

Federal Communications Commission Response to  
United States House of Representatives  
Committee on Energy and Commerce  
Universal Service Fund Data Request of July 9, 2012

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Implementation Timeline for USF/ICC Transformation Order

The *USF/ICC Transformation Order* included several major post-order activities that require actions to be taken by the Wireline Competition Bureau and Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (Bureaus), in consultation with other Commission Bureaus and Offices. In addition to implementing the requirements of the Order, several Petitions for Reconsideration and Applications for Review have been filed on various elements of the rules established in the order, which the Commission must also address. Below is a list of major rules/programs established in the *USF/ICC Transformation Order* that required further implementation orders and the current status of each:

<u>Program/Rule</u>	<u>Status</u>
Connect America Phase I	Complete
ICC Initial Rate Reductions	Complete
High-cost Loop Support (HCLS) Benchmarks	Complete
Mobility Fund Phase I	Auction scheduled for September 27, 2012
Guidance for ETC Tribal Lands Reporting Requirements	Complete
ICC Recovery Tariff Investigation of certain carriers	In progress
Tribal Mobility Fund	In progress
Mobility Fund Phase II	In progress
Connect America Phase II	In progress
Remote Areas Fund	In progress
Elimination of Support in 100% Overlap Areas	In progress
Interstate Common Line Support (ICLS) Benchmarks	In progress
Connect America Fixed Services Rate Survey	In progress
Connect America Broadband Performance Reporting	In progress
Petitions for Reconsideration	Four orders issued; remaining issues in progress
Applications for Review	Under review

The Commission has made considerable progress in implementing comprehensive reform, as shown in the following list showing substantive Commission and Bureau-level orders and public notices (PNs) issued through August 31, 2012:

- PN Announcing Release of FNPRM HCLS Regressions Data 12/2/11
- PN Requesting Connect America Fund Cost Models 12/15/11
- Sua Sponte Reconsideration Order 12/23/11
- PN Announcing Mobility Fund 1 Auction Starting 9/27/2012 2/2/12
- Delegated Authority Order I 2/3/12
- PN Seeking Data For Connect America Fund Phase One Support 2/6/12
- PN Updating Eligible Census Tracts For Mobility Fund I Auction 2/10/12
- PN Announcing Access To Connect America Fund Cost Models 2/15/12
- Extension to Comment on Census Tracts For Mobility Fund I Auction PN 2/16/12
- How to Apply to Become a Mobile Eligible Telecommunications Carrier PN 2/24/12
- Delegated Authority Order II 2/27/12
- Availability of GIS Information for Mobility Fund I PN 3/8/12
- ICC Tariff Review Plan Order 3/28/12
- Tariff Review Plan Forms Order 4/19/12
- Connect America Fund Phase I Distributions PN 4/25/12
- HCLS Benchmarks Order 4/25/12
- Second Order on Reconsideration 4/25/12
- Mobility Fund I Procedures PN 5/2/12

○ Third Order on Reconsideration	5/14/12
○ Data Specs for Collecting Study Area Boundaries PN	6/1/12
○ Delegated Authority Order III (ICC Clarifications)	6/5/12
○ ICC Tariff Procedures PN	6/5/12
○ Connect America Fund Phase II Model Design and Data Inputs PN	6/8/12
○ Windy City Interim Relief Order	6/12/12
○ PN Announcing NECA HCLS Data Submission	6/22/12
○ HCLS Benchmarks Stay Denial Order	6/26/12
○ Connect America Fund Phase II Progress Report PN	6/26/12
○ Order Granting Expedited Waivers to Correct Study Area Boundaries	6/26/12
○ Rural Service Area Forbearance order (Mobility Fund I)	6/27/12
○ ICC Tariff Suspension Order	7/2/12
○ Keystone Rural Service Area Redefinition PN (Mobility Fund I)	7/3/12
○ T-Mobile ETC Designation Order	7/3/12
○ SI Wireless ETC Designation Order	7/3/12
○ Carolina West ETC Designation Order	7/3/12
○ Fourth Order on Reconsideration	7/18/12
○ Delegated Authority Order IV (Connect America Phase I)	7/18/12
○ Tribal Engagement Guidance PN	7/19/12
○ Allband Waiver Order	7/25/12
○ USF Fixed Services Rate Survey PN	7/26/12
○ ICC Tariff Suspension Reconsideration Order	8/1/12
○ Mobility Fund I Applications Status PN	8/9/12
○ Connect America Workshop Announcement PN	8/20/12
○ ICC Tariff Designation Order	8/31/12

We anticipate the following actions, among others, to continue implementation of USF/ICC reforms:

- September 27, 2012: Mobility Fund I Auction
- November 30, 2012: ICC Tariff Investigation Termination Order
- 2012: Post-auction processing of applications by winning bidders and award of Mobility Fund I support
- 2012: Adoption of rate survey for measuring fixed voice and broadband services
- 2013: Adoption of specific methodology for broadband performance measurement reporting
- 2013: Tribal Mobility Fund I Auction
- 2013: Implementation of 100% Overlap Rule
- 2013: Connect America Fund Phase II in price cap territories
- 2013: Remote Areas Fund
- 2013: Mobility Fund Phase II
- 2014: Adoption of rate floor for voice rates to be used for the year starting July 1, 2014