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The Honorable Julius Genachowski
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
Room 8-B201
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

On June 15, 2010, the Committee on Energy and Commerce sent the Federal Communications Commission a request for information concerning the Universal Service Fund program (USF). We are writing to ask that the Commission provide an update to that earlier information request. Specifically, we have altered our data request to provide the Committee with more targeted data, as well as new data regarding the status of the low-income support programs.

To assist the Committee's work and the public's understanding of the USF high-cost and low-income programs, we would appreciate your assistance in providing the following information:

1. A state-by-state list of total disbursements of USF support for each of the four USF programs. Please provide an estimate of net contributor states and net recipient states. In addition, please provide a listing of the top ten recipients of high-cost support by state for 2008, 2009, and 2010.
2. An updated list of states that have a state-wide universal service fund and a brief explanation of the basis for contribution and what the fund supports.
3. A state-by-state list of competitive eligible telecommunications carriers and the names of such entities grouped by holding company. Please denote those carriers that do not use their own facilities to provide the supported services and those carriers that are only eligible to participate in the low-income program.

High-Cost Support

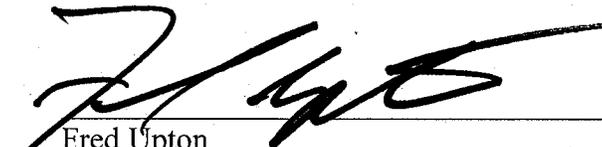
4. An updated list of the top ten recipients, by holding company, of high-cost support for 2008, 2009, and 2010. Please provide a table showing the amount received for each of the high-cost programs, total high-cost support, and per-line high-cost support received during that three-year period by each holding company. As with the previous request, if a company receives high-cost support for more than one corporate entity, please list separately the name and location of all entities receiving support, but attribute the total amount to the corporate parent.
5. An updated list of the ten incumbent service areas that received the largest per-line high-cost subsidies in 2008, 2009, and 2010. For each such service area, please include:
 - a. the geographic scope of the incumbent service area;
 - b. the total high-cost support received by the incumbent carrier, broken down by high-cost program, as well as the per-line support amount;
 - c. if the incumbent is eligible to disaggregate and target high-cost support, whether it has done so;
 - d. if the incumbent is a rural telephone company, whether its service area has been redefined;
 - e. a list of competitive eligible telecommunications carriers in these service areas, if any;
 - f. the wire centers each competitive eligible telecommunications carrier has been designated to serve within the incumbent service area;
 - g. the total support amounts received by each of these competitive-eligible telecommunications carriers for 2008, 2009, and 2010; and,
 - h. a list of other competitors that do not receive high-cost support along with the wire centers they serve, to the extent that information is available.
6. A list of the ten incumbent service areas that received the largest amount of total high-cost support in 2008, 2009, and 2010. For each such service area, please include the information requested in question 5.
7. An updated list of the ten incumbent service areas with the most eligible telecommunications carriers in 2008, 2009, and 2010. For each such service area, please include the information requested in question 5.

Low-Income Support

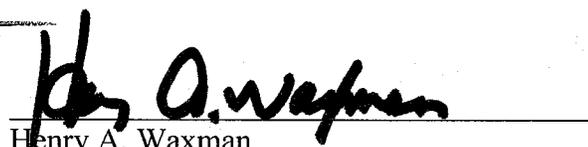
8. The total amount of low-income support disbursed for 2008, 2009, and 2010 for each program, nationally and on a state-by-state basis.
9. A list of the top ten recipients, by holding company, of low-income support for 2008, 2009, and 2010. Please provide a table showing the amount received by each recipient for each program separately, and the total amount received by each recipient overall, to the extent that information is available.

Please provide the requested information by July 22, 2011. If you have any questions about this request, please have a member of your staff contact Neil Fried for the Majority Committee staff at (202) 225-2927 or Roger Sherman for the Minority Committee staff at (202) 226-3400.

Sincerely,



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