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Re: South Carolina State Universal Service Fund (USF) Revision to State USF Contribution Factor For Fund Year 2015-2016: Effective Date: December 1, 2015
Docket No. 1997-239-C

Dear Regulatory Manager:

As administrator of the State USF, the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") is required to annually determine the level of contributions required and assess the contributing carriers to meet the needs of the State USF.

The State USF support amount for the fund year 2015-2016 is $ 28,245,262. For the year ending December 31, 2014, reported retail end users revenues of $ 1,059,716,997 were used to calculate a new USF contribution factor.

The contribution factor for the fund year 2015-2016 will be 2.6654%.

The Public Service Commission of South Carolina's guidelines allow a carrier contributing to the State USF to flow through its obligations to retail end users at a rate not to exceed the contribution factor.

The new factor will become effective and may be assessed on retail end user billings rendered on or after December 1, 2015.

Should you have any questions concerning the State USF, please contact Jim McDaniel, (803) 737-0812, or me (803) 737-0819.

Sincerely,

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