

Based on information contained in the Universal Service Worksheets, FCC Form 457, USAC submitted the following information regarding end-user telecommunications revenues on November 13, 1997:

Total Interstate, Intrastate, and International End-User Telecommunications Revenues from January 1, 1997–June 30, 1997: \$89.827 billion.

Total Interstate and International End-User Telecommunications Revenues from January 1, 1997–June 30, 1997: \$35.001 billion.²¹

USAC recommended that, in calculating the contribution bases, the Commission adjust end-user telecommunications revenues downward to account for possible uncollectible contributions and possible errors in the projections of demand and administrative expense. The proposed contribution factors set forth in the November 13, 1997 Public Notice thus were based on USAC's recommended contribution bases.²² The revised contribution factors set forth below, however, are based on contribution bases that include no adjustments for uncollectibles or errors in projection. Based on the low level of carrier-to-carrier uncollectibles for access charges,²³ we have concluded that projected levels of uncollectible contributions should be minimal. Furthermore, given the quarterly evaluation of demand, we find that we do not need to take into account possible errors in projections when setting the contribution factors. Any projection-related errors can be corrected in subsequent quarters.²⁴

Finally, we note that the contribution factors proposed by USAC and set forth in the Public Notice were derived by dividing quarterly total program costs by revenues for a six-month period. Although these factors, if approved, would have been used to collect funds for the first quarter, they would have been applied to the six-month revenues reported on individual contributor's Universal Service Worksheets. To obtain contribution factors that will be applied to revenues that approximate first

quarter revenues, the revised contribution factors set forth below are based on contribution bases that are divided by two. This results in a more accurate portrayal of the contribution factors but does not change the amounts collected.

Based on the figures submitted by USAC, Schools and Libraries Corporation, and Rural Health Care Corporation, and revised as set forth above, the approved contribution factors for the first quarter of 1998 are as follows:

Contribution factor for the schools and libraries and rural health care support mechanisms:

Total Program Costs / Contribution Base (Interstate, International, and Intrastate) = \$0.325 billion / (\$89.827 billion / 2) = **0.0072**.

Contribution factor for the high cost and low income support mechanisms:

Total Program Costs / Contribution Base (Interstate and International) = \$0.559 billion / (\$35.001 billion / 2) = **0.0319**.

These factors are the approved first quarter 1998 universal service contribution factors. To calculate contributions, USAC shall multiply these factors by one half of contributors' end-user telecommunications revenues for January 1, 1997 through June 30, 1997, as reported on Universal Service Worksheets. USAC will bill and collect those contributions on a monthly basis. For further information, contact Diane Law, Universal Service Branch, Accounting and Audits Division, Common Carrier Bureau, at (202) 418-7382.

Federal Communications Commission.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Meeting of the Advisory Committee for the 1999/2000 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-99 Advisory Committee)

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, this notice advises interested persons that the next meeting of the WRC-99 Advisory Committee will be held on Tuesday, February 10, 1998, at the Federal Communications Commission.

The purpose of the meeting is to begin preparations for the 1999 World Radiocommunication Conference.

DATES: February 10, 1998; 9:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, N.W., Room 856, Washington D.C. 20554.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Damon C. Ladson, FCC International Bureau, Planning and Negotiations Division, at (202) 418-0420.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) established the WRC-99 Advisory Committee to provide advice, technical support and recommendations relating to the preparation of United States proposals and positions for the 1999 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-99). In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended, this notice advises interested persons of the initial meeting of the WRC-99 Advisory Committee. The WRC-99 Advisory Committee has an open membership. All interested parties are invited to participate in the Advisory Committee and to attend its meetings. The proposed agenda for the first meeting is as follows:

Agenda

First Meeting of the WRC-99 Advisory Committee, Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, N.W., Room 856, Washington, D.C. 20554

February 10, 1998; 9:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

1. Opening Remarks
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Report on FCC Reorganization of WRC Preparatory Process
4. Suggestions for Improving the Preparatory Process
5. Report on Recent ITU-R meetings
6. Advisory Committee Structure and Meeting Schedule
7. Other Business

Federal Communications Commission.

Magalie Roman Salas,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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Conference Call Meeting of the North American Numbering Council

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

²¹ Letter from William Stern, NECA to Secretary, FCC, dated November 13, 1997.

²² Letter from John A. Ricker, NECA to Universal Service Branch, dated November 10, 1997.

²³ The Commission estimates that carrier-to-carrier uncollectible rates are 0.2 percent. This estimate was calculated using 1996 ARMIS data. (1996 ARMIS 4301, Traffic Sensitive Total Uncollectibles (Column R, Row 1060) divided by Traffic Sensitive Total Revenues (Column R, Row 1090)).

²⁴ See also Letter from Rick D. Bailey, AT&T, to Magalie Roman Salas, FCC, dated November 19, 1997 at page 4.