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## **FEDERAL-STATE UNIVERSAL SERVICE JOINT BOARD STAFF RELEASES MONITORING REPORT**

Washington, D.C. – The staff of the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service has released its most recent Monitoring Report on Universal Service. This report contains information designed to monitor the impact of various universal service support mechanisms, and the methods used to finance them, based on data filed by the telephone industry with the Federal Communications Commission through October 2013. This report, with a few exceptions, reflects data filed with the FCC by the telephone industry for the year 2012 and prior years, and projections for 2013.

A monitoring program was established in the mid-1980s, at the recommendation of the Separations Joint Board, to track trends related to universal service and related matters. Since then, Joint Board staff prepared Monitoring Reports at least once a year – a compendium of statistical data on industry revenues, subscribership and penetration, universal service fund contributions and payments, price indices, and network usage. The report is the only Commission document that includes information on every incumbent local telephone company in the nation. In 1998, the publication of this report was moved from the Separations Joint Board staff to the Universal Service Joint Board staff. This is the seventeenth Monitoring Report from the Universal Service Joint Board staff and the twenty-fourth overall.

The report may be downloaded at <http://www.fcc.gov/wcb/iatd/stats.html>. The document is only available online.

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