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April 16, 2026

In reply refer to: **Tariff Section**
File: TA46-998
LO#: L2600153

Keegan Bernier
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Alaska Universal Service Administrative Company
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Anchorage, AK 99524

Dear Ms. Bernier:

On April 3, 2026, the Alaska Universal Service Administrative Company (AUSAC) filed TA46-998 seeking to update the Alaska Universal Service Fund sunset date in its tariff. In addition, AUSAC requested a waiver of the statutory notice period under 3 AAC 48.300 to allow the tariff sheets to take effect before the end of the statutory notice period. On April 16, 2026, the Regulatory Commission of Alaska (Commission) approved Tariff Sheet Nos. 12, 14, 15, 23, 24, 25.1, 26, and 29, filed April 3, 2026, by AUSAC with TA46-998. In addition, the Commission granted AUSAC's request for a waiver of the statutory notice period under 3 AAC 48.300 for TA46-998. The effective date of the tariff sheets is April 3, 2026.

Enclosed are validated copies of the approved tariff sheets. Please note that the effective date has been added to the bottom right corner of the tariff sheets.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION

Sincerely,

REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joy Gordanier".

Joy Gordanier
Advisory Section Manager

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GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

B. Purpose of Alaska Universal Service Fund

The AUSF is funded by Intrastate Telecommunications Carriers. It is designed to provide support to Qualifying Carriers for:

1. Eligible support prior to July 1, 2028 to include, Essential Network Support (T) and;
2. Such other purposes as the RCA may designate from time to time by regulation.

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ALASKA UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND SURCHARGE

A. General

Payments by Intrastate Telecommunication Carriers to the Alaska Universal Service Fund are collected in the form of a surcharge on intrastate End User Revenues of Subject Carriers. Carriers may recover the surcharge from ratepayers through a line item charge on their bills, identified as "Alaska Universal Service Fund Surcharge". The line item charge for concurring carriers shall be a percentage of End User Revenue billings, set at the same percentage rate that AUSAC charges to Subject Carriers.

Intrastate End User Revenues realized after June 30, 2028 are not subject to the surcharge. (T)

Intrastate End User Revenues realized before July 1, 2028 are subject to the surcharge. (T)

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B. Carriers Subject to Payment of Surcharge

An Intrastate Telecommunications Carrier that provides telecommunications service to the public, or to those classes of users as to be effectively available to the public for a fee, shall pay a universal service surcharge to the AUSF on End User Revenues realized before July 1, 2028. Telecommunications carriers include carriers offering the following services: (T)

1. Cellular telephone and paging services;
2. Mobile radio services;
3. Operator services;
4. Personal communications services (PCS);
5. Local exchange service;
6. Special access service;
7. Wide Area Telecommunications Service (WATS);
8. Toll-free service;
9. 900 service;
10. Message telephone service (MTS);
11. Private line service;
12. Telex;
13. Telegraph;
14. Video services;
15. Satellite service;
16. Resale of intrastate services;
17. Pay phone services;
18. Network Access Fee accessed on end users; and
19. Interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP)

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DISTRIBUTIONS FROM ALASKA UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND

A. General

AUSAC shall distribute to Qualifying Carriers on a monthly basis, subject to the priority of distribution specified in Subsection D of this section, funds authorized by the Commission for:

1. Essential Network Support; and,
2. Such other purposes as may be designated by the Commission by regulation.

A carrier's eligibility to receive distributions from the AUSF shall be determined by the Commission.

Support claims accrued prior to July 1, 2028 shall be paid accordingly. (T)

No support claims shall be paid for periods after June 30, 2028. (T)

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B. Essential Network Support

1. Distribution from the AUSF for Essential Network Support (ENS) shall be made monthly by AUSAC to each Qualifying Carrier eligible to receive ENS by check or EFT, no later than the 30th day of the month.
2. The AUSAC shall distribute monthly to a Qualifying Company one-twelfth of its annual ENS amount.
3. The ENS for each Qualifying Company shall be determined in accordance with 3 AAC 53.346 that is in effect on September 15, 2023.
4. Qualifying Company ENS support totals for the year ended December 31, 2022 are listed in Subsection C of this section.
5. ENS shall not be paid on periods after June 30, 2028. (T)

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D. Allocation Methodology in the Event of Fund Shortage

In the case of a fund shortage in any particular month, the administrator will distribute funds in the following priority:

1. Administrative costs;
2. Other universal service support programs listed in Section B of Tariff Sheet No. 12, oldest claims first, prorated among claimants within a monthly accounting period based on total unpaid claims for that period; and
3. Valid claims accrued prior to July 1, 2028 may be paid. (T)
4. AUSAC may not pay any support claims for periods after June 30, 2028. (T)
5. AUSAC may not pay any claim that remains unpaid more than six months after accrual.

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APPENDIX I

This Appendix contains samples of current Forms and Reports for the administration of the AUSF that have been approved by the Commission. The Forms and Reports are not numbered as tariff sheets. These Forms and Reports are applicable to periods prior to July 1, 2028. Forms and Reports included in Appendix I are: (T)

<u>Name of Form</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>No. of Pages</u>
Monthly Carrier Remittance Worksheet	January 1, 2019	1
Monthly Carrier Remittance Worksheet Instructions	October 14, 2022	11

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