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The Honorable Julius Genachowski
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

On April 1, 2009, the Committee on Energy and Commerce sent then-Acting Chairman Copps 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.¹ Specifically, we have altered our data request to provide the Committee with more targeted data.

To assist the Committee's work and the public's understanding of the universal service high-cost program, we would appreciate your assistance in providing the following information:

1. An updated list of the top ten recipients, by holding company, of high-cost support for calendar years 2007, 2008, and 2009. Please provide a table showing total support received during the four 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.

¹ Letter from Chairman Henry A. Waxman, Subcommittee Chairman Rick Boucher, Ranking Member Joe Barton, and Subcommittee Ranking Member Cliff Stearns to Acting Chairman Michael J. Copps (April 1, 2009) (online at http://energycommerce.house.gov/Press_111/20090401/copps.pdf).

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2. A state-by-state list of total disbursements of USF support for each of the four USF programs. Also, 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 calendar years 2007, 2008, and 2009.
3. An updated list of the ten largest per-line subsidies by study area including for each study area:
 - a. a list of competitive eligible telecommunications carriers in these study areas, if any;
 - b. the total support amounts received by these competitive eligible telecommunications carriers for calendar years 2007, 2008, and 2009; and
 - c. a list of other competitors that do not receive high-cost support, to the extent that information is available.
4. A list of the ten study areas with the most eligible telecommunications carriers, including competitive eligible telecommunications carriers, and including for each study area:
 - a. a list of eligible telecommunications carriers, including competitive eligible telecommunications carriers, and the amount of high-cost support, in total and per line, received by each for calendar years 2007, 2008, and 2009; and
 - b. a list of other competitors that do not receive high-cost support, to the extent that information is available.
5. The geographic scope of each study area in the list of top ten study areas by support and by number of eligible telecommunications carriers.
6. Local basic residential and single line business rate information for the incumbent eligible telecommunications carrier serving the top ten study areas identified in question 4.
7. A state-by-state list of competitive eligible telecommunications carriers and the names of such entities grouped by holding company.
8. An updated list of states that have a statewide universal service fund and a brief explanation of the basis for contribution and what the fund supports.

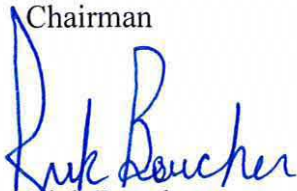
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Please provide the requested information by June 30, 2010. If you have any questions about this request, please have a member of your staff contact Roger Sherman or Greg Guice on the Committee staff at (202) 225-2927. The Republican staff contact, Neil Fried, may be reached at (202) 225-3641.

Sincerely,



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