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COMMON CARRIER BUREAU RELEASES ESTIMATED STATE-BY-STATE HIGH-COST UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT AMOUNTS FOR NON-RURAL CARRIERS FOR 2001

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Today the Bureau released an order adopting updated line count input values for the new high-cost universal service support mechanism for non-rural carriers for purposes of calculating and targeting support amounts for the year 2001.¹ Specifically, the Bureau adopted updated line count data for use in the universal service cost model to estimate non-rural carriers' forward-looking economic costs of providing the services supported by the federal high-cost mechanism, consistent with the framework established in the *Twentieth Reconsideration Order*.² In addition, the Bureau clarified that non-rural support amounts will continue to be adjusted each quarter to account for line growth based on the wire center line count data reported quarterly by non-rural carriers.³

The spreadsheet attached to this Public Notice shows estimated state-by-state support amounts based on the revised cost estimates generated by the model using as input values year-end 1999 line count data filed by non-rural carriers on July 31, 2000. The non-rural support estimates were adjusted to reflect the quarterly line counts filed by non-rural carriers on September 30, 2000. The spreadsheet also shows annualized interim hold-harmless and rural support amounts based on projections for the first quarter of the year 2001 filed by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) on November 2, 2000.⁴ For further information regarding this Public Notice, please contact Katie King at (202) 418-7400.

¹ *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, Order, CC Docket No. 96-45, DA 00-2729 (rel. December 8, 2000) (*Updated Line Counts Order*).

² *See Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, Twentieth Order on Reconsideration, CC Docket No. 96-45, FCC 00-126 (rel. April 7, 2000) (*Twentieth Reconsideration Order*).

³ *Updated Line Counts Order* at para. 10.

⁴ USAC files quarterly projections with the Commission for the high-cost and other universal service programs, which the Bureau then makes available on the Commission's Web site at http://www.fcc.gov/ccb/universal_service/quarter.html. The interim hold-harmless amounts on the attached spreadsheet have been adjusted to reflect the phase-down adopted by the Commission. *See Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, Thirteenth Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, CC Docket No. 96-45, FCC 00-428 (rel. December 8, 2000).