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The Honorable Michael J. Copps
Acting Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington DC 20554

Dear Chairman Copps:

As you know, the Committee on Energy and Commerce is likely to consider proposals to reform the federal Universal Service Fund program. In support of that effort, we are writing to request that the Commission provide an update to an earlier data request concerning Universal Service Fund disbursements.¹

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 of high-cost support for calendar years 2006, 2007, and 2008. 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.
2. A state-by-state list of total disbursements to the top ten recipients of high-cost support for calendar years 2006, 2007, and 2008.
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 2006, 2007, and 2008; and

¹ Letter from Rep. Henry A. Waxman to Chairman Kevin J. Martin (June 9, 2008) (online at <http://oversight.house.gov/documents/20080611101719.pdf>).

- 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 2006, 2007, and 2008; 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. Any local rate information the Commission may have for the top ten study areas by support and by number of eligible telecommunications carriers.
7. A state-by-state list of total Universal Service Fund high-cost support payments.
8. A state-by-state total of eligible telecommunications carriers and the names of such carriers.
9. A list of states that have a statewide universal service fund and a brief explanation of the basis for contribution and what the fund supports.

Please provide the requested information by April 23, 2009. 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) 225-5051.

Sincerely,



Henry A. Waxman
Chairman



Rick Boucher
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Joe Barton
Ranking Member



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Ranking Member
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