

I am not currently in favor of having small Wireless Internet Providers pay into the Universal Services funds. If anything the USF funds have paid to support schools not purchasing wireless technology through the E-Rate program. It is essential that the E-Rate regulations be modified and the methods for any other disbursements prior to new and small industries paying into this fund. To summarize

1. The industry is too small and in its infancy for this type of regulation. It will slow the growth of access to this type of technology. Especially in rural areas, where it is one of the only cost effective methods to provide broadband access.

2. Disbursement of USF needs to be changed prior to enforcement of a rule change or else the wireless industry will in effect be paying to subsidize their competitors.