



STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF
COMMERCE
COMMUNITY AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mike Dunleavy, Governor
Julie Anderson, Commissioner
Stephen McAlpine, Chairman

Regulatory Commission of Alaska

December 7, 2018

In reply refer to: Tariff Section
File: TA28-998
LO#: L1800490

Keegan Bernier
Agent
Alaska Universal Service Administrative Company
810 N Street, Suite 204
Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Ms. Bernier:

Alaska Universal Service Administrative Company (AUSAC) filed TA28-998 on October 1, 2018, seeking to decrease the Alaska Universal Service Fund (AUSF) surcharge factor to 14.5% and approval of AUSAC's 2019 operating budget.¹ On October 17, 2018, AUSAC filed a corrected Tariff Sheet No. 29.² On November 28, 2018, AUSAC filed revised Tariff Sheet No. 26, and Monthly Carrier Remittance Worksheet reflecting the 10% capped AUSF surcharge factor adopted by the Commission in Order R-18-001(5).³

On December 5, 2018, AUSAC submitted an additional supplemental filing showing updated schedules for the calculation of the 2019 AUSF surcharge factor in compliance with the revised regulations adopted by the Commission.⁴ AUSAC's updated calculation showed an AUSF surcharge factor of 11.5%, which would trigger the recently adopted 10% surcharge cap provision in 3 AAC 53.340(d). AUSAC requested that TA28-998 be partially suspended and re-noticed, to allow for a complete review of the updated schedules.⁵

On December 7, 2018, the Regulatory Commission of Alaska (Commission) approved Tariff Sheet Nos. 2 and 27, filed on October 1, 2018; Tariff Sheet No. 29, filed on October 17, 2018; and Tariff Sheet No. 26, and the revised Monthly Carrier Remittance Worksheet, filed on November 28, 2018, by AUSAC with TA28-998. The effective date of the tariff sheets and the worksheet is January 1, 2019. In addition, under 3 AAC

¹Tariff Advice Letter 28-998, Alaska Universal Service Fund 2019 Surcharge Factor and Administrative Costs, filed October 1, 2018 (TA28-998).

²See Tariff Advice Letter 28-998, Appendix I Supplemental – Sheet 29, filed October 24, 2018.

³See Tariff Advice Letter 28-998, Alaska Universal Fund 2019 Surcharge Factor – Second Supplemental Filing, filed November 28, 2018.

⁴See Tariff Advice Letter 28-998, Alaska Universal Service Fund 2019 Surcharge Factor – Third Supplemental Filing, filed December 5, 2018 (Third Supplemental Filing).

⁵Third Supplemental Filing at 3.

53.320, the Commission approved the AUSAC's 2019 operating budget.

Enclosed are validated copies of the approved tariff sheets and worksheets.

In approving the tariff sheets, worksheets, and budget request filed with TA28-998, the Commission denies AUSAC's request to suspend and re-notice TA28-998. Based on AUSAC filings to date, the Commission has no cause to investigate the calculations supporting the surcharge rate requested by AUSAC, including line count information supplied by carriers used for calculating essential network support disbursements.⁶ The Commission encourages AUSAC to use its best judgment and expertise in deciding whether to exercise its own investigative authority under 3 AAC 53.330(a)(5) to request evidence supporting historic line counts reported to AUSAC, and "to suspend or delay disbursements for universal service support to a public utility" if it determines that the "utility fails to adequately verify the amount of universal service support claimed."

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION (Commissioner Antony Scott not participating)

Sincerely,

REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA



Stephen McAlpine
Chairman

Enclosures

⁶ Third Supplemental Filing at Attachment C, "Access Line Data".

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RCA No. 998 Twenty-seventh Revised Sheet No. 2

Cancelling Twenty-sixth Revised Sheet No. 2

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CHECK SHEET

Original and revised pages as named below contain all changes from the original tariff that are in effect on the date hereof.

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19	Original				
20	Original				
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22	Original				
23	First				
24	Original				
25	First				
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Tariff Advice No.: TA28-998

Effective: **January 1, 2019**

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Cancelling Twenty-first Revised Sheet No. 27

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RATES AND CHARGES

C. History of Surcharges in Effect

The following is a history of all prior AUSF surcharge amounts authorized by the Commission and the effective dates:

<u>Tariff Advice Number</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Surcharge Amount</u>	
TA-1-998	March 1, 1999	1.8%	
TA-2-998	January 1, 2000	1.2%	
TA-3-998	January 1, 2001	0.4%	
TA-4-998	January 1, 2002	0.56%	
TA-5-998	January 1, 2003	0.65%	
TA-6-998	January 1, 2004	0.96%	
TA-7-998	January 1, 2005	1.00%	
TA-8-998	January 1, 2006	1.2%	
TA-9-998	January 1, 2008	0.77%	
TA-10-998	January 1, 2009	1.05%	
TA-11-998	January 1, 2010	1.39%	
TA-12-998	January 1, 2011	1.32%	
TA-13-998	August 1, 2011	9.5%	
TA-14-998	January 1, 2012	9.5%	
TA-15-998	January 1, 2013	9.3%	
TA-16-998	January 1, 2014	9.2%	
TA-18-998	January 1, 2015	10.4%	
TA-19-998	January 1, 2016	11.5%	
U-16-075(1)	September 1, 2016 (Interim)	14.2%	
U-16-075(3)	October 1, 2016	14.2%	
TA-23-998	January 1, 2017	14.2%	
TA-25-998	January 1, 2018	15.8%	
TA-26-998	January 1, 2018	19.0%	(N)

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RCA No. 998 Twelfth Revised Sheet No. 29

Cancelling Eleventh Revised Sheet No. 29

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APPENDIX I

This Appendix contains samples of current Forms and Reports for the administration of the AUSF that have been approved by the Commission. The Forms and Reports are not numbered as tariff sheets. Forms and Reports included in Appendix I are:

<u>Name of Form</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>No. of Pages</u>	
Monthly Carrier Remittance Worksheet	January 1, 2019	1	(T)
Monthly Carrier Remittance Worksheet Instructions	October 25, 2018	11	
Nonpooling Monthly Carrier Common Line Worksheet	October 25, 2018	1	
Nonpooling Monthly Carrier Common Line Worksheet Instructions	October 25, 2018	4	
Pooling Monthly Carrier Common Line Worksheet	October 25, 2018	1	
Pooling Monthly Carrier Common Line Worksheet Instructions	October 25, 2018	3	

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RATES AND CHARGES

A. Amount of Surcharge

Surcharge Percentage 10.0% (R)

The surcharge is assessed on End User Revenues of Intrastate Telecommunications Carriers providing the services listed on Tariff Sheet No. 15 of this tariff, except for carriers exempted. More detailed descriptions and examples of End User Revenues and exclusions are contained in the instructions for the monthly Carrier Remittance Worksheet in Appendix I to this tariff.

B. Collection from End Users

Concurring Carriers are authorized by the Commission to bill and collect from End Users the percentage surcharge in effect on the date bills are rendered to End Users.

Tariff Advice No.: 28-998

Effective: January 1, 2019

Date Issued: _____

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**State of Alaska
Universal Service Fund
Monthly Carrier Remittance
Worksheet**

Please read instructions before completing.

A. Company Code:	
B. Submission Date:	
C. Revenue Data MM/YY:	
D. Original	Revision

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SECTION 1 - CARRIER IDENTIFICATION	
1. Company Name:	_____
1.a. Complete Mailing Address:	_____ _____ _____
1.b. Telephone:	_____
1.c. Email Address:	_____
SECTION 2 - MONTHLY INTRASTATE END USER REVENUE DATA	
2. Local Service Revenues	2. _____
3. Wireless/PCS/Mobile/Paging Revenues	3. _____
4. Interexchange Switched Toll and Private Line Revenues	4. _____
5. Pay Telephone Revenues	5. _____
6. VoIP Revenues	6. _____
7. Other Revenues	7. _____
7.a. Less Uncollectible Revenue	7.a. _____
8. Total Intrastate End User Revenues (sum of lines 2 through 7.a.)	8. <input type="text"/>
SECTION 3 - REMITTANCE CALCULATION	
9. AUSF Rate (effective 01/01/2019)	9. <u>10.00%</u>
10. AUSF Amount Due (line 8 X line 9)	10. _____
<p>Monthly worksheets and remittances must be received by AUSAC by the 20th calendar day of each month. If payment is not received in immediately available funds by the due date, interest at the rate of .000287, calculated on the total amount due, will be charged until the date paid. In addition to interest, if payment is not received in immediately available funds within two (2) days of the due date, a one-time liquidated damages sum equal to one percent (1%) of the total amount due will be charged.</p>	
11. Number of Lifeline Customers	11. _____
SECTION 4 - CHANGE IN COMPANY STATUS	
12. Date:	_____
13. If business has been discontinued in Alaska:	_____
_____ Business Sold _____ Business Merged _____ Business Discontinued	
(date) (date) (date)	
13.a. Company sold to or merged with:	_____
If business has recently started in Alaska, _____ business began.	
(date)	
SECTION 5 - CERTIFICATION	
<p>Under penalties as provided by law, I certify that I have examined this report and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct, and complete. I further acknowledge AUSAC's authority to request additional supporting information as may be necessary.</p>	
14. _____	_____
Date	Name
15. _____	_____
Contact Name	Contact Title
16. Signer's Mailing Address:	_____
17. Signer's Email Address:	_____

Send worksheet and payment to:

Alaska Universal Service Administrative Company
810 N Sreet Suite 204
Anchorage, AK 99501
Phone: (907) 561-6300

Fax: (907) 561-6303

Email: info@ausac.org

Make check payable to AUSF
Payment Method:

Check EFT