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LOCATION OF TARIFF

The Alaska Universal Service Administrative Company's tariff is available for inspection and review during regular business hours at the following location:

Regulatory Commission of Alaska
701 W. 8th Avenue, Suite 300 Anchorage AK 99501

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The tariff is also available electronically at <http://www.ausac.org>.

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CONCURRING CARRIERS

Concurring Carriers bill the AUSF surcharge to End Users as a separate line item charge, captioned "Alaska Universal Service Fund Surcharge," on their billing statement. The percentage surcharge billed to End Users by Concurring Carriers is the same percentage rate as the AUSF surcharge percentage rate approved by the Commission, and contained in this tariff on Tariff Sheet No. 26.

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EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS

- C - To denote a changed condition or regulation
- D - To denote a discontinued rate, regulation, or condition
- I - To denote an increase
- L - To denote that material has been relocated from or to another sheet or place in the tariff with no change in text, rate, rule, or condition
- N - To denote a new rate, regulation, condition, or sheet
- R - To denote a reduction
- S - To denote reissued matter
- T - To denote a change in text for clarification

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EXPLANATION OF ABBREVIATIONS

AAC	Alaska Administrative Code
APUC	Alaska Public Utilities Commission
AUSAC	Alaska Universal Service Administrative Company
AUSF	Alaska Universal Service Fund
CCL	Carrier Common Line
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
COLR	Carrier of Last Resort
DBS	Direct Broadcast Satellite

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EFT	Electronic Funds Transfer
ENS	Essential Network Support
FCC	Federal Communications Commission
IXC	Interexchange Carrier
MTS	Message Telephone Service
OVS	Open Video Systems
PCS	Personal Communication Services
RCA	Regulatory Commission of Alaska
VoIP	Interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol
WATS	Wide Area Telephone Service

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DEFINITION OF TERMS

AUSAC: The Alaska Universal Service Administration Company.

AUSE: The Alaska Universal Service Fund.

Carrier Common Line: The access that provides for the use of Telephone Company Common Lines by customers for access to end users to furnish intrastate service. Previously designated to Essential Network Support. (T)

Carrier of Last Resort: A local exchange carrier so designated by the Commission to provide facilities based retail and carrier to carrier services in accordance with 3 AAC 53.265. A Carrier of Last Resort that is not a participant in the access charge pool is eligible to receive COLR support from the AUSF. Previously designated to Essential Network Support. (T)

Commission: The Regulatory Commission of Alaska (formerly known as Alaska Public Utilities Commission).

Concurring Carrier: Any intrastate telecommunications carrier who has elected to flow through AUSF surcharge amounts to end users.

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End User: Any customer of an intrastate telecommunications service who is not a carrier, except that a carrier shall be deemed to be an "end user" to the extent that such carrier uses a telecommunications service for administrative purposes, without making such service available to others, directly or indirectly.

End User Revenue: Amounts billed to End Users for purchase of intrastate telecommunications services.

Essential Network Support: Payments made from the Alaska Universal Service Fund to qualifying carriers for support previously classified as Carrier Common Line and Carrier of Last Resort in accordance with 3 AAC 53.346 that is in effect on September 15, 2023. (T)

Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier: A Local Exchange Carrier certificated by the Commission and providing local exchange service as of February 8, 1996, or its successor.

Interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP): A service that (1) enables real-time, two-way voice communications; (2) requires a broadband connection from the user's location; (3) requires Internet protocol-compatible customer premises equipment; and (4) permits users generally to receive calls that originate on the PSTN and to terminate calls to the PSTN. VoIP has the same meaning as set out in 47 C.F.R. § 9.3 that is effective on March 1, 2017.

Intrastate Telecommunications Carrier: Any provider of telecommunications service that originates and terminates within Alaska, for a fee directly to the public or to such classes of users as to be effectively available to the public.

Local Exchange Carrier: An Intrastate Telecommunications Carrier engaged in the business of providing telecommunications service to the public through one or more local telephone exchanges.

Non-Pooling Company: A company that is not a participant in the access charge pool established by the Alaska Intrastate Interexchange Access Charge Manual.

Pooling Company: A company that is a participant in the access charge pool established by the Alaska Intrastate Interexchange Access Charge Manual.

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Qualifying Carrier: An Intrastate Telecommunication Carrier designated by the Commission as eligible to receive disbursements from the Alaska Universal Service Fund.

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Subject Carrier: An Intrastate Telecommunications Carrier required to make payments to the Alaska Universal Service Fund.

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GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

A. Applications and Authority

1. General

This tariff contains general rules, rates and charges concerning the administration of the Alaska Universal Service Fund (AUSF) by the Alaska Universal Service Administrative Company (AUSAC). The rules, rates and charges described herein are applicable to all Intrastate Telecommunications Carriers in Alaska offering the services specified on Tariff Sheet No. 15.

2. Authority of AUSAC

The AUSAC shall administer the telecommunications universal service support mechanisms within the State of Alaska as those mechanisms may be defined and designated by the Regulatory Commission of Alaska, including billing contributors, collecting payments, and disbursing funds. The AUSAC shall also be required to perform such other administrative duties relating to the telecommunications universal service support mechanisms as may otherwise be specified by the Commission.

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B. Purpose of Alaska Universal Service Fund

The AUSF is funded by Intrastate Telecommunications Carriers. It is designed to provide support to Qualifying Carriers for:

1. Eligible support prior to July 1, 2026 to include, Essential Network Support (D) and; (D)(T)
2. Such other purposes as the RCA may designate from time to time by regulation.

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C. Duty, Limitations and Liability

AUSAC is responsible to administer the AUSF with reasonable due diligence, but is not liable for any undercollection, underpayment, loss, or damage arising from any matter beyond its direct control or from any matter in which it exercised reasonable due diligence. Matters beyond the direct control of AUSAC include, without limitation, the failure of any Subject Carrier to make payment into the AUSF, the insufficiency of collections into the AUSF to meet disbursements, acts of God, strikes, riots, fire, quarantine, or matters mandated by law.

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ALASKA UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND SURCHARGE

A. General

Payments by Intrastate Telecommunication Carriers to the Alaska Universal Service Fund are collected in the form of a surcharge on intrastate End User Revenues of Subject Carriers. Carriers may recover the surcharge from ratepayers through a line item charge on their bills, identified as "Alaska Universal Service Fund Surcharge". The line item charge for concurring carriers shall be a percentage of End User Revenue billings, set at the same percentage rate that AUSAC charges to Subject Carriers.

Intrastate End User Revenues realized after June 30, 2026 are not subject to the surcharge. (N)

Intrastate End User Revenues realized before July 1, 2026 are subject to the surcharge. (N)

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B. Carriers Subject to Payment of Surcharge

An Intrastate Telecommunications Carrier that provides telecommunications service to the public, or to those classes of users as to be effectively available to the public for a fee, shall pay a universal service surcharge to the AUSF on End User Revenues realized before July 1, 2026. Telecommunications carriers (N) include carriers offering the following services:

1. Cellular telephone and paging services;
2. Mobile radio services;
3. Operator services;
4. Personal communications services (PCS);
5. Local exchange service;
6. Special access service;
7. Wide Area Telecommunications Service (WATS);
8. Toll-free service;
9. 900 service;
10. Message telephone service (MTS);
11. Private line service;
12. Telex;
13. Telegraph;
14. Video services;
15. Satellite service;
16. Resale of intrastate services;
17. Pay phone services;
18. Network Access Fee accessed on end users; and
19. Interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) (T)

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C. Exemptions from Payment of Surcharge

1. A public utility providing Open Video Systems (OVS), cable leased access, or Direct Broadcast Satellite (DBS) services shall not be required to pay the universal service surcharge on the basis of revenues derived from those services.
2. Intrastate Telecommunications Carriers whose estimated payments to the AUSF in a calendar year would be less than \$100 are not required to make payments to the AUSF unless that carrier has received universal service support from the AUSF in that calendar year.

D. Approval by Commission

The annual surcharge calculation submitted by AUSAC is subject to review and approval by the Commission.

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E. Calculation and Approval of Annual Surcharge

On or before October 1 of each year, AUSAC shall calculate the estimated surcharge for the following calendar year and submit the requested amount of the surcharge and supporting calculations to the Commission for approval. The annual surcharge is capped at and may not exceed 10%. The annual surcharge calculation shall be made according to the following formula:

$$\frac{(ENS+O+B+A)}{GR} \quad (D)$$

ENS = Essential Network Support as set out in 3 AAC 53.346 and listed in Section C of Tariff Sheet No. 25 (D)

O = Other Universal Service Fund Distributions Authorized by the Commission by Regulation (T)

B = Estimated AUSAC Budget for Upcoming Calendar Year

A = Adjustment Factor for Overcollections or Undercollections for the Prior Year

GR = Gross Annual End User Operating Revenues Subject to the Surcharge of Subject Telecommunications Carriers for the One-Year Period Beginning July 1st of the Preceding Year and Ending June 30th of the Current Year.

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F. Periodic Updates to Surcharge Rate

Quarterly, or more often as necessary, AUSAC may submit to the Commission for approval a revised calculation of the AUSF surcharge necessary to provide AUSF funding support for the current calendar year. The calculation shall be determined using the elements in the formula set forth in Subsection E above. The calculation is subject to Commission review and approval.

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A. Who Must Pay into the AUSF

The AUSF is funded by Intrastate Telecommunications Carriers that provide the telecommunications services within the State of Alaska listed on Tariff Sheet No. 15. Such Intrastate Telecommunications Carriers whose payments would exceed \$100 per year and/or who have received AUSF support during the calendar year shall make monthly payments to the AUSF at the approved surcharge rate. An Intrastate Telecommunications Carrier may recover the amount of its payment to the AUSF from its intrastate retail telecommunications service customers.

B. Notification of Surcharge

AUSAC will notify carriers subject to payment of the surcharge of the amount and effective date of the initial surcharge, and all subsequent adjustments of the surcharge, by mail, by email or facsimile delivery to each subject company's principal place of business in Alaska as identified in the records of the Commission.

C. Calculation of Payments to AUSF

All carriers subject to payment of the surcharge shall make monthly payments to the AUSF, calculated by applying the approved amount of the surcharge to the gross amount of End User Revenues for which bills were rendered in the preceding calendar month. The calculation shall be shown on a form prescribed by the Alaska Universal Service Administrative Company and approved by the Commission, known as the "Carrier Remittance Worksheet" and signed by a responsible agent of the company submitting the payments.

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D. When and Where to File

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1. Monthly Carrier Remittance Worksheets and remittances for the previous calendar month must be received by AUSAC on the 20th calendar day of each month. Monthly Carrier Remittance Worksheets shall be delinquent after the 20th calendar day. Payment shall be delinquent after the 20th calendar day.

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2. Monthly Carrier Remittance Worksheets shall be emailed to AUSAC on or before the 20th calendar day of each month.

3. Payments due shall be made by wire transfer or Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) directly to AUSAC's AUSF bank account on or before the 20th calendar day of each month. If this due date is a local bank holiday, funds shall be wire transferred or EFT on the prior workday. AUSF Monthly Carrier Remittance Worksheets and payments are due on or before the 20th calendar day of each month.

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4. In cases where technical issues with online banking prevent a carrier from making EFT payments, carriers must contact AUSAC prior to sending any non-EFT remittance payments. Exceptions or waivers may be made on a case-by-case basis.

(N)

E. Interest and Damages

1. Late Submission of Monthly Carrier Remittance Worksheet

(N)

If the Monthly Carrier Remittance Worksheet is not received by the due date, a one-time penalty charge of \$35.00 will be charged.

(N)(L1)

2. If payment is not received in immediately available funds by the due date, interest at the rate of .000287 per day, 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 working (2) days of the due date, a one-time liquidated damages sum equal to the greater of one percent (1%) of the total amount due, or \$35.00 will be charged.

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E. Interest and Damages (Continued) (L1)

3. Carriers Subject to Penalty and Interest Charges (N)

Intrastate Telecommunications Carriers with remittance payments that would exceed \$100 per year and/or who have received AUSF support during the calendar year are subject to penalty and interest charges (L1)

F. Filing Revisions

Revisions may be made to the Carrier Remittance Worksheet to correct revenue amounts or payment amounts previously reported. When filing a revision, actual revised revenue amounts, not differences must be provided. If any additional payment is due, payment should be submitted when the revision is filed with AUSAC.

G. Payment Disputes

In the event that a dispute occurs concerning surcharge payments by, or billing of late payment fees and/or collection charges to, a Subject Carrier, the Subject Carrier is required to pay both the disputed and the undisputed amounts by the due date. If the dispute is resolved in favor of the Subject Carrier, the AUSAC will refund the disputed amount in question plus interest at the rate of .000287 per day within ten (10) calendar days of resolution of the dispute.

H. Compliance Issues

In the event of a failure to comply with the terms or conditions of this tariff, AUSAC may, in its discretion, bring any legal action necessary or appropriate to enforce the terms or conditions of this tariff, including, without limitation, a legal action before the RCA or a court of competent jurisdiction to collect sums owing under this tariff or to enforce compliance with the terms and conditions of this tariff. In the event of a failure to comply with the terms or conditions of this tariff, AUSAC shall be entitled to recover from the defaulting party AUSAC's actual, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs associated with its enforcement efforts and actions.

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PAYMENTS TO THE ALASKA UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND

I. Disputes and Complaints

Disputes and complaints by Subject Carriers or Qualifying Carriers, including disputes and complaints regarding disbursement or payments of funds, shall first be made in writing to the AUSAC, who shall make a good faith effort to resolve the dispute or complaint informally. If the complainant is not satisfied with the resolution of the complaint or dispute, the complainant may appeal to the Commission. AUSAC shall attempt to resolve complaints and disputes within forty-five days of receipt of the written complaint.

Complaints or disputes from End Users regarding the amount of surcharge billed or other matters are referred to the billing company, not to AUSAC.

J. Payment Required Regardless of Collections

A Subject Carrier is required to make monthly remittance to the AUSAC calculated in accordance with the AUSF surcharge then in effect, regardless of whether or not the Subject Carrier has billed and collected the surcharge from End Users.

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DISTRIBUTIONS FROM ALASKA UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND

A. General

AUSAC shall distribute to Qualifying Carriers on a monthly basis, subject to the priority of distribution specified in Subsection D of this section, funds authorized by the Commission for:

1. Essential Network Support; and, (D)
2. Such other purposes as may be designated by the Commission by regulation. (T)

A carrier's eligibility to receive distributions from the AUSF shall be determined by the Commission.

Support claims accrued prior to July 1, 2026 shall be paid accordingly. (N)

No support claims shall be paid for periods after June 30, 2026. (N)

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DISTRIBUTIONS FROM ALASKA UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND

B. Essential Network Support

(L) (D)

1. Distribution from the AUSF for Essential Network Support (ENS) shall be made monthly by AUSAC to each Qualifying Carrier eligible to receive ENS by check or EFT, no later than the 30th day of the month.

2. The AUSAC shall distribute monthly to a Qualifying Company one-twelfth of its annual ENS amount.

3. The ENS for each Qualifying Company shall be determined in accordance with 3 AAC 53.346 that is in effect on September 15, 2023.

(C) (L)

4. Qualifying Company ENS support totals for the year ended December 31, 2022 are listed in Subsection C of this section.

(N)

5. ENS shall not be paid on periods after June 30, 2026.

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Pooling Company	ENS Support Paid for 2022
Adak Eagle Enterprise, LLC (Adak Eagle Enterprises)	\$278,695
Alaska Telephone Company (ATC)	\$430,988
Bristol Bay Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (BBTC)	\$166,489
Bettles Telephone, Inc. (Bettles)	\$2,053
Bush Tell, Inc. (Bush-Tell)	\$128,201
Circle Telephone & Electric, LLC (Circle Telephone Co.)	\$13,740
North County Telephone, Inc. (North Country Telephone)	\$36,562
Nushagak Electric & Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (Nushagak)	\$209,977
OTZ Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (OTZ)	\$296,258
Summit Telephone & Telegraph Company of Alaska, Inc. (Summit)	\$123,320
United-KUC, Inc. (United KUC)	\$122,223
United Utilities, Inc. (United Utilities)	\$746,005
Yukon Telephone Company, Inc. (Yukon)	\$33,833
Total	\$2,538,043
Non-Pooling Company	ENS Support Paid for 2022
ACS of Fairbanks, LLC (ACS-Fairbanks)	\$753,631
ACS of Alaska, LLC/Greatland (ACSA-Ft. Wainwright)	\$109,354
ACS of Alaska, LLC/Juneau (ACSA-Juneau)	\$42,662
ACS of the Northland, LLC/Glacier State (ACSN – Glacier State)	\$1,560,510
ACS of the Northland, LLC/Sitka (ACSN – Sitka)	\$110,122
Arctic Slope Telephone Association Cooperative Inc. (ASTAC)	\$389,841
Cordova Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (Cordova)	\$285,762
Copper Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (CVTC)	\$1,279,083
GCI Communication Corp. (GCI)	\$1,112,276
Interior Telephone Company, Inc. (Interior)	\$620,930
City of Ketchikan (KPU)	\$524,077
Matanuska Telecom Association, Inc. (MTA)	\$2,907,864
Mukluk Telephone Company, Inc. (Mukluk)	\$190,885
Total	\$9,886,996

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D. Allocation Methodology in the Event of Fund Shortage

In the case of a fund shortage in any particular month, the administrator will distribute funds in the following priority:

1. Administrative costs;
2. Other universal service support programs listed in Section B of Tariff Sheet No. 12, oldest claims first, prorated among claimants within a monthly accounting period based on total unpaid claims for that period; and
3. Valid claims accrued prior to July 1, 2026 may be paid. (N)
4. AUSAC may not pay any support claims for periods after June 30, 2026. (N)
5. AUSAC may not pay any claim that remains unpaid more than six months after accrual. (D) (T)

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REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA**ALASKA UNIVERSAL SERVICE ADMINISTRATIVE COMPANY****RATES AND CHARGES****A. Amount of Surcharge**

Surcharge Percentage 10.0%

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.

The surcharge is assessed on End User Revenues prior to July 1, 2026. (N)

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.

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REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKARCA No. 998 Twenty-second Revised Sheet No. 27Cancelling Twenty-first Revised Sheet No. 27**ALASKA UNIVERSAL SERVICE ADMINISTRATIVE COMPANY****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%

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REPORTS AND FORMS

From time to time, the AUSAC may provide forms or reports for the collection of revenue and payment data from Subject Carriers or for the collection of data from Qualifying Carriers regarding numbers of access lines, or for the collection and disbursement of funds from the AUSF, or other purposes authorized by the Commission. A sample copy of each such form approved by the Commission is contained in Appendix I to this tariff.

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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. These Forms and Reports are applicable to periods prior to July 1, 2026. Forms and Reports included in Appendix I are: (N)

<u>Name of Form</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>No. of Pages</u>
Monthly Carrier Remittance Worksheet	January 1, 2019	1
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State of Alaska
Universal Service Fund
Monthly Carrier Remittance
Worksheet

Please read instructions before completing.

A. Company Code:	STATE OF ALASKA
B. Submission Date:	REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA
C. Revenue Data MM/YY:	
D. Original	Revision

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. <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px;"></div>

SECTION 3 - REMITTANCE CALCULATION

9. AUSF Rate (effective 01/01/2019)	9. 10.00%
10. AUSF Amount Due (line 8 X line 9)	10. _____

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.

SECTION 4 - CHANGE IN COMPANY STATUS

11. Date: _____

12. If business has been discontinued in Alaska:

_____ Business Sold	_____ Business Merged	_____ Business Discontinued
(date)	(date)	(date)

12.a. Company sold to or merged with: _____

If business has recently started in Alaska, _____ business began.

(date)

SECTION 5 - CERTIFICATION

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.

13.	_____	_____	_____	_____
	Date	Name	Authorized Signature	Title
14.	_____	_____	_____	_____
	Contact Name	Contact Title	Phone Number	
15.	Signer's Mailing Address: _____			
16.	Signer's Email Address: _____			

Send worksheet and payment to:

Alaska Universal Service Administrative Company
Email: info@ausac.org
Phone: (907) 561-6300

ALASKA UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND

Monthly Carrier Remittance Worksheet Instructions

I. Filing Requirements and General Instruction

A. Introduction

On December 30, 1998, the Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA) (formerly known as the Alaska Public Utilities Commission or APUC) issued Order R-97-6(8) to create the Alaska Universal Service Fund (AUSF) and designating the Alaska Universal Service Administrative Company (AUSAC) to administer the collection and distribution of the monies for the Alaska Universal Service Fund (AUSF). The Alaska Universal Service Fund (AUSF) is established to promote the efficiency, availability and affordability of universal telephone service in Alaska. These instructions explain how to complete the Monthly Carrier Remittance Worksheet, which is used to calculate and provide underlying support for monthly payments by intrastate telecommunications carriers to the Alaska Universal Service Fund (AUSF). The monthly payments due are computed as a specified percentage of revenues billed to end-users.

B. Who Must File

With certain exceptions, the AUSF is to be funded by all intrastate telecommunications carriers that operate or provide telecommunications services within the State of Alaska. An intrastate telecommunications transmission is one that originates and terminates in Alaska, irrespective of actual routing.

C. When and Where to File

Monthly Carrier Remittance Worksheets and remittances must be received by AUSAC on or before the 20th calendar day of each month. Payment shall be delinquent on the 21st calendar day.

Monthly Carrier Remittance Worksheet Instructions

Payments due shall be made by wire transfer or Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) directly to AUSAC's AUSF bank account on or before the 20th calendar day of each month. If this due date is a local bank holiday, funds shall be wire transferred or EFT on the prior workday.

Email completed worksheet to:	info@ausac.org
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In cases where technical issues with online banking prevent a carrier from making EFT payments, carriers must contact AUSAC prior to sending any non-EFT remittance payments. Exceptions or waivers may be made on a case-by-case basis.

D. Interest and Damages on Late Payments

Late Payment

If payment is not received in immediately available funds by the due date, interest at the rate of .000287 per day, 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) working days of the due date, a one-time liquidated damages sum equal to the greater of one percent (1%) of the total amount due or \$35.00 will be charged.

Late submission of AUSF Monthly Carrier Remittance Worksheet

AUSF Monthly Carrier Remittance Worksheets are due on or before the 20th calendar of each month.

If the AUSF Monthly Carrier Remittance Worksheet is not received by the due date, a one-time penalty charge of \$35.00 will be charged.

II. Line-by-Line Instructions for Completion of the Monthly Carrier Remittance Worksheet

All information provided must be legible and printed in black ink, typed, or electronically reproduced.

Monthly Carrier Remittance Worksheet Instructions

Filing Identification Information

The following blocks are located in the top margin of the Monthly Carrier Remittance Worksheet. Fill in the information as follows:

Block A - Company Code

The company code, supplied by AUSAC, starts with AK followed by four digits. For existing companies, this code is located in the top right corner of the packet cover letter. If this is the first filing for this company, and you have not been assigned a code, indicate NEW in this block.

Block B - Submission Date

The Submission Date is the date the Monthly Carrier Remittance Worksheet is being forwarded to AUSAC. AUSAC should receive the worksheet by the 20th day of each month.

Block C - Revenue Data Month and Year

The Revenue Data Month and Year indicates the month and year that corresponds to the revenue data being reported.

Block D - Original or Revision

Carriers should indicate if this is the initial (original) submission of a revenue data month or if the Monthly Carrier Remittance Worksheet contains a revenue data month revision. Revisions should be indicated only when filing a correction or adjustment to a previously filed data month.

Filing Revisions

Revisions may be used for correction of revenues previously reported. Revision period is the most recent 6 months. When filing a revision, follow these same instructions, making certain that the correct Revenue Data Month has been entered in Block C and revision is indicated in Block D. Attach a copy of the original filing for the Revenue Data Month being revised. Provide actual revised revenue amounts, not differences.

Monthly Carrier Remittance Worksheet Instructions

Section 1: Carrier Identification

Line 1 - Company Name

Enter the carrier name that identifies the filing entity and/or any doing business as (d/b/a) names if applicable.

Line 1a - Mailing Address

Enter the complete mailing address of the corporate headquarters of the carrier including street address, city, state, zip, suite numbers, floor, etc.

Line 1b - Telephone

Enter telephone number for the company headquarters.

Line 1c – Email Address

Enter email address for the company headquarters.

Monthly Carrier Remittance Worksheet Instructions

Section 2 - Monthly Intrastate End User Revenue Data

Enter numbers to the nearest whole dollar; for example, enter \$1,258.67 as \$1,259; enter \$1,258.34 as \$1,258.

Revenues entered here should be for the revenue data month indicated in Block C of this form. These revenues should correspond to the official accounting records of the company except if using estimated numbers to be reconciled to actuals at the end of the filing company's accounting period.

End-User Revenues: General Instructions

As a general rule, the AUSF surcharge is charged to a company as a percentage of end-user revenues billed for intrastate telecommunications services. Intrastate telecommunications carriers may recover the surcharge from end-users through a line item charge on their bills, identified as "Alaska Universal Service Fund Surcharge."

End-user revenues are revenues billed to end-users. An end-user is any customer of an intrastate telecommunications service who is not a telecommunications carrier, (hereinafter referred to as a "carrier") except that a carrier shall be deemed to be an "end-user" to the extent that such carrier uses a telecommunication service for administrative purposes, without making such services available to others, directly or indirectly. Telecommunications carriers offer telecommunications services for a fee directly to the public or to such classes of users as to be effectively available to the public. Telecommunications carriers subject to the AUSF surcharge are those carriers offering one or more of the following services:

Monthly Carrier Remittance Worksheet Instructions

Section 2 - Monthly Intrastate End User Revenue Data (Continued)

1. Cellular telephone and paging services;
2. Mobile radio services;
3. Operator services;
4. Personal communications services (PCS);
5. Local exchange service;
6. Special access service;
7. WATS;
8. Toll-free service;
9. 900 service;
10. Message telephone service (MTS);
11. Private line service;
12. Telex;
13. Telegraph;
14. Video services;
15. Satellite service;
16. Resale of intrastate services; and
17. Pay phone services.
18. Network Access Fee
19. Interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP)

In order to ensure that the surcharge is charged equitably and fairly on end-user revenues once but not twice, when a carrier receives revenues from sale of telecommunications service to another carrier, most generally as a wholesale transaction, the selling carrier's revenues are exempt from the AUSF surcharge. In such cases the purchasing carrier is charged the AUSF surcharge when it converts the purchased service into a service sold to the public or to an end-user. However, if the carrier purchasing the service uses the service for its own administrative purposes, then that revenue is considered an end-user revenue and is treated for surcharge purposes like any other end user revenue. For example, if a long distance company purchases from another long distance company, whether retail or wholesale, to the extent that it resells the service to end-users, the purchasing company is responsible for paying the AUSF surcharge. To the extent that the purchasing company uses the service for its own administrative purposes, and does not resell it, then the company selling the service should pay the AUSF surcharge. Specific examples and illustrations are given later in these instructions.

Monthly Carrier Remittance Worksheet Instructions

Section 2 - Monthly Intrastate End User Revenue Data (Continued)

Exemptions

There are several categories of exemptions from the AUSF surcharge. They are described below with illustrative examples. The examples are meant as illustrations and do not necessarily limit the possible exemptions.

1. Wholesale transactions between carriers, including access charges, interconnection charges, and billing and collection charges are exempt from the AUSF surcharge because they are not end-user revenues. The exception is when the purchasing company uses the service for its own administrative means. For example, carriers purchasing interexchange service from a facilities based carrier's wholesale tariff are normally exempt from the AUSF surcharge. In addition, if a reselling company purchases from the retail tariff of an interexchange carrier with the intent of reselling the service, the AUSF surcharge is not charged to the selling carrier. As another example, if an interexchange carrier purchases an intrastate special access or private line link from a local exchange carrier and repackages it to an end-user, the interexchange carrier who receives the end-user revenues directly should pay the AUSF surcharge.
2. All interstate revenues and international revenues are exempt from the AUSF surcharge by definition. If carriers are not able to directly segregate intrastate revenues from interstate and international revenues, they may use accepted, rational and systematic methods to allocate such revenues. Such allocation methods are subject to verification and audit.
3. Services offered by telecommunications carriers but which are not considered telecommunications services are also exempt from the AUSF surcharge. Examples of such services are sales and rentals of telephone equipment, inside wire and maintenance services sold to customers, and yellow pages ("directory") advertising. Also exempt are other surcharges imposed by the RCA; for example the regulatory cost surcharge, E911 surcharges, and the TRS surcharge. Late payment fees are also exempted.
4. Also exempted are state, local and federal taxes, federal USF payments, and support payments from the AUSF. These are not end-user revenues.
5. Other exemptions include cable TV services, open video systems, cable leased access, and direct broadcast satellite services. These are exempted by the RCA's order establishing the AUSF. Refer to RCA Tariff 998, Part II.C. for Exemptions from Payment of Surcharge.

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Section 2 - Monthly Intrastate End User Revenue Data (Continued)

In summary, a company purchasing a service for resale to an end-user will assess the AUSF assessment on revenues collected from its end-users. The wholesale company will not include service that it sells to resellers in its retail revenues. Services purchased for internal use and not resold to end-users will be considered end user revenues to the wholesale company, which should calculate and make AUSF payments on such revenues. They will not be included in the reseller's retail revenues.

Line 2 - Local Service Revenues

Includes basic monthly charges, customer charges, installation fees, service order charges, vertical features, extended area service charges, location charges for mileage bands, and all other local exchange service revenues, such as would be found in the Company's tariff. (Do not include the federal subscriber line charge.) Also includes revenues from providing local services that involve dedicated circuits, private switching arrangements and/or predefined transmission paths.

Line 3 - Wireless/PCS/Mobile/Paging Revenues

Includes intrastate charges such as basic wireless monthly charges, usage charges, activation fees, service restoration, service order processing charges, end user prepaid wireless charges, administration fees, and all other wireless telecommunications revenues. Also includes airtime charges and roaming usage in Alaska. Airtime should include revenues billed to wireless customers for actual airtime usage.

Line 4 - Interexchange Switched Toll and Private Line Revenues

Includes intrastate toll message revenues including operator services, cellular intrastate long distance revenues and intrastate 800 revenues. For purposes of determining intrastate 800 revenues, carriers may use the Percent Interstate Usage (PIU) factor used for reporting interstate access minutes to allocate revenues between interstate and intrastate. Also includes revenues from providing dedicated circuits, private switching arrangements and/or predefined transmission paths that extend beyond the basic service area.

Line 5 - Pay Telephone Revenues

Includes intrastate revenues derived from public and semi-public telephone services.

Monthly Carrier Remittance Worksheet Instructions

Section 2 - Monthly Intrastate End User Revenue Data (Continued)

Line 6 - VoIP Revenues

Includes interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) intrastate end user revenues.

Line 7 - Other Revenues

Includes miscellaneous intrastate end user revenues that would not reasonably be included with one of the other service categories.

Line 7 a. Less Uncollectible Revenue

Intrastate uncollectible Revenue is required to be listed here.

Report intrastate uncollectible revenues to the period the uncollectible revenue is recognized (written off). Represented by a negative amount in Line 7a.

Report recovered intrastate uncollectible revenue (uncollectible revenue that was previously reported) to the period the uncollectible revenue is received. Represented by a positive amount in Line 7a.

Line 8 - Total Intrastate End-User Revenues

Total the figures for Line 2 through Line 7 a. and enter this amount on Line 8. This represents the total monthly intrastate retail revenues.

Section 3 - Remittance Calculation

Line 9 - AUSF Rate

The current AUSF effective date and percentage rate appears on this line.

Line 10 - AUSF Amount Due

Multiply the amount on Line 8 by Line 9 as indicated on the worksheet and enter the result on Line 10.

Section 4 - Change in Company Status

Line 11 - Date

If there is a carrier name change, enter the effective date.

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Monthly Carrier Remittance Worksheet Instructions

Line 12 - Business Status Change

If business status has changed in Alaska, enter the date that the business was sold, merged, or discontinued.

Line 12 a. - Survivor Company Name

If business has been sold or merged, provide the survivor company name. If the business has recently started in Alaska, enter the date the business began.

Section 5 - Certification**Line 13 - Signature Information**

Enter date, name, signature, and title of the person signing the report. The signature attests to the accuracy of all information on this remittance worksheet.

Line 14 - Contact Information

Provide name, title, and telephone number of a person to contact if there are questions regarding this report. If contact person is same as authorized signature, indicate "same as line 14." Mailings will be sent to the contact person address unless other arrangements are made with AUSAC.

Line 15 - Signer's Mailing Address

Enter the complete mailing address of the person signing the report.

Line 16 - Signer's Email Address

Enter the complete Email address of the person signing the report.

Monthly Carrier Remittance Worksheet Instructions

Worksheet Submission and Payment Method

Email the completed AUSF Monthly Carrier Remittance Worksheet to info@ausac.org.

Contact AUSAC for EFT payment account information.

Worksheet Record and Retention Period

Contributors to the AUSF shall maintain records and documentation to justify information reported in the Monthly Carrier Remittance Worksheet Instructions including the methodology used to determine projections, for five years and shall provide such records and documentation to the Commission or AUSAC upon request.