

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  FEDERAL ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER SECTION 54.313, SECTION 54.422(a), AND SECTION 54.1009 ANNUAL REPORTS	DOCKET NO. FER-2014-0001
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**ORDER REGARDING JULY 1, 2014,  
FCC ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER  
ANNUAL REPORT FILINGS**

(Issued June 11, 2014)

In reforming the federal Universal Service Fund (USF) and intercarrier compensation system,<sup>1</sup> the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) adopted new rules governing annual reporting requirements for eligible telecommunications carriers (ETCs). New rules at 47 C.F.R. § 54.313 relate to the annual reporting requirements for ETCs receiving high-cost USF support. Annual reporting requirements for ETCs receiving low-income support are established in 47 C.F.R. § 54.422(a). Reporting requirements for ETCs receiving Mobility Fund Phase 1 support are addressed in 47 C.F.R. § 54.1009.

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<sup>1</sup> See *Connect America Fund, et al.*, WC Docket No. 10-90 et al., "Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking," FCC 11-161 (Rel. Nov. 18, 2011), and *Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization, et al.*, "Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking," WC Docket No. 11-42, et al., FCC 12-11 (Rel. Feb. 6, 2012).

ETCs receiving high-cost support must file the information required by § 54.313 with the FCC, the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC), and relevant state commissions using FCC Form 481 by July 1, 2014. ETCs receiving low-income support must file the information required by § 54.422(a) with the FCC, USAC, and relevant state commissions using FCC Form 481 by July 1, 2014.

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. 54.1009, a winning bidder authorized to receive Mobility Fund Phase 1 support must submit an annual report by July 1 in each year for the five years after it was so authorized; such reports must be filed with the FCC, USAC, and relevant state commissions using FCC Form 690 by July 1, 2014.

To ensure timely and efficient filing of these reports, the Utilities Board (Board) is issuing this informational order with the following instructions about when and how to file the reports. (Instructions for other ETC filings due July 1, 2014, were included in the Board's April 9, 2014, "Order Requiring Filing," in Docket No. IAC-2014-3906.)

#### **1. Filing Date**

##### ***FCC Form 481 (High-cost support, low-income support)***

FCC Form 481 must be filed with the FCC, USAC, and the Board no later than July 1, 2014. The Board encourages ETCs to make their filings with the Board as soon as possible in advance of July 1, 2014. All reports filed in the Board's electronic filing system (EFS) prior to 3:30 PM on July 1, 2014, will receive a July 1, 2014, date stamp. Pursuant to 199 IAC 14.9, filings that arrive after 3:30 PM may not receive a July 1, 2014, date stamp.

***FCC Form 690 (Mobility Fund Phase 1 support)***

FCC Form 690 must be filed with the FCC, USAC, and the Board no later than July 1, 2014. The Board encourages ETCs to make their filings with the Board as soon as possible in advance of July 1, 2014. Pursuant to 199 IAC 14.9, filings that arrive after 3:30 PM may not receive a July 1, 2014, date stamp.

**2. Filing Instructions**

ETCs should use the following titles when filing the annual reports in the Board's EFS:

***FCC Form 481 (High-cost support, low-income support)***

**Filing Title:** FCC Form 481 Annual Report

**Document Title:** Section 54.313/54.422(a) Annual Report

***FCC Form 690 (Mobility Fund Phase 1 support)***

**Filing Title:** FCC Form 690 Annual Report

**Document Title:** Section 54.1009 Annual Report

It will not be necessary for ETCs to file a transmittal letter along with the reports. The Board's Records and Information Center will assign each filing an FER docket number.

**3. Confidential Information**

If a carrier considers any of the information in its Section 54.313 report to be confidential, the carrier shall file both a public and confidential version of the material using the Board's EFS according to the Board's rules at 199 IAC 14.12, along with a

request for confidential treatment pursuant to 199 IAC 1.9 and Iowa Code § 22.7.

The Board understands that the FCC does not intend to protect the information required by § 54.422(a) or § 54.1009 from public disclosure. An ETC should only request confidential treatment of information it is also asking the FCC to protect from public disclosure.

#### **4. Staff Contact for Additional Information**

Questions about this order may be directed to

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### **ORDERING CLAUSES**

#### **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. On or before July 1, 2014, eligible telecommunications carriers receiving federal high-cost support and eligible telecommunications carriers receiving low-income support shall file their FCC Form 481 reports with the Utilities Board according to the instructions contained in this order and file those reports with the Federal Communications Commission and the Universal Service Administrative Company.

2. On or before July 1, 2014, eligible telecommunications carriers receiving Mobility Fund Phase 1 support shall file their FCC Form 690 reports with

the Utilities Board according to the instructions contained in this order and file those reports with the Federal Communications Commission and the Universal Service Administrative Company.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Elizabeth S. Jacobs

/s/ Nick Wagner

ATTEST:

/s/ Joan Conrad  
Executive Secretary

/s/ Sheila K. Tipton

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June 2014.