

Special Services for Schools and Libraries

- Separate federal fund established to provide connections to schools
 - "Kick start" lab model
- Funding to individual schools provided as part of a comprehensive plan developed to address needs of teachers and students
 - Comprehensive plan should include hardware, inside wire, software, training, etc.
 - Requires involvement of the community, government and other information, equipment and service providers

Rural Health Care

- Rural areas should include:
 - All areas served by rural telephone companies
 - Places outside an urbanized area with population of less than 25,000
- Reasonably comparable rates for rural health care providers accomplished by using the state average of the rates for the particular service requested

Low Income

- LECs and state commissions are addressing subscribership issues
- Core universal services will meet the needs of low income subscribers
- All carriers providing core services may receive support
- Low income support equal to interstate EUCL charge of carrier serving qualifying customer

RESIDENCE RATES
PUBLIC SERVICE TELEPHONE COMPANY

<u>EXCHANGE</u>	<u>MONTHLY</u> <u>RATE</u>	<u>EUCL</u>	<u>USE</u>	<u>CURRENT</u> <u>TOTAL</u>
BUTLER	\$ 11.25	\$ 3.50	\$ 16.50	\$ 31.25
CULLODEN	14.65	3.50	16.50	34.65
GENEVA & TALBOTTON	17.30	3.50	16.50	37.30
LIZELLA & ROBERTA	15.00	3.50	16.50	35.00
REYNOLDS	14.25	3.50	16.50	34.25

SMALL COMPANY PRINCIPLES

A. USE AND WEIGHTED DEM

- 1. SHOULD BE CONTINUED "ONLY FOR RURAL TELEPHONE COMPANIES" AS AN ADDITIONAL MEASURE TO ENSURE AFFORDABILITY**
- 2. ENSURE THAT AFFORDABLE PRICES ARE DELIVERED TO HIGH COST AREAS SERVED BY RURAL TELEPHONE COMPANIES THAT LACK ECONOMIES OF SCALE AND SCOPE.**
- 3. APPLY IN ADDITION TO "THE INTERSTATE FUNDING FOR INTERSTATE LOOP COSTS THAT EXCEED THE INTERSTATE AFFORDABILITY BENCHMARK".**

B. THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA OVER WHICH COSTS SHOULD BE MEASURED FOR CALCULATING UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT SHOULD REMAIN A STUDY AREA FOR RURAL TELEPHONE COMPANIES UNLESS THEY OPT TO DELEVERAGE SUPPORT BELOW THE STUDY AREA.

C. WITH TOTAL PAYMENTS TO RURAL COMPANIES REMAINING "STATUS QUO", INSURE THERE ARE NO WINNERS OR LOSERS AMONG THE RURAL COMPANIES.