,010 | 456,992 | 2,254,018 |
| S & A | 353,881 | 59,444 | 294,437 |
| S & T | 1,212,553 | 206,322 | 1,006,231 |
| South Central | 236,227 | 41,719 | 194,508 |
| Southern Kansas | 1,208,508 | 205,266 | 1,003,242 |
| Consolidated Communications of Kansas f/k/a Sunflower (3) | - | - | - |
| Totah | 242,249 | 40,862 | 201,388 |
| Tri-County | 1,336,694 | 228,191 | 1,108,503 |
| Tri-County - Council Grove | 979,318 | 166,362 | 812,955 |
| Twin Valley | 3,595,637 | 612,935 | 2,982,703 |
| United Telephone Assoc. | 289,480 | 51,942 | 237,538 |
| Wamego | 1,630,508 | 283,384 | 1,347,125 |
| Wheat State | 619,176 | 106,538 | 512,639 |
| Wilson | 738,798 | 125,167 | 613,631 |
| Zenda | 300,308 | 50,159 | 250,149 |
| United Telephone Companies of Kansas d/b/a CenturyLink (4) | 8,539,231 | 1,505,357 | 7,033,874 |

Notes:

(1) Bluestem Telephone Company was merged into Consolidated Communications of Kansas, effective January 1, 2019. Docket No. 19-BSTT-172-CCS/19-SFLT-197-CCN.

(2) FairPoint-MO changed its name to Consolidated Communications of Missouri, effective January 1, 2019. Docket No. 19-FCMT-161-CCN.

(3) Sunflower Telephone Company changed its name to Consolidated Communications of Kansas, effective January 1, 2019. Docket No. 19-SFLT-197-CCN.

(4) Reflects KUSF support paid to CenturyLink, adjusted for true-ups approved by the Commission.

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SECTION 254(e) CERTIFICATION
FEDERAL HIGH-COST UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT
FCC Docket Reference: CC Docket No. 96-45
and KANSAS UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND SUPPORT
(Please type or print legibly)
(Circle all appropriate support received)

1. My title is _____ of
_____ (Company/Cooperative). In this capacity, I am in a position
of authority to direct how federal high-cost Universal Service Fund (USF), Connect America Fund (CAF)
support, and/or Kansas Universal Service Fund (KUSF) support received will be used and by this certification
I am binding _____ (Company/Cooperative) to the statements made in this
certification.

2. _____ (Company/Cooperative) was named as
an eligible telecommunications carrier by the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) for federal support
purposes in Docket No. _____ by order dated _____ and
KUSF support purposes in Docket No. _____ by order dated _____.

3. By this affidavit, I certify that the federal USF, CAF and/or KUSF received by
_____ (Company/Cooperative) was used in the proceeding calendar year
2019 and will be used in the new calendar year **2021** *only* for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of

Attachment 1

facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act, and/or Kansas statutes and KCC requirements.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Kansas that the foregoing is true and correct.

(Pursuant to Kan. Stat. Ann. 53-601.)

Signature

Printed/Typed Name

Executed on _____ date.

Email address: _____

**Incumbent ETC Investment and Expenses
Kansas Test for USF Certification**

**20-GIMT415-GIT
Attachment 2a**

| | | |
|--|-------|---------------------|
| Company Name: _____ | | |
| DATA YEAR: <u>2019</u> | | |
| | LINE | REGULATED AMOUNT |
| WORKING LOOPS | | |
| 1. Total Loops | (060) | |
| 2. Category 1.3 Loops | (070) | |
| 3. Consumer Broadband-only Loops | (090) | |
| INVESTMENT | | |
| 1. Plant Accounts | | |
| a. Acct 2001 - Telephone Plant in Service | (160) | |
| 2. Selected Plant Accounts | | |
| a. Acct 2210 - Central Office Switching | (230) | |
| b. Acct 2220 - Operator System Equipment | (235) | |
| c. Acct 2230 - Central Office Transmission | (240) | |
| d. Total Central Office Equip | (245) | \$ - |
| e. Circuit Equip Cat 4.13 | (250) | |
| f. Acct 2410 - Cable & Wire Facilities Total | (255) | |
| AMORTIZABLE TANGIBLE ASSETS | | |
| Acct. 2680 - Tangible Assets | (800) | \$ - |
| Acct. 2680 (2230) - Central Office Transmission | (805) | |
| Acct. 2680 (2230) - Cat. 4.13 Central Office Transmi | (810) | |
| Acct. 2680 (2410) Cable & Wire Facilities | (815) | |
| Acct. 2680 (2410) - Cable & Wire Facilities - Cat 1 | (820) | |
| Acct. 6560 (2680) Dep & Amort | (830) | |
| PART 36 - COST STUDY DATA | | |
| 1. Acct. 2410 - Cost Study Avg C&WF | (700) | |
| 2. Cost Study Avg C&WF Cat 1 | (710) | |
| 3. C&WF CAT 1 Factor | | #DIV/0! |
| 4. COE CAT 4.13 Factor | | #DIV/0! |
| 5. Switching Factor | | 1.000000 |

**Incumbent ETC Investment and Expenses
Kansas Test for USF Certification**

**20-GIMT415-GIT
Attachment 2a**

Company Name: _____

DATA YEAR: 2019

**For the Following Lines, Use Gross Additions for Plant and Annual Amounts
for Expenses for the Test Year**

| INVESTMENT, EXPENSE AND TAXES | LINE | REGULATED AMOUNT |
|---|-------|---------------------|
| 1. Selected Plant Accounts | | |
| a. Acct 2230 - Central Office Transmission | (240) | |
| b. Total Central Office Equip | (245) | |
| c. Acct 2410 - Cable & Wire Facilities Total | (255) | |
| 2. Expenses - Plant Specific Exp | | |
| a. Acct 6110 - Network Support Total | (335) | |
| b. Acct 6110 - Network Support Benefits | (340) | |
| c. Acct 6110 - Network Support Rents | (345) | |
| d. Acct 6120 - General Support Total | (350) | |
| e. Acct 6120 - General Support Benefits | (355) | |
| f. Acct 6120 - General Support Rents | (360) | |
| g. Acct 6210 - Central Office Switching Total | (365) | |
| h. Acct 6210 - Central Office Switching Benefits | (370) | |
| i. Acct 6210 - Central Office Switching Rents | (375) | |
| j. Acct 6220 - Operator Systems Total | (380) | |
| k. Acct 6220 - Operator Systems Benefits | (385) | |
| l. Acct 6220 - Operator Systems Rents | (390) | |
| m. Acct 6230 - Central Office Transmission Total | (395) | |
| n. Acct 6230 - Central Office Transmission Benefits | (400) | |
| o. Acct 6230 - Central Office Transmission Rents | (405) | |
| p. Total - Central Office (Acct. 6210 - 6230) | (410) | \$ - |
| q. Acct 6410 - Cable & Wire Facilities | (430) | |
| r. Acct 6410 - Cable & Wire Facilities Benefits | (435) | |
| s. Acct 6410 - Cable & Wire Facilities Rents | (440) | |
| t. Total Plant Specific Expense (Accts. 6110 - 641 | (445) | \$ - |
| 3. Expenses - Plant Non Specific Exp | | |
| a. Acct 6530 - Network Operations | (450) | |
| b. Acct 6530 - Network Operations Benefits | (455) | |
| 4. Depreciation & Amortization Exp | | |
| a. Acct 6560 (#2210) - Central Office Switching | (510) | |
| b. Acct 6560 (#2220) - Operator Systems | (515) | |
| c. Acct 6560 (#2230) - Central Office Transmission | (520) | |
| d. Acct 6560 (#2210-2230) - Total | (525) | \$ - |
| e. Acct 6560 (#2410) - Cable & Wire Facilities | (530) | |
| 5. Corporate Operating Expenses | | |
| a. Acct 6710 - Executive & Planning | (535) | |
| b. Acct 6710 - Executive & Planning Benefits | (540) | |
| c. Acct 6720 - General Admin | (550) | |
| d. Acct 6720 - General Admin Benefits | (555) | |
| e. Total Corporate Operating Expense (line | | \$ - |
| 535+550) | (565) | |
| 6. Other Expenses and Revenues | | |
| a. Benefits Portion | (600) | |
| b. Rents Portion | (610) | - |
| Total Expenses (Excluding Depreciation) | | \$ - |
| 7. Operating Taxes | | |
| a. Acct 7200 | (650) | |

**Incumbent ETC Investment and Expenses
Kansas Test for USF Certification**

**20-GIMT415-GIT
Attachment 2a**

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| Company Name: _____ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| DATA YEAR: 2019 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 4. COE - MAINT. SW | - | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5. COE - MAINT-OP SYSTEM | - | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6. COE - MAINT. - TRANS. | #DIV/0! | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7. CWF - NETWORK SUPPORT | #DIV/0! | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8. COE - NETWORK SUPPORT | #DIV/0! | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9. CWF GENERAL SUPPORT | #DIV/0! | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10. COE GENERAL SUPPORT | #DIV/0! | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 20. CWF NETWORK OPERATION | #DIV/0! | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 21. COE NETWORK OPERATION | #DIV/0! | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 22. CWF EXEC. & PLANNING | #DIV/0! | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 23. COE EXEC. & PLANNING | #DIV/0! | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 24. CWF GENERAL ADMIN. | #DIV/0! | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 25. COE GENERAL ADMIN. | #DIV/0! | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 26. CWF OPERATING TAXES | #DIV/0! | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 27. COE OPERATING TAXES | #DIV/0! | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 28. CWF BENEFITS - TTL OPER EXP | #DIV/0! | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 29. COE BENEFITS - TTL OPER EXP | #DIV/0! | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 30. CWF RENTS - TTL OPER EXP | #DIV/0! | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 31. COE RENTS - TTL OPER EXP | #DIV/0! | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Incumbent ETC Investment and Expenses
Kansas Test for USF Certification

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Attachment 2a

Company Name: _____

DATA YEAR: 2019

A. Total Cash Expenditures Associated with USF #DIV/0!

B. Certified Federal USF Receipts:

B1. High Cost Loop Support / Frozen High Cost Support

B2. Safety Valve Support for acquired Exch.

B3. Connect America Cost Model

B4. Alternative Connect America Model

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B5. Total Federal USF Receipts

C. Gross KUSF Receipts (do not deduct KUSF assessments paid)

D. Total FUSF and KUSF Receipts \$ -

E. Do Expenditures Exceed FUSF Receipts? #DIV/0!

Amount Expenditures Exceed Certified FUSF #DIV/0! [A - B7]

(negative number means FUSF exceeds Expenditures)

F. Do Expenditures Exceed FUSF & KUSF Receipts? #DIV/0!

Amount Expenditures Exceed Certified FUSF & KUSF #DIV/0! [A - D]

(negative number means FUSF & KUSF exceeds Expenditures)

Please provide the following information:

Contact: _____

Title: _____

Phone No.: _____

E-Mail: _____

**Example
Incumbent ETC Investment and Expense
Kansas Test for USF Certification**

**20-GIMT-415-GIT
Attachment 2b**

Company Name: ABC Telephone Company Inc.

| | DATA YEAR | <u>2019</u> |
|---|-----------|---------------------|
| | LINE | REGULATED AMOUNT |
| WORKING LOOPS | | |
| 1. Total Loops | (060) | 9,552 |
| 2. Category 1.3 Loops | (070) | 9,262 |
| 3. Consumer Broadband-only Loops | (090) | 7,000 |
| INVESTMENT | | |
| 1. Plant Accounts | | |
| a. Acct 2001 | (160) | \$ 26,978,955 |
| 2. Selected Plant Accounts | | |
| a. Acct 2210 - Central Office Switching | (230) | 5,247,838 |
| b. Acct 2220 - Operator System Equipment | (235) | 0 |
| c. Acct 2230 - Central Office Transmission | (240) | 5,962,811 |
| d. Total Central Office Equip | (245) | \$ 11,210,649 |
| e. Circuit Equip Cat 4.13 | (250) | 4,061,618 |
| f. Acct 2410 - Cable & Wire Facilities Total | (255) | 13,819,015 |
| AMORTIZABLE TANGIBLE ASSETS | | |
| Acct. 2680 - Tangible Assets | (800) | 0 |
| Acct. 2680 (2230) - Central Office Transmission | (805) | 0 |
| Acct. 2680 (2230) - Cat. 4.13 Central Office Transmission | (810) | 0 |
| Acct. 2680 (2410) Cable & Wire Facilities | (815) | 0 |
| Acct. 2680 (2410) - Cable & Wire Facilities - Cat 1 | (820) | 0 |
| Acct. 6560 (2680) Dep & Amort | (830) | 0 |
| PART 36 - COST STUDY DATA | | |
| 1. Acct. 2410 - Cost Study Avg C&WF | (700) | 11,811,817 |
| 2. Cost Study Avg C&WF Cat 1 | (710) | 11,718,782 |
| 3. C&WF CAT 1 Factor | | 0.992124 |
| 4. COE CAT 4.13 Factor | | 0.362300 |
| 5. Switching Factor | | 1.000000 |

**Example
Incumbent ETC Investment and Expense
Kansas Test for USF Certification**

**20-GIMT-415-GIT
Attachment 2b**

Company Name: ABC Telephone Company Inc.

DATA YEAR 2019

| LINE | REGULATED AMOUNT |
|------|---------------------|
|------|---------------------|

For the Following Lines, Use Gross Additions for Plant and Annual Amounts for Expenses for the Test Year

| INVESTMENT, EXPENSE AND TAXES | LINE | |
|--|-------|--------------|
| 1. Selected Plant Accounts | | |
| a. Acct 2230 - Central Office Transmission | (240) | 198,228 |
| b. Total Central Office Equip | (245) | 480,061 |
| c. Acct 2410 - Cable & Wire Facilities Total | (255) | 436,274 |
| 2. Expenses - Plant Specific Exp | | |
| a. Acct 6110 - Network Support Total | (335) | 12,628 |
| b. Acct 6110 - Network Support Benefits | (340) | 1,362 |
| c. Acct 6110 - Network Support Rents | (345) | 256 |
| d. Acct 6120 - General Support Total | (350) | 211,447 |
| e. Acct 6120 - General Support Benefits | (355) | 8,068 |
| f. Acct 6120 - General Support Rents | (360) | 15,114 |
| g. Acct 6210 - Central Office Switching Total | (365) | 236,427 |
| h. Acct 6210 - Central Office Switching Benefits | (370) | 36,157 |
| i. Acct 6210 - Central Office Switching Rents | (375) | 2,922 |
| j. Acct 6220 - Operator Systems Total | (380) | 0 |
| k. Acct 6220 - Operator Systems Benefits | (385) | 0 |
| l. Acct 6220 - Operator Systems Rents | (390) | 0 |
| m. Acct 6230 - Central Office Transmission Total | (395) | 108,923 |
| n. Acct 6230 - Central Office Transmission Benefits | (400) | 14,821 |
| o. Acct 6230 - Central Office Transmission Rents | (405) | 1,222 |
| p. Total - Central Office (Acct. 6210 - 6230) | (410) | \$ 345,350 |
| q. Acct 6410 - Cable & Wire Facilities | (430) | 882,320 |
| r. Acct 6410 - Cable & Wire Facilities Benefits | (435) | 124,429 |
| s. Acct 6410 - Cable & Wire Facilities Rents | (440) | 63,079 |
| t. Total Plant Specific Expense (Accts. 6110 - 6410) | (445) | \$ 1,451,745 |
| 3. Expenses - Plant Non Specific Exp | | |
| a. Acct 6530 - Network Operations | (450) | 287,767 |
| b. Acct 6530 - Network Operations Benefits | (455) | 45,519 |
| 4. Depreciation & Amortization Exp | | |
| a. Acct 6560 (#2210) - Central Office Switching | (510) | 382,435 |
| b. Acct 6560 (#2220) - Operator Systems | (515) | 0 |
| c. Acct 6560 (#2230) - Central Office Transmission | (520) | 297,063 |
| d. Acct 6560 (#2210-2230) - Total | (525) | 679,498 |
| e. Acct 6560 (#2410) - Cable & Wire Facilities | (530) | 677,375 |
| 5. Corporate Operating Expenses | | |
| a. Acct 6710 - Executive & Planning | (535) | 73,579 |
| b. Acct 6710 - Executive & Planning Benefits | (540) | 17,078 |
| c. Acct 6720 - General Admin | (550) | 428,472 |
| d. Acct 6720 - General Admin Benefits | (555) | 46,933 |
| e. Total Corporate Operating Expense (line 535+550) | (565) | \$ 502,051 |
| 6. Other Expenses and Revenues | | |
| a. Benefits Portion | (600) | 425,974 |
| b. Rents Portion | (610) | 82,594 |
| Total Expenses (Excluding Depreciation) | | \$ 2,241,563 |
| 7. Operating Taxes | | |
| a. Acct 7200 | (650) | 1,073,834 |

Example
Incumbent ETC Investment and Expense
Kansas Test for USF Certification

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Attachment 2b

| Company Name: <u>ABC Telephone Company Inc.</u> | |
|---|---------------------|
| DATA YEAR | <u>2019</u> |
| LINE | REGULATED AMOUNT |
| Test for use of FUSF and KUSF | |
| CAPITAL: | |
| 1. Category 1 C&WF | 432,838 |
| 2. Category 4.13 COE and Switching | 455,759 |
| MAINTENANCE: | |
| 3. CWF - MAINT. EXP. | 689,340 |
| 4. COE - MAINT. SW | 197,348 |
| 5. COE - MAINT-OP SYSTEM | 0 |
| 6. COE - MAINT. - TRANS. | 63,266 |
| 7. CWF - NETWORK SUPPORT | 5,595 |
| 8. COE - NETWORK SUPPORT | 3,799 |
| 9. CWF GENERAL SUPPORT | 95,673 |
| 10. COE GENERAL SUPPORT | 64,963 |
| 20. CWF NETWORK OPERATION | 123,106 |
| 21. COE NETWORK OPERATION | 83,591 |
| 22. CWF EXEC. & PLANNING | 28,713 |
| 23. COE EXEC. & PLANNING | 19,496 |
| 24. CWF GENERAL ADMIN. | 193,891 |
| 25. COE GENERAL ADMIN. | 131,655 |
| 26. CWF OPERATING TAXES | 545,701 |
| 27. COE OPERATING TAXES | 370,541 |
| 28. CWF BENEFITS - TTL OPER EXP | 216,472 |
| 29. COE BENEFITS - TTL OPER EXP | 146,988 |
| 30. CWF RENTS - TTL OPER EXP | 41,973 |
| 31. COE RENTS - TTL OPER EXP | 28,500 |

Example
Incumbent ETC Investment and Expense
Kansas Test for USF Certification

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Attachment 2b

| | | |
|--|-------------|-----------------------------|
| Company Name: <u>ABC Telephone Company Inc.</u> | | |
| DATA YEAR <u>2019</u> | | |
| | LINE | REGULATED AMOUNT |
| A. Total Cash Expenditures Assd with USF | | |
| | | 3,939,208 |
| B. Certified Federal USF Receipts: | | |
| B1. High Cost Loop Support / Frozen High Cost Support | | |
| | | 820,931 |
| B2. Safety Valve Support for acquired Exch. | | |
| B3. Connect America Cost Model | | |
| B4. Alternative Connect America Model | | |
| B5. Total Federal USF Receipts | | |
| | | 820,931 |
| C. Gross KUSF Receipts (do not deduct KUSF assessments paid) | | |
| | | 2,500,000 |
| D. Total FUSF and KUSF Receipts | | |
| | | 3,320,931 |
| E. Do Expenditures Exceed FUSF Receipts? | | |
| | Yes | |
| Amount Expenditures Exceed Certified FUSF | | |
| | | \$ 3,118,277 [A - B7] |
| (negative number means FUSF exceeds Expenditures) | | |
| F. Do Expenditures Exceed FUSF & KUSF Receipts? | | |
| | Yes | |
| Amount Expenditures Exceed Certified FUSF & KUSF | | |
| | | 618,277 [A - D] |
| (negative number means FUSF & KUSF exceeds Expenditures) | | |
| Please provide the following information: | | |
| Contact: <u>John Smith</u> | | |
| Title: <u>Accountant</u> | | |
| Phone No.: <u>785-555-1234</u> | | |
| E-Mail: <u>jsmith@wtci.com</u> | | |

**Competitive ETC Investment and Expense
Test for USF Certification**

**20-GIMT-415-GIT
Attachment 3a**

Company Name : _____

All CETCs must complete this form to receive certification for its use of FUSF support, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 and KCC Requirements. Please attach additional pages, if necessary. If you have any questions, please email the KCC Staff at c.arnes@kcc.ks.gov or s.reams@kcc.ks.gov.

| | |
|----------------------|-------------|
| Data Year | 2019 |
|----------------------|-------------|

| | AMOUNT FOR KANSAS A | ALLOCATION PERCENT B | FUSF CODE (see Notes) C | AMOUNT FOR FUSF AREAS (Excluding SWBT Area) D=AxB |
|--|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| FUSF WORKING LOOPS/LINES | | | | |
| <u>NEW INVESTMENTS:</u> | | | | |
| 1. SWITCHING | | | | - |
| 2. OUTSIDE PLANT (LOCAL LOOPS, CELL SITES)(1) | | | | - |
| SUBTOTAL NEW INVESTMENTS | \$ - | | | \$ - |
| <u>EXPENSES:</u> | | | | |
| 3. SWITCH MAINTENANCE | | | | - |
| 4. OUTSIDE PLANT MAINTENANCE | | | | - |
| 5. NETWORK SUPPORT | | | | - |
| 6. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE | | | | - |
| SUBTOTAL EXPENSES | \$ - | | | \$ - |
| A. TOTAL CASH EXPENDITURES ASSD WITH USF | \$ - | | | \$ - |
| <u>B. CERTIFIED FUSF RECEIPTS FOR CETCS</u> | | | | |
| B1. Frozen High Cost Support | | | | |
| B2. Mobility Fund Support | | | | |
| B3. Rural Broadband Experiments Fund | | | | |
| B4. CAF II Support | | | | |
| B5. Total Certified Federal USF Receipts | | | | \$ - |
| C. DO EXPENDITURES EXCEED FUSF RECEIPTS? (negative number means FUSF exceeds Expenditures) | No | | | \$ - |

Notes:

- Exclude the cost of transport between switches (dial-tone and/or tandem).
- Allocation Codes (describe how the costs are allocated): *[the following are examples only, not a complete list.]*
 - Based on number of switched MOUs from USF supported cell sites.
 - Based on actual expenditures at USF cell sites. An allocation of USF area to total served area is applied at each cell site. (i.e. 200,000 investment at Cell Site A, which serves 80% USF supported area, results in 160,000 of USF dollars.)
 - Based on percent of USF served areas to all areas.

Contact Name: _____

Title: _____

Phone No.: _____

E-Mail: _____

Example
CETC Investment and Expense
Test for USF Certification

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Attachment 3b

Company Name : Everyday Telephone Company, Inc.

All CETCs must complete this form to receive certification for its use of FUSF support, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 and KCC Requirements. Please attach additional pages, if necessary. If you have any questions, please email the KCC Staff at c.arnes@kcc.ks.gov or s.reams@kcc.ks.gov.

Data
Year **2019**

| | AMOUNT FOR KANSAS | ALLOCATION PERCENT | CODE (see Notes) | FUSF AMOUNT FOR FUSF AREAS (Excluding SWBT Area) D=AxB |
|--|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--|
| | A | B | C | |
| FUSF WORKING LOOPS/LINES | 50,000 | N/A | | 17,500 |
| NEW INVESTMENTS: | | | | |
| 1. SWITCHING | 5,000,000 | 35% | a | 1,750,000 |
| 2. OUTSIDE PLANT (LOCAL LOOPS, CELL SITES)(1) | 7,000,000 | 62% | b | 4,340,000 |
| SUBTOTAL NEW INVESTMENTS | 12,000,000 | | | 6,090,000 |
| EXPENSES: | | | | |
| 3. SWITCH MAINTENANCE | 1,500,000 | 75% | a | 1,125,000 |
| 4. OUTSIDE PLANT MAINTENANCE | 4,000,000 | 52% | c | 2,080,000 |
| 5. NETWORK SUPPORT | 500,000 | 52% | c | 260,000 |
| 6. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE | 400,000 | 75% | a | 300,000 |
| SUBTOTAL EXPENSES | 6,400,000 | | | 3,765,000 |
| A. TOTAL CASH EXPENDITURES ASSD WITH USF | 18,400,000 | | | 9,855,000 |
| B. CERTIFIED FUSF RECEIPTS FOR CETCS | | | | |
| B1. Frozen High Cost Support | | | | 83,500 |
| B2. Mobility Fund Support | | | | |
| B3. Rural Broadband Experiments Fund | | | | |
| B4. CAF II Support | | | | |
| B5. Total Certified Federal USF Receipts | | | | \$ 83,500 |
| C. DO EXPENDITURES EXCEED FUSF RECEIPTS? | Yes | | | \$ 9,771,500 |
| <i>(negative number means FUSF exceeds Expenditures)</i> | | | | |

Notes:

- 1) Exclude the cost of transport between switches (dial-tone and/or tandem).
- 2) Allocation Codes (describe how the costs are allocated): *[the following are examples only, not a complete list.]*
 - a. Based on number of switched MOUs from USF supported cell sites.
 - b. Based on actual expenditures at USF cell sites. An allocation of USF area to total served area is applied at each cell site. (i.e. 200,000 investment at Cell Site A, which serves 80% USF supported area, results in 160,000 of USF dollars.)
 - c. Based on percent of USF served areas to all areas.

Contact: Robert Jones

Title: Accountant

Phone No.: 316-555-5555

E-Mail: rjones@edtc.com

Narrative Report for New Investments

ETC Certification for Use of **USF** Support
Provided to the Kansas Corporation Commission

Company Name: _____

Data Year: 2019

| | | | | | Amount Used in the USF Supported Areas |
|-------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------|---|
| Town or Exchange | Description of Improvement | Cash Investment | Allocation % | Notes | |
| A | B | C | D | E | F= C x D |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| Subtotal Total | | 0 | | | 0 |
| | | 0 | | | 0 |

NOTES:

This total amount should match the New Investment Subtotal on the USF Certification Form - Attachment 2a LINES (245 & 255).

Contact: _____

Phone No.: _____

Title: _____

E-Mail: _____

Annual ETC Certification of Requirements Imposed by the
Commission in Docket Number 06-GIMT-446-GIT

1. Did your company experience any outage in the prior calendar year, as that term is defined in 47 CFR 4.5, of at least 30 minutes in duration for each service area in which an eligible telecommunications carrier is designated for any facilities it owns, operates, leases, or otherwise utilizes that potentially affect: (i) at least 10% of the end users served in a designated service area; or (ii) a 911 specialty facility as defined in 47 CFR 4.5(e)? (Yes/No) _____. **IF YES, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:**

| Date and time of Onset of the Outage | Description of the Outage and its Resolution | Particular services affected | Geographic Areas Affected | Steps Taken to Prevent a Similar Situation in the Future | Number of Customers Affected |
|--------------------------------------|--|------------------------------|---------------------------|--|------------------------------|
| | | | | | |

(If necessary, please provide additional pages.)

2. Please provide the number of requests for service from potential customers within the recipient's service areas that were unfulfilled during the prior calendar year. If applicable, please explain how your company attempted to provide service to those potential customers.

3. Please provide the number of complaints per 1,000 connections (fixed or mobile) in the prior calendar year.

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Attachment 5

4. A wireline ETC must certify that it is in compliance with the Commission's quality of service standards and a wireless ETC must certify that it is in compliance with the CTIA Code. **Please complete the following, as applicable to your company:**

QUALITY OF SERVICE WIRELINE ANNUAL CERTIFICATION
KCC Docket Reference: 06-GIMT-446-GIT
(Please type or print legibly)

1. My title is _____ of the _____ (Company/ Cooperative). In this capacity, I am in a position of authority to certify whether the Company/ Cooperative is complying with required quality of service standards. I am binding _____ (Company/Cooperative) to the statements made in this certification.

2. By this affidavit, I certify that _____ (Company/ Cooperative) is in compliance with the Commission's quality of service standards as adopted in Docket No. 191,206-U.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Kansas that the foregoing is true and correct. (Pursuant to Kan. Stat. Ann. 53-601.) Executed on _____ (date).

Signature

Printed/Typed Name

QUALITY OF SERVICE WIRELESS ANNUAL CERTIFICATION
KCC Docket Reference: 06-GIMT-446-GIT
(Please type or print legibly)

1. My title is _____ of the _____ (Company/ Cooperative). In this capacity, I am in a position of authority to certify whether the Company/ Cooperative is complying with required quality of service standards. I am binding _____ (Company/Cooperative) to the statements made in this certification.

2. By this affidavit, I certify that _____ (Company/ Cooperative) is in compliance with the CTIA Code.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Kansas that the foregoing is true and correct. (Pursuant to Kan. Stat. Ann. 53-601.) Executed on _____ (date).

Signature

Print / Typed Name

5. Each ETC must certify that it will be able to function in an emergency as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.202(a)(2).

ABILITY TO FUNCTION IN AN EMERGENCY ANNUAL CERTIFICATION

KCC Docket Reference: 06-GIMT-446-GIT

(Please type or print legibly)

1. My title is _____ of the _____
(Company/ Cooperative). In this capacity, I am in a position of authority to certify whether the Company/ Cooperative is able to function in an emergency. I am binding _____ (Company/Cooperative) to the statements made in this certification.

2. By this affidavit, I certify that _____ (Company/ Cooperative) is capable of functioning in an emergency.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Kansas that the foregoing is true and correct. (Pursuant to Kan. Stat. Ann. 53-601.) Executed on _____ (date).

Signature

Printed / Typed Name

6. 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(1)(B) requires every ETC to advertise its services throughout the service area for which it has been designated "using media of general distribution." **Please complete the following:**

| Name of Media | Type of Media | Geographic Areas Reached | Dates Published |
|---------------|---------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| | | | |
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(If necessary, please attach additional pages.)

7. A competitive ETC must certify that it offers a local usage plan comparable to that of the incumbent. Please provide a description of the local usage plan(s) that is comparable to that of the incumbent and complete the certification.

[illegible]

COMPARABLE LOCAL USAGE PLAN ANNUAL CERTIFICATION

KCC Docket Reference: 06-GIMT-446-GIT

(Please type or print legibly)

1. My title is _____ of the _____
(Company/ Cooperative). In this capacity, I am in a position of authority to certify whether the
Company/ Cooperative offers a local usage plan comparable to that of the incumbent. I am binding
(Company/Cooperative) to the statements made in this certification.

2. By this affidavit, I certify that _____ (Company/
Cooperative) offers a local usage plan comparable to that of the incumbent.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Kansas that the foregoing is true and correct. (Pursuant to Kan. Stat. Ann. 53-601.) Executed on (date).

Signature

Printed/Typed Name

Kansas Corporation Commission
ETC Certification Instructions for Attachments 1 - 5

The Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) requires every Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) to complete the ETC certification forms as part of the annual ETC certification process.

If you have any questions, please contact the Telecommunications Division at c.arnes@kcc.ks.gov or s.reams@kcc.ks.gov.

1. Line Definitions:

Working Loops for federal High-Cost Supported Services

Provide the line counts by incumbent local exchange carrier (ILEC) study area or wire center that were reported to the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) for the same year as the cost data is reported. Category 1.3 loops and broadband only loops should be reported separately.

2. Attachments 2 and 3 – ILEC ETC and Competitive ETC Investment and Expense Reports

a. ILEC ETC Report Format

Attachment 2a is used by Incumbent ETCs to report their use of federal high-cost support received in the prior year. The report is a modified version of the cost information submitted to USAC for high-cost support, with the prior year data used to evaluate past certifications provided by the companies. Amounts reported should reflect the amounts actually used to provide universal service in the supported areas for which the support was paid.¹ Support should be segregated by the type of federal high-cost support received. KUSF support is required to be certified and, similar to federal support, the support must also be used to provide and maintain universal service. **High-cost support reported should reflect the gross amount, not the net amount received after assessments owed to the Fund were deducted. Lifeline support received should not be included in the amount of high-cost support received as this is not high-cost support. The high-cost KUSF amount listed on Staff Exhibit 1 should be reported for KUSF high-cost support.** Attachment 2b is an example of how to complete Form 2a.

b. Competitive ETC (CETC) Report Format

Attachment 3a is used by CETCs to report their use of federal high-cost funds received in the prior year. Prior year data is used to evaluate past certifications provided by the companies. Amounts reported should reflect the amounts actually expended to provide universal service in the supported areas for which the support was paid.² If no universal service support was received for the prior year, the company need only file a statement to that effect. Cost information is split by new investment expenditures and expenses. This

¹ Per 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, federal USF support, "will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended." If investments or expenses are for service areas larger than the supported service areas, then allocations of the expenditures are required. See 2c Allocation Methods.

²Ibid.

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is compared to the amount of federal high-cost support received. **High-cost support reported should be the gross amount, not the amount received after assessments are deducted.** Attachment 3b is an example showing how to complete Form 3a.

The company should exclude the cost of transport between switches. This makes the reporting consistent with the costs submitted by the Incumbent ETCs. Once a call leaves the local switch, it is on the interoffice network and costs for those facilities are not included. The switch is the device that provides dial tone and/or switching the call to the proper location for termination. This can be a smart remote with stand-alone capability³ or a stand-alone/host switch.

c. Allocation Methods

The cost reports attempt to capture the cost to provide universal service and exclude certain types of investments and expenses. The FCC has deregulated some services, including voice messaging and inside wire; therefore, they should be excluded.

The allocation of new investments and expenses may play an important role in properly identifying the costs associated with the USF supported areas. Incumbent LECs utilize a series of allocation rules in the Separations process that are specific and documented. However, even ILECs may encounter situations where only a portion of their territory receives high-cost support.

CETCs, especially, may serve exchanges that are supported as well as areas that are not supported. Some costs may be specific to the supported area, while others may involve both areas. A number of valid methods are available to make these allocations. Below is a list of examples that will normally be acceptable in making allocations:

Outside plant projects –the supported areas’ allocations can be determined as follow:

1. Identify the specific costs in supported areas and assign it as a qualified cost.
2. Determine the number of lines in the supported area versus the total lines served by the facilities. Do not include broadband-only use lines.
3. Determine the geographic area in the supported area versus the total area served (this method is especially applicable to cellular towers).
4. Calculate the percent of miles on a cable that serves a supported area versus the total miles to all the areas.
5. Calculate the percent of fiber strands or cable pair that go to a supported area versus the total strands in service.

Expenses may be allocated based on the allocation determined for the related investment, or based on a percentage of lines or customers in the supported areas.

³ A smart remote with stand-alone capability is one that can still provide local calling even if its link to the host switch is severed.

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Maintenance expense may be allocated based on the number of items being maintained that are in the supported areas.

Switching may be allocated using the following methods:

1. Calculate the percent of Minutes of Use (MOU) for the lines in the supported area versus all minutes.
2. Calculate the percent of lines in the supported area versus all lines served by the switch.
3. Similar allocations could apply to circuit equipment used for switched access.

General rules to follow when deciding on the allocation method:

1. Allocations may be calculated by individual investment location, by region or for the whole state.
2. Companies may decide which methods work best based on the accounting and network information they have available.
3. Methods can vary for different types of investment or expense.
4. The method is one that is appropriate for the item being allocated (i.e. MOU would be appropriate for a switch allocation but not for a loop).
5. The allocation is based on measurable data.
6. The method captures a reasonable cost of the investment and/or expense.
7. The company should maintain consistency in the allocation methods used from year to year when providing data to the Commission. This will avoid gaming the system and provide the ability to make comparisons from year to year.
8. When a company changes an allocation method, it should be noted in the data submission, complete with rationale explaining why this new method is more appropriate. Also, the company should provide a calculation of what effect the new allocation would have on the prior year's report.

4. Attachment 4 - New Investments Utilizing High-Cost Support in Supported Areas

a. Report Format

For the prior calendar year, please provide a description of the new investments in supported areas where the high-cost support was used. Please use a format similar to the *Narrative for New Investment Report*. The first example is for a wireless ETC and the second example is for a wireline ETC. It is acceptable to submit a mechanized report if it contains the essential information. Any projects over the threshold should be listed separately. Those projects less than the threshold should be combined into one or more line items. See 3b below for the threshold.

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EXAMPLE of Narrative for New Investment Report

EXAMPLE of a WIRELESS COMPANY

| Town or Exchange | Description of Improvement | Cash Investment | Allocation % | Notes | Amount Used in the USF Supported Areas |
|---|-------------------------------|------------------|--------------|-------|--|
| A | B | C | D | E | F=C x D |
| 20 miles West of Oakley serving USF areas: Levant, Winona, and Russell Springs. | New tower and fiber trunking. | \$300,000 | 70% | [1] | \$210,000 |
| Wichita - Serves all customers in Kansas. | Switch Software Upgrade. | \$250,000 | 25% | [2] | \$50,000 |
| TOTAL | | \$550,000 | | | \$260,000 |

NOTES

- [1] Percent of the service area that is USF supported on geography served.
[2] Percent of switch that is USF supported based on lines served.

EXAMPLE of a WIRELINE COMPANY

| Town or Exchange | Description of Improvement | Cash Investment | Allocation % | Notes | Amount Used in the USF Supported Areas |
|--|--|--------------------|--------------|-------|--|
| A | B | C | D | E | F=C x D |
| Buffalo, Quincy, Toronto | Replaced OSP with digital line carrier and fiber feeder | \$1,250,000 | 100% | [1] | \$1,250,000 |
| Eureka thru Hamilton, Quincy, Yates Center, Chanute, Fredonia, Fall River & serves USF areas: Buffalo, Toronto, Altoona, Benedict, and Coyville. | Fiber ring from remote terminals to remote switch in Eureka. | \$800,000 | 50% | [2] | \$400,000 |
| TOTAL | | \$2,050,000 | | | \$1,650,000 |

NOTES

- [1] All of the exchanges in this project are USF supported.
[2] Percent of lines served by the fiber ring in the USF supported exchanges.

The objective of this report is to identify that new investment is being spent to benefit supported areas. Listing individual exchanges that will benefit will help meet this purpose.

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b. Threshold - For companies spending less than \$10M in new projects in Kansas, use \$200,000 as the project threshold. For companies spending \$10M or more, use \$500,000 as the project threshold. It is acceptable to provide more detail than the threshold requires if it helps identify which supported areas are receiving benefit.

5. Attachment 5 - Annual Certification of Requirements Imposed by the Commission in Docket Number 06-GIMT-446-GIT.

Provide the information as requested on the attachment and attach additional pages, as necessary. All ETCs must complete Questions 1-6. Only Competitive ETCs need to complete Question 7. **If the answer to a question is zero, please report zero and not N/A.**

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