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Extended Review Period for Third Quarter 1998 Universal Service Contribution Factors CC Docket No. 96-45

On May 13, 1998, using information submitted by USAC, the Schools and Libraries Corporation, and the Rural Health Care Corporation, the Accounting Policy Division (Division) announced the proposed universal service contribution factors for the third quarter of 1998.¹ Pursuant to the Commission's rules, those contribution factors would be deemed approved if the Commission took no action by June 9, 1998 regarding the proposed contribution factors.² In this Public Notice, the Division extends the period of time during which the Commission may modify the proposed universal service contribution factors for the third quarter of 1998.

Accordingly, the time period during which the Commission may review the contribution factors and the basis for those figures is extended until midnight on Friday, June 12, 1998. If the Commission takes no further action regarding the contribution factors by midnight on Friday, June 12, 1998, the proposed contribution factors shall be deemed approved by the Commission. Once the proposed contribution factors are deemed approved by the Commission or are modified and approved in a subsequent Public Notice, USAC shall use the approved contribution factors to calculate and bill third quarter universal service contributions.³

For further information, contact Lori Wright, Accounting Policy Division, Common Carrier Bureau, at (202) 418-7391.

Action by the Chief, Accounting Policy Division.

¹ Proposed Third Quarter 1998 Universal Service Contribution Factors Announced, *Public Notice*, DA 98-856 (rel. May 13, 1998) (*May 13th Public Notice*). On May 22, 1998, the Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association and Comcast filed comments on the May 13th Public Notice.

² 47 C.F.R. § 54.709(a)(3). Pursuant to section 54.709(a)(3), if the Commission takes no action regarding the proposed quarterly contribution factors within the 14-day period following publication of the factors in the Federal Register, the proposed factors shall be deemed approved by the Commission. The May 13th Public Notice was published in the Federal Register on May 26, 1998. The Division stated in the May 13th Order that if the Commission took no action regarding the proposed contribution factors within the 14-day period following publication in the Federal Register, the proposed factors would be deemed approved by the Commission.

³ Changes to the Board of Directors of the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Report and Order and Second Order on Reconsideration*, FCC 97-253 (rel. July 18, 1997) at para. 49.