

Table 2.5
Low-Income Program Dollars by Study Area

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TEXAS Continued													
442116	MUENSTER TELEPHONE CORP. OF TEXAS	\$9,490	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$79	\$9,569	\$12,506	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$201	\$12,707
442117	CENTURYTEL OF PORT ARANSAS, INC.	\$819	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$819	\$1,541	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,541
442130	PEOPLES TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE - TX	\$55,678	\$0	\$380	\$0	\$0	\$56,058	\$47,921	\$0	\$169	\$0	\$0	\$48,090
442131	POKA-LAMBRO TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.	\$8,444	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,444	\$9,698	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$9,698
442134	RIVIERA TELEPHONE COMPANY INC.	\$16,790	\$0	\$354	\$0	\$0	\$17,144	\$12,048	\$0	\$212	\$0	\$0	\$12,260
442135	SOUTHWEST TEXAS TELEPHONE COMPANY	\$31,950	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$31,950	\$40,856	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$40,856
442140	CENTURYTEL OF SAN MARCOS, INC.	\$55,580	\$0	\$148	\$0	\$0	\$55,728	\$66,449	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$66,449
442141	SANTA ROSA TEL. COOP., INC.	\$8,302	\$0	\$78	\$0	\$0	\$8,380	\$8,377	\$0	\$76	\$0	\$0	\$8,453
442143	SOUTH PLAINS TEL. COOP., INC.	\$29,680	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$29,680	\$27,343	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$27,343
442147	SUGAR LAND TEL. CO.	\$37,736	\$0	\$902	\$0	\$946	\$39,584	\$82,829	\$0	\$1,013	\$0	\$1,098	\$84,940
442150	TATUM TEL. CO.	\$8,013	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,013	\$9,759	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$9,759
442151	TAYLOR TEL. CO-OP., INC.	\$25,146	\$0	\$370	\$0	\$0	\$25,516	\$22,758	\$0	\$214	\$0	\$0	\$22,972
442153	TEXAS-ALLTEL, INC.	\$65,592	\$0	\$1,333	\$0	\$0	\$66,925	\$105,643	\$0	\$1,276	\$0	\$0	\$106,919
442154	GTE-SW DBA VERIZON SW INC. TX (CONTEL)	\$387,232	\$0	\$13,045	\$0	\$42	\$400,319	\$506,963	\$0	\$8,230	\$0	\$172	\$515,365
442159	VALLEY TELEPHONE CO-OP. INC. - TX	\$79,315	\$0	\$920	\$0	\$311	\$80,546	\$81,356	\$0	\$488	\$0	\$287	\$82,131
442166	WEST TEXAS RURAL TEL. CO-OP. INC.	\$5,780	\$0	\$498	\$0	\$0	\$6,278	\$6,504	\$0	\$75	\$0	\$0	\$6,579
442168	WES-TEX TELEPHONE CO-OP.	\$8,332	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,332	\$10,191	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,191
442170	XIT RURAL TELEPHONE CO-OP. INC.	\$1,157	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,157	\$1,164	\$0	\$92	\$0	\$0	\$1,256
442262	E.N.M.R. TEL. COOP., INC.-TX	\$2,070	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,070	\$2,574	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,574
445216	SOUTHWESTERN BELL-TEXAS	\$38,848,482	\$107,692	\$1,535,760	\$0	\$97,164	\$40,589,098	\$51,012,981	\$31,947	\$2,021,284	\$0	\$153,212	\$53,219,424
449001	WT SERVICES, INC.	\$5,333	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,333	\$11,311	\$0	\$75	\$0	\$0	\$11,386
449002	XIT TELECOMMUNICATION AND TECHNOLOGY, INC.	\$10,017	\$0	\$510	\$0	\$0	\$10,527	\$16,396	\$0	\$650	\$0	\$0	\$17,046
449003	WESTERN WIRELESS CORP D/B/A WWC TEXAS RSA LTD	\$142,205	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$142,205	\$280,121	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$280,121
449004	CUMBY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.	\$3,101	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,101	\$3,591	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,591
449005	NORTEX TELCOM, L.L.C.	\$77	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$77	\$260	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8	\$268
449006	SANTA ROSA TELEPHONE COOP., INC.	\$47,856	\$0	\$2,426	\$0	\$0	\$50,282	\$53,740	\$0	\$964	\$0	\$0	\$54,704
449007	MCIMETRO ACCESS TRANSMISSION SVC, LLC. - TX	\$166,763	\$0	\$2,103	\$0	\$0	\$168,866	\$221,563	\$0	\$7,006	\$0	\$0	\$228,569
449010	SAGE TELECOM OF TEXAS, LP	\$439,006	\$4,997	\$20,558	\$57	\$0	\$464,618	\$599,560	\$5,737	\$8,113	\$19	\$0	\$613,429
449015	GRANDE COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK, INC.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,216	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,216
449019	PANHANDLE TELECOMMUNICATION SYSTEMS, INC.	\$62	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$62	\$6,749	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,749
449020	AMA TECHTEL COMMUNICATIONS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,893	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,893
449021	VYCERA COMMUNICATIONS	\$128,752	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$128,752	\$1,583,108	\$0	\$68,549	\$0	\$0	\$1,651,657
449024	NTS COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$21,369	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$21,369
TOTAL	UTAH	\$2,426,309	\$10,698	\$9,919	\$721	\$29,681	\$2,477,328	\$2,496,909	\$13,586	\$12,800	\$714	\$17,903	\$2,541,912
502277	CENTRAL UTAH TEL. INC.	\$11,586	\$0	\$141	\$0	\$718	\$12,445	\$11,677	\$0	\$427	\$0	\$850	\$12,954
502278	EMERY TELEPHONE	\$12,549	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$12,549	\$14,954	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$14,954
502278	CARBONEMERY TELCOM	\$48,889	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$48,889	\$47,372	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$47,372
502278	HANKSVILLE TELCOM	\$297	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$297	\$252	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$252
502279	GUNNISON TEL. CO.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
502282	MANTI TELEPHONE COMPANY	\$25,020	\$0	\$1,178	\$0	\$2,191	\$28,389	\$22,238	\$0	\$1,670	\$0	\$2,634	\$26,542
502283	SKYLINE TELCOM	\$5,915	\$0	\$139	\$0	\$392	\$6,446	\$5,854	\$0	\$64	\$0	\$352	\$6,270
502284	BEEHIVE TELEPHONE CO., INC., UT	\$1,688	\$821	\$30	\$420	\$0	\$2,959	\$2,757	\$903	\$164	\$480	\$0	\$4,304
502286	SOUTH CENTRAL UTAH TEL. ASSN. INC.	\$40,700	\$0	\$666	\$0	\$0	\$41,366	\$31,724	\$0	\$578	\$0	\$0	\$32,302
502287	UINTAH BASIN TEL. ASSN. INC.	\$12,323	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$375	\$12,698	\$21,048	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$21,048
502287	UBET TELECOM, INC.	\$82,200	\$80	\$0	\$0	\$2,056	\$84,336	\$107,647	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$107,647
502288	ALL WEST COMMUNICATIONS-UT	\$1,545	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,545	\$1,435	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,435
503032	BEAR LAKE COMMUNICATIONS	\$315	\$0	\$13	\$0	\$54	\$382	\$182	\$0	\$13	\$0	\$32	\$527
504429	CITIZENS TEL CO OF UTAH DBA FRONTIER	\$77,833	\$0	\$672	\$0	\$1,185	\$79,690	\$62,604	\$0	\$512	\$0	\$408	\$63,524
504449	NAVAJO COMM CO INC - UT DBA FRONTIER	\$12,027	\$9,755	\$0	\$301	\$2,516	\$24,599	\$16,038	\$12,632	\$18	\$234	\$759	\$29,681
505107	QWEST CORPORATION - UT	\$2,093,422	\$42	\$7,080	\$0	\$20,194	\$2,120,738	\$2,151,127	\$51	\$9,354	\$0	\$12,868	\$2,173,406
TOTAL	VERMONT	\$3,263,700	\$0	\$23,622	\$0	\$4,782	\$3,292,104	\$3,000,313	\$0	\$19,167	\$0	\$4,085	\$3,023,545
140053	FRANKLIN TEL. CO.-VT	\$8,906	\$0	\$90	\$0	\$0	\$8,996	\$9,628	\$0	\$89	\$0	\$0	\$9,717
140058	LUDLOW TEL. CO.	\$27,011	\$0	\$71	\$0	\$0	\$27,082	\$29,072	\$0	\$71	\$0	\$0	\$29,143
140061	NORTHFIELD TEL. CO.	\$38,573	\$0	\$137	\$0	\$0	\$38,710	\$38,707	\$0	\$83	\$0	\$0	\$38,790
140062	PERKINSVILLE TEL. CO.	\$9,459	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$9,459	\$10,549	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,549
140064	SHOREHAM TEL. CO., INC.	\$58,777	\$0	\$12	\$0	\$0	\$58,789	\$69,790	\$9	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$69,799
140068	TOPSHAM TEL. CO., INC.	\$19,343	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$19,343	\$20,596	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$20,596
140069	WAITSFIELD/FAYSTON TEL. CO.	\$134,616	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$50	\$134,666	\$148,788	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$38	\$148,826
143331	NORTHLAND TELEPHONE COMPANY OF VERMONT	\$85,452	\$0	\$198	\$0	\$414	\$86,064	\$63,571	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$372	\$63,943
145115	VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC. - VT	\$2,679,061	\$0	\$22,132	\$0	\$27	\$2,701,220	\$2,369,773	\$17,416	\$0	\$45	\$0	\$2,387,234
147332	VERMONT TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.	\$202,472	\$0	\$967	\$0	\$4,291	\$207,730	\$215,898	\$0	\$1,454	\$0	\$3,610	\$220,962
149001	RCC MINNESOTA, INC. (VT)	\$30	\$0	\$15	\$0	\$0	\$45	\$23,941	\$0	\$45	\$0	\$0	\$23,986
TOTAL	VIRGIN ISLANDS	\$54,597	\$0	\$393	\$0	\$0	\$54,990	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
643300	VIRGIN ISLANDS TELEPHONE CORPORATION	\$54,597	\$0	\$393	\$0	\$0	\$54,990	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	VIRGINIA	\$2,219,599	\$0	\$48,177	\$0	\$1,334	\$2,269,110	\$2,213,959	\$0	\$48,494	\$0	\$1,802	\$2,264,255
180217	AMELIA TEL. CORP.	\$8,576	\$0	\$12	\$0	\$0	\$8,588	\$6,973	\$0	\$12	\$0	\$0	\$8,985
180219	BUGGS ISLAND TEL. COOP.	\$7,138	\$0	\$65	\$0	\$0	\$7,203	\$6,324	\$0	\$7	\$0	\$0	\$6,331

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VERMONT Continued													
190225	CITIZENS TEL. COOP.-VA	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
190226	NTELOS, INC.	\$65,285	\$0	\$686	\$0	\$0	\$65,971	\$59,048	\$0	\$782	\$0	\$0	\$59,830
190233	VERIZON SOUTH INC. - VA (CONTEL)	\$176,354	\$0	\$1,460	\$0	\$0	\$177,814	\$180,956	\$0	\$1,400	\$0	\$0	\$182,356
190236	NORTH RIVER TEL. COOP.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$721	\$880	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$880
190237	HIGHLAND TEL. COOP.-VA	\$1,158	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,158	\$1,148	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,148
190238	MOUNTAIN GROVE-WILLIAMSVILLE TEL. CO.	\$1,020	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,020	\$906	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$906
190239	NEW HOPE TEL. CO.-VA	\$737	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$737	\$706	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$706
190243	PEMBROKE TEL. COOP.	\$4,613	\$0	\$124	\$0	\$0	\$4,737	\$4,916	\$0	\$108	\$0	\$0	\$5,024
190244	PEOPLES MUTUAL TEL. CO.-VA	\$22,677	\$0	\$366	\$0	\$1,300	\$24,343	\$24,332	\$0	\$459	\$0	\$1,614	\$26,405
190248	SCOTT COUNTY TEL. COOP. INC.	\$20,114	\$0	\$211	\$0	\$0	\$20,325	\$19,625	\$0	\$292	\$0	\$0	\$19,917
190249	ROANOKE & BOTETOURT TEL. CO.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$435	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$435
190250	SHENANDOAH TEL. CO.	\$30,949	\$0	\$378	\$0	\$0	\$31,327	\$34,987	\$0	\$346	\$0	\$0	\$35,333
190253	VIRGINIA TEL. CO.	\$1,934	\$0	\$40	\$0	\$0	\$1,974	\$2,004	\$0	\$20	\$0	\$0	\$2,024
190254	CENTRAL TEL. CO. OF VA	\$523,879	\$0	\$690	\$0	\$0	\$524,569	\$506,686	\$0	\$544	\$0	\$0	\$507,230
190479	VERIZON SOUTH INC. - VA	\$69,930	\$0	\$520	\$0	\$4	\$80,454	\$63,358	\$0	\$660	\$0	\$36	\$64,054
190567	UNITED INTER-MOUNTAIN TEL. CO.-VA	\$407,542	\$0	\$593	\$0	\$0	\$408,135	\$401,861	\$0	\$559	\$0	\$0	\$402,420
193029	NEW CASTLE TEL. CO.	\$6,026	\$0	\$45	\$0	\$0	\$6,071	\$7,517	\$0	\$15	\$0	\$0	\$7,532
195040	VIRGINIA VIRGINIA INC.	\$980,946	\$0	\$42,987	\$0	\$30	\$923,963	\$981,093	\$0	\$41,100	\$0	\$146	\$922,339
199001	VIRGINIA CELLULAR LLC - VA	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,203	\$0	\$2,190	\$0	\$0	\$10,393
TOTAL	WASHINGTON	\$11,470,019	\$1,492,858	\$1,018,192	\$34,479	\$319,732	\$14,335,280	\$13,317,557	\$1,623,053	\$1,470,192	\$118,168	\$804,713	\$17,333,683
522400	UNITED TELEPHONE CO OF THE NW - WA	\$280,281	\$4,021	\$4,341	\$0	\$0	\$288,643	\$274,576	\$8,076	\$2,704	\$0	\$0	\$285,280
522404	ASOTIN TELEPHONE COMPANY - WA	\$7,489	\$0	\$375	\$0	\$0	\$7,864	\$7,738	\$0	\$7,998	\$0	\$0	\$7,998
522408	CENTURYTEL OF WASHINGTON, INC.	\$503,355	\$24,810	\$162	\$216	\$0	\$528,543	\$595,595	\$23,967	\$36	\$180	\$0	\$619,778
522410	CENTURYTEL OF COWICHE, INC.	\$7,270	\$0	\$99	\$0	\$0	\$7,369	\$7,378	\$0	\$11	\$0	\$0	\$7,389
522412	ELLENSBURG TELEPHONE COMPANY	\$77,374	\$0	\$4,759	\$0	\$0	\$82,133	\$64,506	\$0	\$4,055	\$0	\$0	\$68,561
522416	VERIZON NORTHWEST INC. - WASHINGTON	\$2,167,988	\$1,830	\$210,996	\$0	\$652	\$2,381,466	\$2,243,940	\$2,137	\$222,981	\$0	\$2,609	\$2,471,667
522418	PEND OREILLE TELEPHONE COMPANY	\$15,779	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,779	\$17,673	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$17,673
522419	HOOD CANAL TELEPHONE COMPANY	\$1,881	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,881	\$1,685	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,685
522423	INLAND TELEPHONE COMPANY - WA	\$7,261	\$0	\$358	\$0	\$0	\$7,619	\$7,862	\$0	\$233	\$0	\$0	\$8,095
522426	KALAMA TELEPHONE COMPANY	\$6,198	\$0	\$112	\$0	\$0	\$6,310	\$6,899	\$0	\$160	\$0	\$0	\$7,059
522427	LEWIS RIVER TELEPHONE COMPANY INC.	\$11,991	\$0	\$140	\$0	\$0	\$12,131	\$13,300	\$0	\$145	\$0	\$0	\$13,445
522430	MCDANIEL TELEPHONE COMPANY	\$20,573	\$0	\$494	\$0	\$0	\$21,067	\$24,104	\$0	\$637	\$0	\$0	\$24,741
522431	MASHELL TELECOM INC.	\$12,546	\$0	\$256	\$0	\$0	\$12,802	\$14,056	\$0	\$227	\$0	\$0	\$14,283
522437	PIONEER TELEPHONE COMPANY	\$3,428	\$0	\$104	\$0	\$0	\$3,532	\$4,702	\$0	\$75	\$0	\$0	\$4,777
522442	ST. JOHN TELEPHONE CO.	\$1,518	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,518	\$1,466	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,466
522446	TENINO TEL. CO.	\$12,618	\$0	\$322	\$0	\$0	\$12,940	\$13,379	\$0	\$342	\$0	\$0	\$13,721
522447	TOLEDO TELEPHONE COMPANY INC.	\$8,354	\$0	\$203	\$0	\$0	\$8,557	\$7,830	\$0	\$315	\$0	\$0	\$8,145
522449	VERIZON NORTHWEST INC. - WA (CONTEL)	\$399,662	\$5,100	\$38,681	\$0	\$120	\$443,463	\$416,513	\$4,601	\$38,295	\$0	\$495	\$459,904
522451	WESTERN WAHIAKUM COUNTY TEL COMPANY	\$2,905	\$0	\$48	\$0	\$0	\$2,953	\$2,725	\$0	\$72	\$0	\$0	\$2,797
522452	WHIDBEY TEL. CO.	\$18,154	\$0	\$384	\$0	\$0	\$18,538	\$15,691	\$0	\$344	\$0	\$0	\$16,035
522453	YCOM NETWORKS, INC.	\$49,275	\$0	\$1,818	\$0	\$0	\$51,093	\$35,435	\$0	\$2,015	\$0	\$0	\$37,450
525161	QWEST CORPORATION - WA	\$6,942,502	\$22,146	\$446,433	\$392	\$116,583	\$7,528,056	\$7,466,826	\$25,000	\$528,364	\$475	\$63,815	\$8,084,480
529001	YAKIMA MSA L.P. DBA US CELLULAR	\$312,818	\$1,434,725	\$330	\$33,671	\$0	\$1,781,744	\$392,847	\$1,497,650	\$210	\$29,595	\$0	\$1,920,302
529002	IRCC MINNESOTA, INC.	\$1,855	\$226	\$1,507	\$0	\$0	\$3,588	\$1,440	\$412	\$71	\$18	\$0	\$1,941
529006	STAN EFFERDING DBA VILAIRE COMMUNICATIONS	\$504,409	\$0	\$300,270	\$0	\$202,377	\$1,007,056	\$1,649,718	\$61,150	\$667,890	\$97,900	\$737,794	\$3,204,452
529007	TEL WEST COMMUNICATIONS	\$92,635	\$0	\$6,000	\$0	\$0	\$98,635	\$29,583	\$0	\$750	\$0	\$0	\$30,333
529008	SPRINT SPECYRUM, LP - WA	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$90	\$60	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$150
TOTAL	WEST VIRGINIA	\$575,650	\$0	\$16,811	\$0	\$5,575	\$598,036	\$631,504	\$0	\$18,568	\$0	\$1,936	\$650,008
200256	ARMSTRONG TEL. CO.-WV	\$963	\$0	\$58	\$0	\$0	\$1,021	\$1,366	\$0	\$45	\$0	\$0	\$1,411
200257	SPRUCE KNOB SENECA ROCKS TEL., INC.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
200259	HARDY TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.	\$304	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$304	\$396	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$396
200267	ARMSTRONG TEL. CO.	\$1,240	\$0	\$21	\$0	\$0	\$1,261	\$1,557	\$0	\$44	\$0	\$0	\$1,601
200271	CITIZENS MOUNTAIN STATE TEL. CO.	\$19,070	\$0	\$512	\$0	\$920	\$20,502	\$18,939	\$0	\$168	\$0	\$327	\$19,434
200277	WEST SIDE TEL. CO.-WV	\$526	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$526	\$769	\$0	\$42	\$0	\$0	\$611
204338	CITIZENS TEL CO OF WV-ST. MARY'S DBA FRONTIER	\$49,271	\$0	\$1,072	\$0	\$1,917	\$52,260	\$46,072	\$0	\$566	\$0	\$613	\$47,251
204339	CITIZENS TEL CO OF WV-BLUEFIELD DBA FRONTIER	\$63,735	\$0	\$1,792	\$0	\$2,731	\$68,258	\$60,894	\$0	\$1,072	\$0	\$974	\$62,740
205050	VERIZON WEST VIRGINIA INC.	\$440,539	\$0	\$13,366	\$0	\$7	\$453,902	\$494,488	\$0	\$11,886	\$0	\$22	\$506,396
209003	HIGHLAND CELLULAR, LLC (WV)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,223	\$0	\$2,745	\$0	\$0	\$9,968
TOTAL	WISCONSIN	\$6,949,311	\$22,004	\$761,404	\$52	\$3,065	\$7,735,836	\$7,406,397	\$21,993	\$851,073	\$82	\$2,984	\$8,282,529
330841	CENTURYTEL OF MW-WI/CENCOM	\$61,025	\$0	\$906	\$0	\$0	\$61,931	\$68,444	\$0	\$793	\$0	\$0	\$69,237
330842	AMERY TELCOM, INC.	\$17,503	\$0	\$1,145	\$0	\$0	\$18,648	\$18,978	\$0	\$1,785	\$0	\$0	\$20,763
330843	AMHERST TEL. CO.	\$5,953	\$0	\$244	\$0	\$0	\$6,197	\$6,573	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,573
330844	BADGER TELECOM, INC.	\$46,716	\$0	\$1,226	\$0	\$0	\$47,942	\$52,785	\$0	\$1,569	\$0	\$0	\$54,354
330846	BALDWIN TELCOM., INC.	\$10,620	\$0	\$1,488	\$0	\$0	\$12,108	\$12,919	\$0	\$1,672	\$0	\$0	\$14,591
330847	BELMONT TEL. CO.	\$637	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$637	\$1,106	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,106
330848	BERGEN TEL. CO.	\$63	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$63	\$173	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$173
330849	BLACK EARTH TEL. CO.	\$746	\$0	\$60	\$0	\$0	\$806	\$1,068	\$0	\$130	\$0	\$0	\$1,198
330850	BLOOMER TEL. CO.	\$6,611	\$0	\$13	\$0	\$0	\$6,624	\$7,807	\$0	\$102	\$0	\$0	\$7,909

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Low-Income Program Dollars by Study Area

ID Code	Study Area Name	2003					2004						
		Non-Tribal Lifeline	Tribal Lifeline	Non-Tribal Link Up	Tribal Link Up	TLS	Total	Non-Tribal Lifeline	Tribal Lifeline	Non-Tribal Link Up	Tribal Link Up	TLS	Total
	WISCONSIN Continued												
330851	BONDUEL TEL. CO.	\$2,906	\$0	\$144	\$0	\$0	\$3,050	\$2,996	\$0	\$183	\$0	\$0	\$3,179
330855	BRUCE TEL. CO., INC.	\$3,393	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,393	\$5,765	\$0	\$1,239	\$0	\$0	\$7,004
330856	BURLINGTON BRIGHTON & WHEATLAND TEL.	\$2,430	\$0	\$260	\$0	\$0	\$2,690	\$3,255	\$0	\$242	\$0	\$0	\$3,497
330857	CENTURYTEL OF MW-WI / CASCO	\$1,259	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,259	\$1,374	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,374
330859	CENTRAL STATE TEL. CO.	\$22,217	\$128	\$1,063	\$0	\$0	\$23,408	\$27,739	\$144	\$1,169	\$0	\$0	\$29,052
330860	CHEQUAMEGON COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE	\$18,903	\$0	\$447	\$0	\$0	\$19,350	\$15,754	\$0	\$480	\$0	\$0	\$16,234
330861	CHIBARDUN TEL. COOP., INC.	\$8,823	\$0	\$211	\$0	\$0	\$9,034	\$12,047	\$0	\$472	\$0	\$0	\$12,519
330863	CITIZENS TEL. COOP., INC.-WI	\$3,568	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,568	\$3,690	\$0	\$36	\$0	\$0	\$3,726
330865	CLEAR LAKE TEL. CO., INC.-WI	\$944	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$944	\$1,389	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,389
330866	COCHRANE COOP. TEL. CO.	\$3,241	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,241	\$3,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,000
330868	COON VALLEY FARMERS TEL. CO., INC.	\$4,361	\$0	\$50	\$0	\$0	\$4,411	\$4,693	\$0	\$76	\$0	\$0	\$4,769
330870	RHINELANDER TEL CO (CRANDON)	\$7,500	\$1,656	\$58	\$0	\$0	\$9,214	\$7,648	\$1,156	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,803
330872	CUBA CITY TEL. EXCH. CO.	\$2,044	\$0	\$118	\$0	\$0	\$2,162	\$2,538	\$0	\$63	\$0	\$0	\$2,601
330875	DICKEYVILLE TEL. CO.	\$526	\$0	\$120	\$0	\$0	\$646	\$1,125	\$0	\$44	\$0	\$0	\$1,169
330877	CENTURYTEL OF FAIRWATER-BRANDON-ALTO, INC.	\$1,136	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,136	\$1,818	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,818
330879	FARMERS IND. TEL. CO.-WI	\$3,368	\$0	\$311	\$0	\$0	\$3,679	\$5,109	\$0	\$421	\$0	\$0	\$5,530
330880	FARMERS TEL. CO.-WI	\$10,808	\$0	\$1,023	\$0	\$0	\$11,831	\$16,504	\$0	\$1,187	\$0	\$0	\$16,691
330881	MID-PLAINS TEL., INC.	\$9,824	\$0	\$569	\$0	\$0	\$10,393	\$16,159	\$0	\$573	\$0	\$0	\$16,732
330884	CENTURYTEL OF FORESTVILLE, INC.	\$4,572	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,572	\$5,143	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,143
330886	VERIZON NORTH INC. - WI	\$552,041	\$7,873	\$21,238	\$0	\$52	\$581,204	\$577,878	\$8,558	\$21,931	\$0	\$151	\$608,519
330889	HAGER TELECOM, INC.	\$1,299	\$0	\$36	\$0	\$0	\$1,335	\$1,613	\$0	\$106	\$0	\$0	\$1,719
330891	RHINELANDER TEL-HEADWATERS	\$6,018	\$0	\$99	\$0	\$0	\$6,117	\$7,103	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,103
330892	HILLSBORO TEL. CO., INC.	\$10,702	\$0	\$571	\$0	\$0	\$11,273	\$12,830	\$0	\$408	\$0	\$0	\$13,238
330895	CENTURYTEL OF WISCONSIN, INC.	\$107,627	\$0	\$1,592	\$0	\$0	\$109,219	\$129,820	\$0	\$1,142	\$0	\$0	\$130,962
330896	LAKEFIELD TEL. CO.	\$3,090	\$0	\$247	\$0	\$0	\$3,337	\$5,734	\$0	\$372	\$0	\$0	\$6,106
330898	CENTURYTEL OF LARSEN-READFIELD, INC.	\$1,702	\$0	\$74	\$0	\$0	\$1,776	\$2,020	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,020
330899	LA VALLE TEL. COOP.	\$3,966	\$0	\$90	\$0	\$0	\$4,056	\$4,397	\$0	\$295	\$0	\$0	\$4,692
330900	LEMONWEIR VALLEY TEL. CO.	\$7,997	\$0	\$96	\$0	\$0	\$8,093	\$10,291	\$0	\$81	\$0	\$0	\$10,372
330902	LUCK TEL. CO.	\$5,710	\$0	\$276	\$0	\$0	\$5,986	\$5,645	\$0	\$428	\$0	\$0	\$6,073
330905	MANAWA TEL. CO.	\$10,086	\$0	\$13	\$0	\$0	\$10,099	\$12,153	\$0	\$67	\$0	\$0	\$12,220
330908	MARQUETTE-ADAMS TEL. COOP., INC.	\$8,881	\$0	\$881	\$0	\$0	\$9,762	\$9,724	\$0	\$658	\$0	\$0	\$10,382
330909	MIDWAY TEL. CO.	\$26,522	\$0	\$416	\$0	\$0	\$26,938	\$33,423	\$0	\$428	\$0	\$0	\$33,851
330910	MILLTOWN MUTUAL TEL. CO.	\$6,734	\$0	\$156	\$52	\$194	\$6,942	\$6,442	\$0	\$194	\$52	\$0	\$6,688
330912	FRONTIER COMM. OF MONDOVI, INC.	\$11,835	\$0	\$96	\$0	\$0	\$12,031	\$12,031	\$0	\$101	\$0	\$0	\$13,060
330913	CENTURYTEL OF MONROE COUNTY, INC.	\$27,338	\$0	\$291	\$0	\$0	\$27,629	\$29,481	\$0	\$176	\$0	\$0	\$29,657
330914	EASTCOAST TELECOM, INC.	\$8,763	\$0	\$394	\$0	\$0	\$9,157	\$10,229	\$0	\$211	\$0	\$0	\$10,440
330915	MOSINEE TEL. CO.	\$6,262	\$0	\$330	\$0	\$0	\$6,592	\$7,288	\$0	\$240	\$0	\$0	\$7,528
330916	MOUNT HOREB TEL. CO.	\$6,083	\$0	\$273	\$0	\$0	\$6,356	\$6,076	\$0	\$152	\$0	\$0	\$6,228
330917	MOUNT VERNON TEL. CO.	\$7,280	\$0	\$1,486	\$0	\$0	\$8,766	\$9,023	\$0	\$1,017	\$0	\$0	\$10,040
330918	NELSON TEL. COOP.	\$10,597	\$0	\$98	\$0	\$0	\$10,695	\$12,737	\$0	\$103	\$0	\$0	\$12,840
330920	NIAGARA TEL. CO.	\$19,444	\$0	\$302	\$0	\$0	\$19,746	\$21,677	\$0	\$308	\$0	\$0	\$21,985
330922	CENTURYTEL OF MIDWEST-WI / NORTH-WEST	\$109,596	\$0	\$1,952	\$0	\$0	\$111,548	\$127,949	\$0	\$1,766	\$0	\$0	\$129,715
330924	CENTURYTEL OF THE MIDWEST - KENDALL	\$315,636	\$0	\$5,875	\$0	\$0	\$321,513	\$331,663	\$0	\$4,712	\$0	\$0	\$336,375
330925	BAYLAND TEL. INC.	\$2,099	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,099	\$2,407	\$0	\$23	\$0	\$0	\$2,430
330930	GRANTLAND TELECOM, INC.	\$6,654	\$0	\$763	\$0	\$0	\$7,417	\$9,259	\$0	\$629	\$0	\$0	\$9,888
330931	CENTURYTEL OF SOUTHERN WISCONSIN, INC.	\$10,359	\$0	\$375	\$0	\$0	\$10,734	\$12,176	\$0	\$75	\$0	\$0	\$12,253
330934	CENTURYTEL OF MIDWEST-WI / PLATTEVILLE	\$7,926	\$0	\$255	\$0	\$0	\$8,181	\$10,548	\$0	\$169	\$0	\$0	\$10,717
330936	INDIANHEAD TEL. CO.	\$4,997	\$0	\$240	\$0	\$0	\$5,237	\$5,795	\$0	\$210	\$0	\$0	\$6,005
330937	PRICE COUNTY TEL. CO.	\$14,635	\$0	\$1,440	\$0	\$0	\$16,075	\$20,971	\$0	\$1,740	\$0	\$0	\$22,711
330938	NORTHEAST TEL. CO.	\$10,140	\$0	\$114	\$0	\$0	\$10,254	\$12,022	\$0	\$350	\$0	\$0	\$12,372
330940	RHINELANDER TEL. CO.DBA FRONTIER	\$32,645	\$0	\$1,478	\$0	\$0	\$34,123	\$36,872	\$0	\$2,925	\$0	\$0	\$39,798
330941	RHINELANDER TEL CO (RIB LAKE) DBA FRONTIER	\$3,800	\$0	\$72	\$0	\$0	\$3,872	\$4,578	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,578
330942	RICHLAND-GRANT TEL. COOP., INC.	\$16,117	\$0	\$822	\$0	\$0	\$17,039	\$18,482	\$0	\$1,280	\$0	\$0	\$19,762
330943	RIVERSIDE TELECOM, INC.	\$5,139	\$0	\$86	\$0	\$0	\$5,225	\$6,827	\$0	\$402	\$0	\$0	\$7,229
330944	FRONTIER COMM.-ST. CROIX, INC.	\$5,620	\$0	\$283	\$0	\$0	\$5,903	\$7,908	\$0	\$146	\$0	\$0	\$8,054
330945	SCANDINAVIA TEL. CO.	\$8,787	\$0	\$291	\$0	\$0	\$9,078	\$10,983	\$0	\$366	\$0	\$0	\$11,349
330946	SHARON TEL. CO.	\$2,685	\$0	\$30	\$0	\$0	\$2,715	\$3,192	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,192
330949	SIREN TEL. CO., INC.	\$6,662	\$0	\$1,470	\$0	\$0	\$8,132	\$8,363	\$0	\$1,024	\$0	\$0	\$9,387
330950	CENTURYTEL OF NORTHWEST WISCONSIN, INC.	\$42,764	\$0	\$528	\$0	\$0	\$43,292	\$46,289	\$0	\$340	\$0	\$0	\$46,629
330951	SOMERSET TEL. CO., INC.	\$889	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$889	\$939	\$0	\$61	\$0	\$0	\$916
330952	SOUTHEAST TEL. CO. OF WIS., INC.	\$3,917	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,228	\$5,769	\$0	\$615	\$0	\$0	\$6,394
330953	SPRING VALLEY TEL. CO., INC.	\$3,034	\$0	\$84	\$0	\$0	\$3,118	\$4,142	\$0	\$103	\$0	\$0	\$4,245
330954	STOCKBRIDGE & SHERWOOD TEL. CO.	\$4,422	\$0	\$282	\$0	\$0	\$4,704	\$5,878	\$0	\$275	\$0	\$0	\$6,153
330955	STATE LONG DISTANCE TEL. CO.	\$21,957	\$0	\$1,948	\$0	\$0	\$23,905	\$26,667	\$0	\$2,671	\$0	\$0	\$29,338
330956	CENTURYTEL OF NORTHERN WISCONSIN, INC.	\$26,636	\$0	\$364	\$0	\$0	\$27,000	\$30,726	\$0	\$190	\$0	\$0	\$30,916
330958	TENNEY TEL. CO.	\$4,319	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,466	\$5,549	\$0	\$274	\$0	\$0	\$5,743
330959	CENTURYTEL OF MIDWEST-WI / THORP	\$15,056	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,056	\$16,608	\$0	\$140	\$0	\$0	\$15,748
330960	TRI-COUNTY TEL. COOP., INC.-WI	\$16,252	\$0	\$209	\$0	\$0	\$16,461	\$17,062	\$0	\$326	\$0	\$0	\$17,388
330962	UNION TEL. CO.	\$4,568	\$0	\$160	\$0	\$0	\$4,728	\$6,087	\$0	\$326	\$0	\$0	\$6,413
330963	UTELCO, INC.	\$27,753	\$0	\$2,205	\$0	\$0	\$29,958	\$31,717	\$0	\$1,866	\$0	\$0	\$33,583
330964	FRONTIER COMM. OF WISCONSIN, INC.	\$69,457	\$12,347	\$2,706	\$0	\$0	\$84,510	\$75,609	\$11,785	\$2,102	\$0	\$0	\$89,496

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ID Code	Study Area Name	2003						2004					
		Non-Tribal Lifeline	Tribal Lifeline	Non-Tribal Link Up	Tribal Link Up	TLS	Total	Non-Tribal Lifeline	Tribal Lifeline	Non-Tribal Link Up	Tribal Link Up	TLS	Total
	WISCONSIN Continued												
330966	VERNON TEL. COOP.	\$8,456	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,456	\$10,361	\$0	\$144	\$0	\$0	\$10,505
330967	FRONTIER COMM. OF VIROQUA, INC.	\$17,659	\$0	\$316	\$0	\$0	\$17,965	\$20,407	\$0	\$325	\$0	\$0	\$20,732
330968	WAUNAKEE TEL. CO.	\$3,521	\$0	\$263	\$0	\$0	\$3,784	\$5,112	\$0	\$467	\$0	\$0	\$5,579
330970	CENTURYTEL OF MIDWEST-WI WAYSIDE	\$9,115	\$0	\$112	\$0	\$0	\$9,227	\$9,653	\$0	\$84	\$0	\$0	\$9,737
330971	WEST WISCONSIN TELCOM COOP., INC.	\$3,775	\$0	\$30	\$0	\$0	\$3,805	\$4,413	\$0	\$43	\$0	\$0	\$4,456
330973	WITTENBERG TEL. CO.	\$4,056	\$0	\$154	\$0	\$0	\$4,210	\$4,859	\$0	\$127	\$0	\$0	\$4,986
330974	WOOD COUNTY TEL. CO.	\$56,038	\$0	\$6,606	\$0	\$0	\$62,644	\$74,311	\$0	\$10,645	\$0	\$0	\$84,956
331155	TELEPHONE USA OF WISCONSIN, LLC	\$119,439	\$0	\$1,346	\$0	\$0	\$120,785	\$129,440	\$0	\$1,122	\$0	\$0	\$130,562
331159	CENTURYTEL OF CENTRAL WISCONSIN	\$123,710	\$0	\$1,914	\$0	\$0	\$125,624	\$136,014	\$0	\$1,628	\$0	\$0	\$137,642
335220	WISCONSIN BELL	\$4,661,461	\$0	\$86,514	\$0	\$3,013	\$5,350,988	\$4,749,577	\$0	\$710,383	\$0	\$2,833	\$5,462,793
339001	CTC TELECOM, INC	\$23,688	\$0	\$414	\$0	\$0	\$24,102	\$28,422	\$0	\$103	\$0	\$0	\$28,525
339003	CHEGTEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	\$1,639	\$0	\$120	\$0	\$0	\$1,759	\$2,093	\$0	\$90	\$0	\$0	\$2,183
339006	MIDWEST WIRELESS WISCONSIN LLC	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$27	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$27
339007	UNITED STATES CELLULAR OPERATING CO.	\$463	\$0	\$358	\$0	\$0	\$821	\$3,495	\$350	\$255	\$30	\$0	\$4,130
339010	WISCONSIN RSA#4, LTD. PARTNERSHIP (WI)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,437	\$0	\$3,600	\$0	\$0	\$7,037
339011	WAUSAU CELLULAR TELEPHONE CO. LP (WI)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,010	\$0	\$660	\$0	\$0	\$1,670
339012	WISCONSIN RSA#10, LTD. PARTNERSHIP (WI)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,388	\$0	\$2,430	\$0	\$0	\$4,818
339013	METRO SOUTHWEST PCS, LLP (WI)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,330	\$0	\$4,680	\$0	\$0	\$8,010
339014	BROWN COUNTY MSA LTD. PARTNERSHIP (WI)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$23,544	\$0	\$34,080	\$0	\$0	\$57,624
339015	NSIGHT TEL WIRELESS, LLC	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$61	\$0	\$90	\$0	\$0	\$151
339021	SAGE TELECOM, INC. - WI	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$57,352	\$0	\$14,219	\$0	\$0	\$71,571
339920	AMERICAN CELLULAR CORPORATION	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$33	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$33
TOTAL	WYOMING	\$250,418	\$88,226	\$1,444	\$449	\$2,758	\$343,295	\$450,128	\$96,591	\$110,223	\$6,571	\$46,557	\$710,070
511595	UNITED TELEPHONE CO. OF THE WEST-WY	\$11,061	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$11,061	\$13,495	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$13,495
512251	RT COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	\$8,681	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,681	\$11,127	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$11,127
512251	RANGE TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC. - WY	\$523	\$0	\$180	\$0	\$15	\$718	\$1,105	\$0	\$100	\$0	\$0	\$1,205
512289	CHUGWATER TELEPHONE COMPANY	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
512290	ALL WEST COMMUNICATIONS-WY	\$204	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$204	\$1,480	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,480
512291	DUBOIS TELEPHONE EXCHANGE INC.	\$2,913	\$1,266	\$175	\$161	\$0	\$4,515	\$3,417	\$1,008	\$79	\$0	\$0	\$4,504
512295	SILVER STAR TEL. CO. - WY	\$1,047	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,047	\$1,293	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,293
512296	TCT WEST, INC.	\$6,830	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,830	\$8,659	\$0	\$363	\$0	\$0	\$9,022
512296	TRI-COUNTY TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION, INC.	\$600	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$600	\$715	\$0	\$76	\$0	\$0	\$791
512297	UNION TELEPHONE CO.	\$6,011	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,011	\$6,554	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,554
512299	CENTURYTEL OF WYOMING, INC.	\$853	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$853	\$1,112	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,112
515108	QWEST CORPORATION - WYOMING	\$211,690	\$86,960	\$1,089	\$288	\$2,743	\$302,760	\$305,974	\$92,508	\$31,121	\$371	\$1,844	\$431,818
519002	WWC LICENSE LLC DBA WESTERN WIRELESS	\$15	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
519004	ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$993	\$0	\$544	\$0	\$40	\$1,577
519006	VCI COMPANY	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$94,204	\$3,075	\$77,940	\$6,200	\$44,673	\$226,092
TOTAL	INDUSTRY	\$657,099,153	\$24,178,006	\$30,174,744	\$615,756	\$4,451,152	\$716,518,811	\$695,205,596	\$30,346,094	\$30,945,394	\$1,277,335	\$5,132,837	\$762,907,256

Source: Universal Service Administrative Company.

Table 2.6
Lifeline Assistance Subscribers by State or Jurisdiction

State or Jurisdiction	1994	1995	1996	1997 ¹	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004 ²
Alabama	0	2,648	11,052	14,346	17,201	18,676	21,454	23,904	27,274	24,348	26,088
Alaska	887	1,445	1,684	1,761	2,530	4,321	9,223	16,252	23,598	28,572	34,382
American Samoa	0	0	0	0	156	427	657	764	757	626	623
Arizona	9,146	9,820	10,679	9,438	21,461	22,118	25,283	40,165	74,421	97,529	112,208
Arkansas	6,859	7,988	9,730	8,926	8,870	8,843	8,952	9,042	12,414	16,913	20,442
California	2,534,160	2,817,982	3,032,960	3,000,571	3,105,855	3,157,706	3,196,642	3,245,993	3,218,365	2,994,873	2,974,289
Colorado	18,136	16,992	22,195	22,452	21,950	23,995	26,645	26,928	29,873	32,001	33,045
Connecticut	50,510	62,982	62,610	61,683	59,547	61,437	64,745	60,680	57,992	57,153	55,428
Delaware	0	0	0	0	368	606	756	1,278	2,203	2,960	2,784
District of Columbia	11,572	10,252	9,888	7,580	9,404	10,593	11,236	12,869	13,547	12,913	11,263
Florida	61,442	108,431	134,258	129,723	131,749	129,980	133,011	140,829	142,705	143,267	153,356
Georgia	72,548	79,545	79,606	75,341	73,660	74,825	73,037	70,158	68,217	67,599	67,906
Guam	0	0	0	0	313	905	2,033	2,486	2,954	3,169	3,426
Hawaii	6,200	6,444	6,731	6,465	9,008	12,590	15,381	14,869	14,136	10,485	7,653
Idaho	7,090	7,347	7,526	7,408	6,907	14,780	19,686	24,560	27,659	28,483	30,033
Illinois	0	0	0	0	29,104	49,347	57,815	70,036	87,381	94,712	100,268
Indiana	0	0	0	0	12,439	19,058	21,358	31,688	40,496	46,622	50,790
Iowa	0	0	0	0	2,460	6,105	11,700	14,062	19,236	43,686	50,100
Kansas	0	0	0	0	4,260	5,591	8,560	13,034	13,886	14,703	19,736
Kentucky	0	0	0	0	5,044	25,040	39,560	45,257	60,733	56,522	61,239
Louisiana	0	0	0	0	5,838	10,435	15,476	19,175	21,308	21,763	21,512
Maine	68,482	62,949	61,177	63,553	63,407	67,401	76,367	82,807	85,197	82,756	75,985
Maryland	5,226	4,663	4,028	3,964	3,784	3,885	3,948	3,985	4,028	4,230	4,360
Massachusetts	165,723	167,182	162,384	156,294	161,657	167,699	165,519	162,163	163,027	150,543	132,619
Michigan	138,870	135,599	131,786	129,337	129,208	132,432	141,536	132,174	118,317	112,954	110,253
Minnesota	59,431	51,089	48,494	47,575	49,073	54,787	56,684	51,023	47,785	49,040	55,230
Mississippi	8,438	9,717	9,282	8,321	10,471	13,370	16,689	19,946	22,606	24,066	26,066
Missouri	15,807	13,897	11,272	10,368	7,885	10,709	18,980	31,463	35,877	38,198	42,620
Montana	6,744	6,813	8,031	7,613	7,963	9,570	11,125	14,351	15,894	16,551	17,493
Nebraska	0	0	0	0	9,650	11,434	14,351	14,704	15,294	16,079	19,427
Nevada	8,927	9,408	8,472	9,284	3,438	10,551	17,486	26,605	37,909	42,588	48,353
New Hampshire	0	0	0	0	2,581	5,205	6,453	6,963	7,255	7,168	6,778
New Jersey	0	0	0	0	5,478	6,434	29,095	42,234	47,198	93,924	118,972
New Mexico	32,244	28,380	30,075	30,314	30,816	32,843	36,602	39,320	47,665	53,855	58,518
New York	592,705	705,871	756,657	698,267	703,001	657,267	586,620	509,631	495,784	458,887	452,627
North Carolina	23,446	22,791	23,086	22,595	29,640	44,434	62,507	84,670	100,566	111,069	120,421
North Dakota	9,411	8,657	7,146	7,369	10,895	11,968	13,210	15,712	19,475	22,564	24,433
Northern Mariana Islands	0	0	0	0	192	494	427	445	481	598	700
Ohio	47,126	54,706	58,392	60,366	69,358	109,202	167,213	230,950	278,335	278,621	304,560
Oklahoma	0	0	532	532	1,521	2,454	17,667	67,122	119,246	145,648	181,552
Oregon	30,475	35,820	34,804	31,213	27,953	28,934	30,373	31,488	36,567	40,630	46,651
Pennsylvania	0	0	4,797	7,114	23,202	40,168	48,968	66,916	97,505	124,589	146,612
Puerto Rico	0	0	0	0	10,168	16,895	17,720	18,002	59,493	87,953	97,050
Rhode Island	39,992	40,835	42,524	43,881	45,066	46,244	47,412	46,702	45,892	45,857	42,116
South Carolina	0	10,624	16,498	18,386	22,222	21,091	20,819	21,184	21,896	23,426	24,299
South Dakota	3,561	3,690	3,718	3,708	10,698	11,532	13,405	20,746	28,064	28,826	29,991
Tennessee	20,721	19,934	19,926	18,819	22,915	30,347	38,590	45,696	49,074	51,964	53,812
Texas	136,352	165,609	190,095	193,444	210,672	236,934	258,695	305,869	431,561	462,384	601,508
Utah	28,157	26,930	24,088	22,625	20,096	19,237	19,394	19,970	19,558	20,551	21,081
Vermont	24,322	25,624	24,791	25,356	26,475	28,464	29,740	30,235	29,621	27,993	25,385
Virgin Islands	594	253	296	471	567	402	298	6	0	0	0
Virginia	22,100	20,744	22,180	23,187	22,040	22,306	21,569	20,630	21,575	20,012	20,229
Washington	90,148	87,276	84,149	63,965	61,563	61,809	68,201	79,285	91,217	113,392	131,445
West Virginia	4,704	4,230	4,336	5,164	5,320	5,546	5,292	4,999	4,932	5,338	5,517
Wisconsin	59,744	58,071	50,714	50,894	42,514	59,331	62,784	67,143	70,362	74,195	81,275
Wyoming	1,119	818	776	864	1,113	1,337	1,362	1,741	2,147	2,469	4,576
Industry Total	4,423,119	4,914,056	5,233,425	5,110,537	5,380,726	5,640,094	5,890,311	6,200,909	6,630,558	6,637,817	6,969,085

¹ Subscriber data were not collected in 1997. Lifeline subscribership data were estimated by USAC.

² Subscribers reported for 2004 include true-ups through March 2005 for companies requesting reimbursement. Approximately, ninety-nine percent of all eligible companies have reported to USAC for reimbursement at this time.

Source: Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC).

Table 2.7
Lifeline Assistance Subscribers for Tribal and Non-Tribal Areas
By State or Jurisdiction

State or Jurisdiction	2002		2003		2004	
	Non-Tribal	Tribal	Non-Tribal	Tribal	Non-Tribal	Tribal
Alabama	27,274	0	24,348	0	26,087	1
Alaska	12,223	11,375	14,771	13,801	18,125	16,257
American Samoa	757	0	626	0	623	0
Arizona	50,093	24,328	60,428	37,101	69,129	43,079
Arkansas	12,414	0	16,913	0	20,442	0
California	3,218,218	147	2,994,575	298	2,973,899	390
Colorado	29,838	35	31,945	56	32,998	47
Connecticut	57,992	0	57,153	0	55,428	0
Delaware	2,203	0	2,960	0	2,784	0
District of Columbia	13,547	0	12,913	0	11,263	0
Florida	142,705	0	143,267	0	153,356	0
Georgia	68,217	0	67,599	0	67,906	0
Guam	2,954	0	3,169	0	3,426	0
Hawaii	14,136	0	10,485	0	7,653	0
Idaho	27,547	112	28,360	123	29,890	143
Illinois	87,381	0	94,712	0	100,268	0
Indiana	40,496	0	46,622	0	50,790	0
Iowa	19,233	3	43,684	2	50,098	2
Kansas	13,886	0	14,697	6	19,717	19
Kentucky	60,733	0	56,522	0	61,239	0
Louisiana	21,308	0	21,763	0	21,512	0
Maine	84,702	495	82,284	472	75,560	425
Maryland	4,028	0	4,230	0	4,360	0
Massachusetts	163,026	1	150,513	30	132,617	2
Michigan	118,113	204	112,738	216	110,025	228
Minnesota	47,530	255	48,654	366	54,723	507
Mississippi	22,606	0	24,066	0	26,066	0
Missouri	35,873	4	38,191	7	42,614	6
Montana	13,349	2,545	13,719	2,532	14,179	3,314
Nebraska	15,098	196	15,869	210	19,189	238
Nevada	37,797	112	42,441	147	48,177	176
New Hampshire	7,255	0	7,168	0	6,778	0
New Jersey	47,198	0	93,924	0	118,972	0
New Mexico	44,495	3,170	49,332	4,523	52,163	6,355
New York	495,605	179	458,850	37	452,601	26
North Carolina	100,563	3	111,068	1	120,417	4
North Dakota	17,530	1,945	19,050	3,514	19,943	4,490
Northern Mariana Islands	481	0	598	0	700	0
Ohio	278,335	0	278,621	0	304,560	0
Oklahoma	67,386	51,860	81,376	64,272	100,643	80,909
Oregon	36,448	119	40,418	212	46,382	269
Pennsylvania	97,505	0	124,589	0	146,612	0
Puerto Rico	59,493	0	87,953	0	97,050	0
Rhode Island	45,892	0	45,857	0	42,116	0
South Carolina	21,891	5	23,421	5	24,294	5
South Dakota	19,595	8,469	19,789	9,037	20,314	9,677
Tennessee	49,074	0	51,964	0	53,812	0
Texas	429,478	2,083	458,544	3,840	598,260	3,248
Utah	19,482	76	20,435	116	20,930	151
Vermont	29,621	0	27,993	0	25,385	0
Virgin Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0
Virginia	21,575	0	20,012	0	20,229	0
Washington	87,145	4,072	107,954	5,438	125,580	5,865
West Virginia	4,932	0	5,338	0	5,517	0
Wisconsin	70,210	152	74,005	190	81,093	182
Wyoming	1,901	246	2,138	331	4,201	375
Industry Total	6,518,367	112,191	6,490,614	147,203	6,792,695	176,390

Note: The average number of subscribers reported for 2004 includes true-ups through March 2005. Starting in October 2000, low-income subscribers are listed as either tribal or non-tribal due to implementation of the *Tribal Order*. Approximately, ninety-nine percent of all eligible telecommunications carriers (ETCs) have reported to date.

Source: Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC).

Table 2.8
Lifeline Assistance Annual Payments by State or Jurisdiction

State or Jurisdiction	2000 ¹	2001 ²	2002 ²	2003 ²	2004 ²	Cumulative Total ³
Alabama	\$1,910,638	\$2,276,029	\$2,724,269	\$2,986,290	\$3,104,217	\$17,072,731
Alaska	604,267	1,352,592	2,389,021	3,067,411	3,790,475	12,015,273
American Samoa	41,388	53,094	56,268	59,791	63,684	309,285
Arizona	2,044,134	4,049,870	11,117,635	16,678,779	19,416,621	58,923,136
Arkansas	596,488	689,099	1,119,139	1,602,598	1,942,225	10,151,325
California	264,490,461	287,477,213	295,815,249	284,470,724	284,251,429	2,359,877,240
Colorado	2,408,134	2,639,245	3,271,230	3,774,854	3,978,645	27,103,251
Connecticut	4,896,000	5,103,910	5,380,100	5,565,397	5,378,204	43,718,130
Delaware	51,796	118,446	222,626	321,339	274,025	1,049,615
District of Columbia	952,218	1,128,144	1,192,422	1,141,239	975,085	9,226,661
Florida	11,943,233	13,729,167	15,225,621	16,336,631	18,049,851	112,941,514
Georgia	6,461,533	6,684,415	7,257,162	7,820,670	8,040,479	67,439,275
Guam	170,743	208,867	321,164	377,830	417,516	1,582,358
Hawaii	1,074,352	1,170,757	1,227,080	989,774	752,437	8,666,341
Idaho	1,823,477	2,473,617	3,053,429	3,385,816	3,624,501	19,595,545
Illinois	4,417,409	5,875,243	7,716,831	8,606,815	8,134,659	40,307,409
Indiana	1,531,702	2,611,278	3,591,246	4,208,224	4,585,662	18,554,591
Iowa	752,169	1,065,219	1,583,335	3,830,471	4,418,369	12,220,642
Kansas	781,349	1,273,036	1,442,972	1,558,511	2,149,018	8,020,027
Kentucky	3,488,178	4,309,692	5,412,857	6,383,544	6,923,129	28,961,246
Louisiana	1,071,618	1,447,705	1,839,732	2,066,883	2,083,718	9,569,789
Maine	6,800,373	7,945,134	9,183,322	9,669,057	9,024,002	76,364,571
Maryland	352,177	391,217	427,235	468,105	482,324	4,627,973
Massachusetts	14,821,539	15,911,930	17,589,474	17,549,746	15,781,810	157,493,296
Michigan	11,399,175	11,869,770	11,383,940	11,199,855	10,995,082	99,385,097
Minnesota	3,700,533	3,816,190	3,939,653	4,433,417	5,290,776	48,105,981
Mississippi	1,489,290	1,918,667	2,402,324	2,753,669	3,053,692	15,287,311
Missouri	1,466,051	2,648,229	3,048,024	3,448,224	4,042,706	21,942,971
Montana	932,470	1,343,203	1,711,144	1,964,149	2,158,904	12,165,390
Nebraska	1,211,644	1,448,763	1,641,896	1,780,676	2,116,692	9,639,769
Nevada	1,319,500	2,158,536	3,361,905	4,069,769	4,547,407	17,949,102
New Hampshire	443,586	532,891	630,337	687,122	665,391	3,453,645
New Jersey	2,026,134	3,696,365	4,604,010	10,751,414	-13,891,186	35,697,945
New Mexico	3,171,106	3,946,066	5,302,110	6,655,454	7,565,977	41,215,108
New York	48,398,196	46,048,282	51,745,601	53,108,003	52,575,634	549,431,403
North Carolina	5,636,402	8,150,581	10,821,596	12,920,118	14,128,616	66,206,977
North Dakota	1,024,277	1,390,190	1,971,019	2,361,832	3,059,595	14,685,041
Northern Mariana Islands	29,576	28,055	36,249	53,996	69,280	258,206
Ohio	13,117,956	19,701,541	25,607,175	28,758,070	32,296,074	148,043,666
Oklahoma	816,565	6,530,442	12,553,035	15,256,912	20,017,122	55,455,328
Oregon	2,750,656	3,107,974	4,014,153	4,841,464	5,734,775	36,447,331
Pennsylvania	3,965,169	5,751,122	9,239,235	12,491,291	14,688,526	51,308,286
Puerto Rico	1,116,360	1,134,103	6,462,595	10,209,619	11,554,292	32,128,514
Rhode Island	4,192,583	4,493,645	4,925,769	5,173,454	4,971,530	43,716,486
South Carolina	1,776,712	1,958,874	2,408,128	2,710,956	2,871,718	16,971,438
South Dakota	882,125	1,668,878	3,492,961	3,692,513	4,090,608	16,960,226
Tennessee	3,384,240	4,152,665	5,183,114	5,865,888	6,167,285	33,856,837
Texas	23,137,386	30,100,776	44,265,464	48,449,831	64,337,624	287,758,634
Utah	1,771,260	1,943,093	2,142,249	2,466,688	2,528,398	23,551,408
Vermont	2,646,910	2,907,309	3,198,810	3,268,482	3,004,378	28,798,429
Virgin Islands	44,910	0	0	54,597	0	280,320
Virginia	1,910,157	1,996,236	2,282,062	2,220,933	2,215,761	21,985,149
Washington	6,128,497	8,020,944	10,438,482	13,282,609	15,745,323	84,921,913
West Virginia	393,823	424,189	473,917	581,225	633,440	5,193,337
Wisconsin	4,704,920	5,521,926	6,380,986	6,974,380	7,431,374	41,445,644
Wyoming	122,227	188,369	272,931	341,402	593,276	1,997,309
Industry Total	\$488,595,772	\$558,582,793	\$645,100,293	\$685,728,311	\$730,684,527	\$4,972,035,425

¹ Payments are final and not subject to further adjustment.

² Dollars reported are for companies requesting reimbursement. Approximately 99% have reported at this time. Data includes true-ups submitted through March 2005. Lifeline dollars, starting in 1998, include toll-limitation services (TLS) and presubscribed interexchange carrier charges (PICCs). PICC charges are valid only through July 2000.

³ Cumulative total reflects data collected from 1987, the inception of the Lifeline program, through 2004. For historical Lifeline assistance annual payment data, refer to earlier publications of the Monitoring Report at <http://www.fcc.gov/wcb/iatd/monitor.html>.

Source: Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC).

Table 2.9
Link Up Assistance Beneficiaries by State or Jurisdiction

State or Jurisdiction	1994	1995	1996	1997 ¹	1998	1999	2000 ²	2001	2002	2003	2004 ²
Alabama	308	276	362	NA	2,277	1,590	1,469	1,427	1,158	992	832
Alaska	395	777	732	NA	917	982	774	2,168	3,523	3,776	5,282
American Samoa	0	0	0	NA	122	89	53	61	41	19	8
Arizona	367	387	906	NA	528	4,805	4,883	15,117	17,755	12,204	13,020
Arkansas	16,124	8,549	11,577	NA	8,183	5,395	3,270	2,705	5,737	5,354	3,212
California	0	0	0	NA	1,542,297	1,325,904	1,216,709	1,160,770	1,072,705	1,089,784	1,001,397
Colorado	859	593	2,216	NA	2,537	1,278	1,115	1,134	655	711	825
Connecticut	17,176	18,410	13,934	NA	8,938	6,829	4,442	3,774	4,137	4,779	4,976
Delaware	0	7	406	NA	132	62	48	450	1,462	1,276	604
District of Columbia	1,675	1,920	1,784	NA	26	28	3	0	46	533	443
Florida	2,290	1,639	3,831	NA	9,799	9,266	9,684	10,102	13,339	14,198	13,565
Georgia	20,753	20,656	15,368	NA	10,701	8,723	4,349	3,711	4,439	5,363	5,815
Guam	0	0	0	NA	201	703	787	1,093	1,392	1,240	1,093
Hawaii	2,746	3,989	3,276	NA	6,408	10,126	10,511	8,821	5,880	1,966	739
Idaho	658	571	671	NA	793	1,231	2,169	1,464	1,023	1,250	1,210
Illinois	24,365	15,794	10,077	NA	12,304	12,934	13,052	29,521	43,514	39,453	46,337
Indiana	5,010	3,001	4,318	NA	4,605	5,507	5,978	13,250	21,517	12,874	23,905
Iowa	4,382	3,249	2,575	NA	2,093	1,449	1,159	1,463	2,677	3,459	3,441
Kansas	493	435	421	NA	1,385	1,483	3,020	3,715	3,435	4,229	3,824
Kentucky	11,819	13,902	14,173	NA	7,550	9,815	8,375	7,959	8,873	10,381	11,075
Louisiana	4,943	3,275	1,571	NA	3,911	1,358	989	821	1,812	1,863	1,215
Maine	19,363	14,798	20,783	NA	21,640	25,887	26,224	27,136	26,701	24,809	20,113
Maryland	2,837	2,613	2,091	NA	1,264	908	637	419	133	1,011	849
Massachusetts	19,464	18,601	11,727	NA	5,864	10,036	6,795	5,688	3,134	1,947	1,447
Michigan	34,640	26,198	20,097	NA	18,587	19,501	19,215	24,061	28,384	12,549	23,196
Minnesota	1,871	834	832	NA	1,058	521	356	322	512	1,353	2,264
Mississippi	4,236	4,151	2,974	NA	1,819	1,224	952	867	825	1,296	1,227
Missouri	1,633	742	627	NA	4,777	1,150	6,510	8,286	8,557	10,144	10,834
Montana	1,253	988	1,909	NA	1,676	1,539	2,014	2,174	1,790	1,611	1,800
Nebraska	522	496	331	NA	707	1,181	1,947	2,752	2,268	2,248	2,397
Nevada	685	708	640	NA	117	3,284	3,577	3,763	6,029	7,151	8,514
New Hampshire	1,570	1,312	1,246	NA	1,315	1,374	827	757	440	120	89
New Jersey	567	342	237	NA	1,541	474	1,086	1,041	2,093	2,794	4,354
New Mexico	12,600	12,277	9,171	NA	7,894	7,552	3,157	2,750	3,476	2,241	4,023
New York	290,922	327,123	346,089	NA	199,181	53,961	41,683	43,245	58,410	42,010	34,341
North Carolina	1,207	841	569	NA	2,408	3,237	3,481	3,260	3,976	4,973	5,224
North Dakota	355	355	220	NA	1,446	1,026	1,220	2,035	2,446	2,789	3,220
Northern Mariana Isls.	0	0	0	NA	1,475	3,891	225	105	890	1,641	1,883
Ohio	40,071	29,338	23,196	NA	19,058	25,880	47,868	62,901	68,358	42,399	52,520
Oklahoma	1,087	1,040	1,260	NA	3,121	1,496	3,899	12,382	15,586	27,921	49,238
Oregon	7,144	8,043	7,862	NA	5,901	4,863	8,335	7,857	7,819	9,146	17,610
Pennsylvania	100,651	99,105	92,128	NA	63,713	54,251	28,737	46,344	62,236	55,706	52,538
Puerto Rico	3,455	4,116	3,640	NA	3,870	1,783	1,210	1,356	8,408	9,653	11,811
Rhode Island	2,808	2,728	2,100	NA	1,766	1,565	1,375	784	446	267	188
South Carolina	2,053	1,495	1,158	NA	2,270	2,052	1,699	1,497	1,905	2,546	2,755
South Dakota	451	369	221	NA	2,330	1,698	2,099	4,228	6,504	4,194	4,071
Tennessee	5,004	3,561	3,684	NA	4,190	6,023	7,240	6,001	6,190	4,200	4,192
Texas	66,010	72,210	75,708	NA	121,794	121,925	118,092	85,020	73,515	91,929	124,869
Utah	3,758	3,525	5,584	NA	2,880	2,061	1,242	1,204	792	840	1,012
Vermont	2,485	2,074	1,396	NA	1,366	1,500	2,386	2,994	2,109	1,661	1,355
Virgin Islands	111	35	13	NA	199	106	100	76	0	0	0
Virginia	15,797	15,847	14,428	NA	10,261	7,702	4,619	2,945	727	2,586	2,589
Washington	43,429	41,462	45,284	NA	27,780	27,456	28,897	37,680	44,110	61,611	80,159
West Virginia	577	657	997	NA	488	865	759	483	399	853	879
Wisconsin	34,903	28,209	21,937	NA	25,933	27,187	20,404	21,460	22,271	23,592	31,915
Wyoming	82	56	17	NA	21	50	199	215	110	95	4,628
Industry Total	837,964	823,679	808,354	NA	2,195,417	1,834,766	1,691,905	1,693,615	1,686,669	1,675,590	1,710,922

NA - Not available.

¹ Beneficiary data were not collected in 1997.

² Beneficiaries reported for 2004 include true-ups through March 2005 for companies requesting reimbursement. Approximately ninety-nine percent of all eligible companies have reported at this time.

Source: Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC).

Table 2.10
Link Up Assistance Beneficiaries for Tribal and Non-Tribal Areas
By State or Jurisdiction

State or Jurisdiction	2002		2003		2004	
	Non-Tribal	Tribal	Non-Tribal	Tribal	Non-Tribal	Tribal
Alabama	1,158	0	992	0	832	0
Alaska	2,343	1,180	2,038	1,738	277	5,005
American Samoa	41	0	19	0	8	0
Arizona	2,147	15,608	2,010	10,194	6,258	6,762
Arkansas	5,737	0	5,354	0	3,212	0
California	1,072,698	7	1,089,784	0	1,001,396	1
Colorado	651	4	709	2	824	1
Connecticut	4,137	0	4,779	0	4,976	0
Delaware	1,462	0	1,276	0	604	0
District of Columbia	46	0	533	0	443	0
Florida	13,339	0	14,198	0	13,565	0
Georgia	4,439	0	5,363	0	5,815	0
Guam	1,392	0	1,240	0	1,093	0
Hawaii	5,880	0	1,966	0	739	0
Idaho	1,012	11	1,248	2	1,207	3
Illinois	43,514	0	39,453	0	46,337	0
Indiana	21,517	0	12,874	0	23,905	0
Iowa	2,677	0	3,459	0	3,441	0
Kansas	3,435	0	4,229	0	3,824	0
Kentucky	8,873	0	10,381	0	11,075	0
Louisiana	1,812	0	1,863	0	1,215	0
Maine	26,616	85	24,757	52	20,074	39
Maryland	133	0	1,011	0	849	0
Massachusetts	3,134	0	1,947	0	1,447	0
Michigan	29,379	5	12,528	21	23,165	31
Minnesota	490	22	1,249	104	2,175	89
Mississippi	825	0	1,296	0	1,227	0
Missouri	8,556	1	10,142	2	10,834	0
Montana	738	1,052	376	1,235	698	1,102
Nebraska	2,240	28	2,225	23	2,370	27
Nevada	6,020	9	7,146	5	8,510	4
New Hampshire	440	0	120	0	89	0
New Jersey	2,093	0	2,794	0	4,354	0
New Mexico	1,517	1,959	1,139	1,102	2,072	1,951
New York	58,404	6	42,010	0	34,341	0
North Carolina	3,976	0	4,973	0	5,224	0
North Dakota	1,941	505	1,636	1,153	1,686	1,534
Northern Mariana Islands	890	0	1,641	0	1,883	0
Ohio	68,358	0	42,399	0	52,520	0
Oklahoma	13,113	2,473	26,002	1,919	30,136	19,102
Oregon	7,790	29	9,105	41	17,541	69
Pennsylvania	62,236	0	55,706	0	52,538	0
Puerto Rico	8,408	0	9,653	0	11,811	0
Rhode Island	446	0	267	0	188	0
South Carolina	1,905	0	2,546	0	2,755	0
South Dakota	2,166	4,338	1,872	2,322	1,754	2,317
Tennessee	6,190	0	4,200	0	4,192	0
Texas	73,471	44	91,926	3	124,868	1
Utah	752	40	800	40	978	34
Vermont	2,109	0	1,661	0	1,355	0
Virgin Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0
Virginia	727	0	2,586	0	2,589	0
Washington	41,640	2,470	59,301	2,310	77,284	2,875
West Virginia	399	0	853	0	879	0
Wisconsin	22,271	0	23,591	1	31,911	4
Wyoming	85	25	75	20	4,545	83
Industry Total	1,656,768	29,901	1,653,301	22,289	1,669,888	41,034

Note: Beneficiaries reported for 2004 include true-ups through March 31, 2005. Starting October 2000, low-income beneficiaries are listed as either tribal or non-tribal due to implementation of the *Tribal Order*.

Source: Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC).

Table 2.11
Link Up Assistance Annual Payments by State or Jurisdiction

State or Jurisdiction	2000	2001	2002¹	2003¹	2004¹	Cumulative Total²
Alabama	\$28,604	\$27,515	\$22,180	\$16,611	\$15,660	\$466,099
Alaska	16,311	48,027	82,519	93,478	116,574	450,279
American Samoa	1,590	1,956	1,230	570	602	12,278
Arizona	106,010	307,747	374,097	265,619	281,463	1,564,940
Arkansas	61,903	52,138	112,057	102,083	60,478	2,556,095
California	20,961,644	20,047,387	18,484,430	18,441,727	17,159,601	147,726,694
Colorado	19,630	20,066	12,065	12,311	14,409	400,439
Connecticut	99,945	94,487	118,412	143,370	149,280	3,013,944
Delaware	864	8,100	26,284	18,942	8,456	81,840
District of Columbia	46	0	644	5,599	4,656	201,563
Florida	201,890	223,911	292,461	326,409	317,992	2,554,443
Georgia	85,560	70,534	93,181	133,609	146,256	3,615,063
Guam	13,775	19,129	24,362	21,704	19,130	113,925
Hawaii	237,604	200,713	133,663	44,698	16,815	1,242,276
Idaho	31,135	22,059	15,363	18,495	18,124	205,582
Illinois	330,390	753,951	955,318	935,326	1,032,555	7,879,792
Indiana	140,547	313,960	511,391	344,028	575,185	2,772,003
Iowa	18,187	23,038	42,289	55,770	56,475	968,121
Kansas	58,505	72,008	66,607	82,612	78,291	550,905
Kentucky	155,683	143,622	165,491	223,947	242,821	3,410,416
Louisiana	20,876	17,061	36,209	35,935	24,083	2,996,040
Maine	581,375	605,346	595,619	551,674	446,701	6,676,142
Maryland	15,289	10,047	3,174	24,264	20,376	706,943
Massachusetts	123,288	38,395	21,157	13,147	9,820	2,186,456
Michigan	399,999	502,411	590,706	275,032	478,485	7,993,415
Minnesota	4,489	3,585	5,934	19,649	29,678	239,432
Mississippi	20,981	19,224	17,698	26,570	26,422	628,705
Missouri	116,109	149,128	153,457	185,569	188,258	1,104,829
Montana	29,283	35,051	30,222	26,990	26,590	441,122
Nebraska	28,993	40,330	31,033	32,421	34,793	276,973
Nevada	60,681	64,019	102,327	120,774	143,647	633,324
New Hampshire	16,111	14,716	8,554	2,253	1,580	350,129
New Jersey	22,951	21,999	44,251	59,176	92,202	396,663
New Mexico	44,331	38,356	56,291	42,364	64,004	1,885,060
New York	1,130,140	1,185,878	1,612,501	1,117,775	938,493	70,551,032
North Carolina	55,554	56,619	69,270	98,188	110,207	929,690
North Dakota	19,827	33,642	38,910	95,608	108,374	402,151
Northern Mariana Islands	8,879	7,749	6,324	7,431	12,569	60,274
Ohio	806,836	1,090,935	1,203,721	719,228	908,480	9,817,846
Oklahoma	81,396	221,612	296,383	605,051	1,247,763	2,737,755
Oregon	76,668	69,616	78,192	87,391	301,475	1,084,740
Pennsylvania	531,678	916,298	1,241,723	1,118,248	1,054,387	22,280,614
Puerto Rico	22,598	27,120	156,135	201,275	294,859	1,417,265
Rhode Island	23,267	13,266	7,547	4,517	3,181	341,382
South Carolina	32,120	28,566	36,418	47,773	50,101	700,008
South Dakota	30,611	176,369	381,768	210,644	188,356	1,107,294
Tennessee	148,865	121,506	119,802	80,560	77,305	1,425,784
Texas	2,257,665	1,620,398	1,384,322	1,778,422	2,371,665	23,574,119
Utah	15,404	14,875	10,005	10,640	13,514	609,770
Vermont	42,256	46,478	30,045	23,622	19,167	457,638
Virgin Islands	1,763	718	0	393	0	12,189
Virginia	86,434	55,042	12,252	48,177	48,494	2,913,064
Washington	492,988	571,379	645,987	1,052,671	1,588,360	9,493,801
West Virginia	10,024	8,300	6,308	16,811	16,568	285,416
Wisconsin	543,690	571,356	590,955	761,456	851,155	8,263,088
Wyoming	3,609	4,016	2,027	1,893	116,794	152,286
Industry Total	\$30,476,851	\$30,851,754	\$31,161,271	\$30,790,500	\$32,222,729	\$364,919,136

¹ Dollars reported include true-ups through March 2005 for companies requesting reimbursement. Approximately ninety-nine percent of eligible companies have reported at this time.

² Cumulative total reflects data collected from 1987 through 2004. For historical Link Up assistance annual payments, refer to earlier publications of the Monitoring Report at <http://www.fcc.gov/wcb/iatd/monitor.html>.

Source: Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC).

Table 2.12
Low-Income Average Benefits by State or Jurisdiction

State or Jurisdiction	Lifeline per Month						Link Up per Connection					
	2002		2003		2004		2002		2003		2004	
	Non-Tribal	Tribal	Non-Tribal	Tribal	Non-Tribal	Tribal	Non-Tribal	Tribal	Non-Tribal	Tribal	Non-Tribal	Tribal
Alabama	\$8.30	-	\$10.18	-	\$9.88	\$4.42	\$19.15	-	16.74	-	18.82	-
Alaska	9.34	7.01	10.36	7.01	10.31	7.67	21.50	27.24	23.37	26.38	29.05	21.68
American Samoa	6.19	-	7.96	-	8.52	-	30.00	-	30.00	-	75.25	-
Arizona	7.88	21.48	9.36	21.88	9.64	21.94	27.10	20.24	28.15	20.51	22.42	20.88
Arkansas	7.43	-	7.78	-	7.86	-	19.53	-	19.07	-	18.83	-
California	7.59	5.33	7.84	5.04	7.88	5.06	17.23	36.29	16.92	-	17.14	7.00
Colorado	9.03	11.36	9.76	10.77	9.99	10.40	18.42	17.75	17.31	18.00	17.46	18.00
Connecticut	7.72	-	8.11	-	8.08	-	28.62	-	30.00	-	30.00	-
Delaware	8.42	-	9.05	-	8.20	-	17.98	-	14.84	-	14.00	-
District of Columbia	7.34	-	7.36	-	7.21	-	14.00	-	10.50	-	10.51	-
Florida	8.87	-	9.47	-	9.78	-	21.93	-	22.99	-	23.44	-
Georgia	8.84	-	9.58	-	9.82	-	20.99	-	24.91	-	25.15	-
Guam	9.01	-	9.76	-	10.00	-	17.50	-	17.50	-	17.50	-
Hawaii	7.23	-	7.86	-	8.19	-	22.73	-	22.74	-	22.75	-
Idaho	9.09	13.92	9.81	12.57	9.98	14.28	14.95	21.27	14.80	14.50	14.98	14.33
Illinois	7.32	-	7.50	-	6.76	-	21.95	-	23.71	-	22.28	-
Indiana	7.39	-	7.52	-	7.52	-	23.77	-	26.72	-	24.06	-
Iowa	6.77	8.89	7.22	10.88	7.30	19.04	15.80	-	16.12	-	16.41	-
Kansas	8.65	-	8.83	0.89	8.96	4.67	19.39	-	19.53	-	20.47	-
Kentucky	7.37	-	9.20	-	9.25	-	18.65	-	21.57	-	21.93	-
Louisiana	7.18	-	7.90	-	8.06	-	19.98	-	19.29	-	19.82	-
Maine	8.98	6.91	9.73	6.91	9.89	6.89	22.31	22.38	22.24	22.40	22.21	22.41
Maryland	8.84	-	9.22	-	9.22	-	23.86	-	24.00	-	24.00	-
Massachusetts	8.99	10.08	9.71	7.09	9.92	7.25	6.75	-	6.75	-	6.79	-
Michigan	8.00	14.66	8.25	15.17	8.29	15.21	20.81	11.00	21.93	11.00	20.64	11.00
Minnesota	6.85	6.70	7.50	7.90	7.95	9.19	11.61	11.18	12.18	42.63	12.10	37.64
Mississippi	8.84	-	9.52	-	9.75	-	21.45	-	20.50	-	21.53	-
Missouri	7.03	4.94	7.49	2.79	7.72	2.54	17.93	10.00	18.29	21.00	17.38	-
Montana	8.81	8.66	9.51	10.78	9.80	11.77	15.05	18.17	15.74	17.06	13.23	15.75
Nebraska	8.71	11.16	8.89	15.61	8.89	15.39	13.50	28.00	14.28	28.00	14.35	28.81
Nevada	7.36	5.52	7.93	5.65	7.82	5.69	16.95	33.78	16.88	23.60	16.86	40.25
New Hampshire	7.24	-	7.99	-	8.18	-	19.44	-	18.78	-	17.75	-
New Jersey	8.13	-	9.52	-	9.73	-	21.14	-	21.18	-	21.18	-
New Mexico	8.88	12.41	9.64	15.27	9.93	16.91	15.71	16.57	22.52	15.16	14.75	17.14
New York	8.70	1.81	9.64	7.43	9.68	9.67	27.61	28.50	26.61	-	27.33	-
North Carolina	8.94	3.97	9.66	10.92	9.75	8.13	17.42	-	19.74	-	21.10	-
North Dakota	8.29	9.02	8.61	8.93	9.13	16.02	15.44	17.71	15.39	61.09	15.27	53.86
Northern Mariana Islands	6.28	-	7.52	-	8.25	-	7.11	-	4.53	-	6.67	-
Ohio	7.64	-	8.57	-	8.82	-	17.61	-	16.96	-	17.30	-
Oklahoma	7.57	10.22	7.51	10.15	7.61	11.03	20.16	12.93	22.41	11.70	21.81	30.92
Oregon	9.09	10.18	9.88	9.95	9.93	10.73	10.01	8.24	9.53	15.07	16.87	80.12
Pennsylvania	7.90	-	8.35	-	8.35	-	19.95	-	20.07	-	20.07	-
Puerto Rico	9.05	-	9.67	-	9.92	-	18.57	-	20.85	-	24.96	-
Rhode Island	8.94	-	9.40	-	9.84	-	16.92	-	16.92	-	16.92	-
South Carolina	9.07	9.58	9.54	10.60	9.78	11.92	19.12	-	18.76	-	18.19	-
South Dakota	6.76	18.36	7.35	17.56	8.04	18.08	12.82	81.60	12.56	80.59	12.17	72.08
Tennessee	8.75	-	9.34	-	9.53	-	19.35	-	19.18	-	18.44	-
Texas	8.53	7.20	8.77	2.46	8.93	0.98	18.83	19.55	19.35	19.00	18.99	19.00
Utah	9.02	7.36	9.89	7.69	9.94	7.50	12.28	19.23	12.40	18.03	13.09	21.00
Vermont	8.98	-	9.72	-	9.85	-	14.25	-	14.22	-	14.15	-
Virgin Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Virginia	8.81	-	9.24	-	9.12	-	16.85	-	18.63	-	18.73	-
Washington	8.82	22.59	8.85	22.88	8.84	23.06	14.75	12.85	17.17	14.93	19.02	41.10
West Virginia	7.91	-	8.99	-	9.54	-	15.81	-	19.71	-	18.85	-
Wisconsin	7.55	9.39	7.83	9.65	7.61	10.07	26.53	-	32.28	52.00	26.67	20.50
Wyoming	9.00	22.06	9.76	22.21	8.93	21.46	18.33	18.76	19.25	22.45	24.25	79.17
Industry Total	\$7.97	\$13.34	\$8.44	\$13.69	\$8.53	\$14.34	\$18.31	\$27.85	\$18.25	\$27.63	\$18.53	\$31.13

Source: Lifeline payments (Table 2.4) divided by subscribers (Table 2.7) and divided by 12 (months).

Link Up payments (Table 2.4) divided by beneficiaries (Table 2.10).

Note: Rates and benefits vary by company within each state or jurisdiction. Most tribal subscribers are typically served by different companies than most non-tribal subscribers. In some states the rates of companies serving tribal lands have low base rates, resulting in lower average tribal benefits in those states than for non-tribal customers served by companies with higher rates.

3. High-Cost Support

The high-cost support mechanisms enable areas with very high costs to recover some of these costs from the federal universal service fund, leaving a smaller remainder of the costs to be recovered through end-user rates or state universal service support mechanisms. In this manner, the high-cost support mechanisms are intended to hold down rates and thereby further one of the most important goals of federal and state regulation -- the preservation and advancement of universal telephone service. This section of the report outlines the high-cost support mechanisms and provides data for these mechanisms. The high-cost support mechanisms include embedded high-cost loop support (HCLS),¹ safety net additive support, safety valve support, forward-looking non-rural high-cost model support (HCMS), long term support (LTS)², interstate common line support (ICLS) for rate-of-return carriers, interstate access support (IAS) for price-cap carriers, and local switching support (LSS). Table 3.1 summarizes the annual amounts for the high-cost support mechanisms for 1986 through 2005.³ It is based on information provided by the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) through 1997 and the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) since 1998. For the first time, we have actual support amounts from USAC for all years from 1998 to 2004. Support amounts for 2005 are projected, based on USAC's third quarter filing.⁴ Support amounts are subject to adjustment if data are corrected in future periods.

Competitive carriers are eligible to receive support from the universal service support mechanisms provided that they provide service using their own facilities, either partially or completely. Thus, pure resellers are not eligible. To be eligible to receive support, a carrier must be designated as a competitive eligible telecommunications carrier (CETC) by the state regulatory commission of the state in which it operates, or by the FCC where the state

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- 1 This was formerly referred to as the Universal Service Fund, and still bears that name in the Commission rules. It is now referred to as high-cost loop support to avoid confusion with the new, more comprehensive universal service support mechanisms that the Commission developed to implement the 1996 Act. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 36.601. *See also* 47 C.F.R. Part 54.
 - 2 Effective July 1, 2004, LTS was merged into ICLS.
 - 3 The 2005 numbers are based on the assumption that fourth quarter projections will be the same as those for the third quarter.
 - 4 Universal Service Administrative Company, *Federal Universal Service Support Mechanism Fund Size Projections (USAC Filing) for the Third Quarter 2005* (May 2, 2005). Actual support amounts for earlier years were provided to us by special request. Except for ICLS and LSS, for which final true-ups are available through 2003, the actual support amounts for a given year contain adjustments for prior years. USAC now makes these amounts available on their website on a monthly basis.

commission lacks jurisdiction.⁵ A competitive carrier that is designated as a CETC will receive high-cost support that is determined by the number of lines it serves, the support per line received by the incumbent local exchange carrier (ILEC) against which it is competing, and the degree to which it uses its own facilities to provide its services.⁶ Table 3.2 compares the annual amounts of support received by ILECs and by CETCs for each support mechanism since the first CETC started receiving support in 1999.⁷

Historically, HCLS was provided to all ILECs based on their embedded costs. Such support provides assistance for non-traffic sensitive (NTS) local loop costs -- a term that refers to the costs of outside telephone wires, poles, and other facilities that link each telephone customer's premises to the public switched telephone network. NTS costs are allocated between the state and interstate jurisdictions because all local loops can be used for making and receiving both intrastate and interstate telephone calls. Historically, the interstate allocation was made using the Subscriber Plant Factor (SPF).⁸ This factor is now 25% for all companies. Today, only rural carriers⁹ receive HCLS. Non-rural carriers receive HCMS instead of HCLS.

If an ILEC is deemed a rural carrier, it continues to receive high-cost support based on embedded costs. The expense adjustment allows those study areas¹⁰ with an average unseparated cost per loop that exceeds 115% of the national average to allocate an additional portion of their NTS costs to the interstate jurisdiction and to have those costs recovered by

5 47 C.F.R. § 54.201.

6 47 C.F.R. § 54.307.

7 The data for 2005 are projections. USAC's quarterly filings include projections of support for competitive carriers that have applied for, but not yet received, ETC status. These support amounts have been removed from the 2005 data reported here if the carrier failed to attain ETC status by the time of the filing for the Third Quarter 2005.

8 The Subscriber Plant Factor is defined in section 36.154(e) of the Commission's rules. 47 C.F.R. § 36.154(e). It was frozen in 1981 and then transitioned to 25% between 1985 and 1993, subject to the limitations in section 36.154(f) of the Commission's rules. 47 C.F.R. § 36.154(f).

9 See 47 C.F.R. § 51.5 for the definition of a rural carrier. Generally, they either have less than 100,000 lines or serve predominantly rural areas.

10 A study area is usually an operating company's operations in one state. Holding companies may own multiple operating companies and thus have multiple study areas in a state. Study area boundaries were frozen as of November 15, 1984. Any subsequent change requires a Commission waiver of this freeze.

HCLS.¹¹ Table 3.3 shows the percentages of additional NTS costs recovered by HCLS.¹² HCLS was implemented during a period in which the basic interstate allocation of loop costs was shifted from a level based on the historical SPF to the present flat allocation factor of 25%. Both of these changes were phased in between 1985 and 1993, during which the HCLS was increased by one-eighth of the formula amount each year.

In December 1993, the Commission, at the recommendation of the Joint Board in CC Docket 80-286, imposed a cap on HCLS payments.¹³ The cap was indexed to the rate of growth in the national total of working exchange loops. It is implemented by adjusting the national average cost per loop used to calculate each study area's high-cost assistance (using the current formula from Table 3.3) from the average value to whatever base value is required to achieve the cap. For example, in 2003, the cap is achieved by adjusting the base value 2001 cost per loop from the national average of \$240.00 to \$267.15. In addition, when exchanges are sold or transferred to another company, the new owner is limited to the same support for those exchanges that they had under the old owner.¹⁴

The Commission modified the high-cost support mechanism to provide additional support to rural carriers on May 23, 2001. Implementation of the modified support mechanism began July 1, 2001 and will continue for at least a five year period.¹⁵ The Commission rebased

- 11 In January 1988, high-cost assistance was retargeted to increase benefits to small and medium sized LECs. The old and new high-cost formulas are compared in Table 3.1 of the *Monitoring Reports* in CC Docket No. 87-339. The last report in that docket was released May 30, 1997.
- 12 For example, suppose the national average cost per loop is \$240 and a company with 10,000 loops has a cost per loop of \$420, or 175% of the national average. Then for the portion of their costs between \$276 (115% of the national average) and \$360 (150% of the national average) they would receive 65% of those costs [.65 times (\$360 - \$276) = \$54.60], plus they would receive 75% of their costs over \$360 [.75 times (\$420 - \$360) = \$45], resulting in HCLS totaling \$99.60 per loop, or \$996,000 total support.
- 13 *Amendment of Part 36 of the Commission's Rules and Establishment of a Joint Board*, CC Docket No. 80-286, Report and Order, 9 FCC Rcd 303 (1993).
- 14 47 C.F.R. § 54.305. This applies to sales and transfers initiated after May 7, 1997. In August 2000, the Common Carrier Bureau adopted an order removing similar older caps for individual study areas that were subject to them at that time, effective January 1, 2000. *Petitions for Waiver Concerning the Definition of "Study Area" Contained in Part 36 Appendix-Glossary of the Commission's Rules*, CC Docket No. 96-45, Order, 15 FCC Rcd 23491 (2000).
- 15 *See Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Multi-Association Group (MAG) Plan for Regulation of Interstate Services of Non-Price Cap Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers and Interexchange Carriers*, CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 00-256, Fourteenth Report

the HCLS fund for rural carriers, revised the corporate operations expense limitation formula,¹⁶ and modified the indexed cap. Accordingly, beginning July 1, 2001, the caps for non-rural hold-harmless and rural HCLS are calculated separately.¹⁷ For rural carriers, the national average annual loop cost is now frozen at \$240.00 and the cap is indexed to the rate of growth in working loops of rural carriers plus the rate of inflation as measured by the Gross Domestic Product – Chained Price Index (GDP-CPI).¹⁸

To encourage new investment in rural infrastructure, safety net additive support was made available for rural carriers whose telephone plant in service per loop increased by over 14% in one year. This additional loop support equals the difference between what its HCLS would have been uncapped and what it is capped in the qualifying year less the difference between the uncapped and capped amounts in the base year. For new sales or transfers of rural exchanges, the acquiring carrier is required to keep separate cost information for the acquired exchanges to determine the eligible support for those exchanges. Safety valve support is available for new investments in infrastructure made in the acquired exchanges.¹⁹ On June 13, 2002, the Commission adjusted the rural HCLS cap by changing the base year for the calculations to 2000 for purposes of recalculating the cap for 2002 and subsequent years.²⁰

If a carrier is deemed to be a non-rural carrier, it now receives high-cost support based on forward-looking costs, as estimated by an FCC cost model. The Commission adopted a new high-cost support mechanism for non-rural carriers on October 21, 1999, based on recommendations from the Joint Board.²¹ This HCMS mechanism is based on the forward-

and Order, Twenty-Second Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-45, and Report and Order in CC Docket No. 00-256, 16 FCC Rcd 11244 (2001).

16 Previously, in 1997, the Commission had adopted limitations on the amount of allowed corporate operations expense. The limitations are specified in section 36.621(a)(4) of the Commission's rules. 47 C.F.R. § 36.621(a)(4).

17 47 C.F.R. §§ 36.602 and 36.603. See page 3–6 below for a discussion of hold-harmless.

18 This replaces the indexing of the cap to the rate of growth of the national total of working exchange loops.

19 See 47 C.F.R. § 54.305(d)-(f).

20 See *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Multi-Association Group (MAG) Plan for Regulation of Interstate Services of Non-Price Cap Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers and Interexchange Carriers*, CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 00-256, Order on Reconsideration, 17 FCC Rcd 11472 (2002) (*Rebasing Order*).

21 See *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket No. 96-45, Ninth Report

looking costs of providing supported services²² as determined by the Commission's cost model.²³ For each state, the cost model calculates the wire center forward-looking cost per line incurred by non-rural carriers to provide supported services. The statewide average cost per line is then compared to the national average cost per line to determine eligibility for support. The forward-looking support mechanism provides support to non-rural carriers in those states that have a statewide average forward-looking cost per line greater than the national benchmark, which initially was set at 135 percent of the national average forward-looking cost per line. Beginning in 2004, this benchmark is now two standard deviations above the national average.²⁴

After determining the total amount of forward-looking support provided to non-rural carriers in a particular state, the support is then targeted to individual wire centers that have forward-looking costs in excess of the benchmark.²⁵ Under the targeting approach, the amount of support provided to a non-rural carrier serving a particular wire center depends on the relative costs in that wire center and the number of lines served by the carrier. By comparing the relative

and Order and Eighteenth Order on Reconsideration, 14 FCC Rcd 20432 (1999) (*High-Cost Methodology Order*), *rev'd in part and remanded*, *Qwest Corp. v. FCC*, 258 F.3d 1191 (10th Cir. 2001), *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket No. 96-45, Order on Remand, Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, and Memorandum Opinion and Order, 18 FCC Rcd 22559 (2003) (*Order on Remand*), *remanded*, *Qwest Corp. v. FCC*, 398 F.3d 1222 (10th Cir. 2005).

- 22 The services eligible for federal universal service support are listed in section 54.101 of the Commission's rules. 47 C.F.R. § 54.101.
- 23 The cost model consists of: (1) a model platform, which contains a series of fixed assumptions about network design and engineering; and (2) input values for the model platform, such as the cost of network components, *e.g.*, cables and switches, as well as various capital cost parameters. The Commission adopted the model platform in the *Platform Order* released in October 1998. *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Forward-Looking Mechanism for High-Cost Support for Non-Rural LECs*, CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 97-160, Fifth Report and Order, 13 FCC Rcd 21323 (1998) (*Platform Order*). The Commission adopted input values in the *Inputs Order* released in November 1999. *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Forward-Looking Mechanism for High-Cost Support for Non-Rural LECs*, CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 97-160, Tenth Report and Order, 14 FCC Rcd 20156 (1999) (*Inputs Order*).
- 24 *High-Cost Methodology Order*, 14 FCC Rcd 20432 at paras. 10 and 55. The forward-looking support mechanism provides support for all intrastate costs that exceed the benchmark. *High-Cost Methodology Order*, at paras. 60-63. In October 2003, the Commission adopted an order modifying the national benchmark. *Order on Remand*.
- 25 *High-Cost Methodology Order*, at paras. 68-76.

costs in various above-benchmark wire centers, the targeting approach enables the Commission to provide greater amounts of support to carriers serving lines in wire centers with costs further above the benchmark. Thus, unlike providing a uniform per line statewide support amount, the targeting approach provides support in an amount commensurate with the cost of service, thereby encouraging carriers to serve high-cost areas.

The Commission also adopted a transitional “hold-harmless” measure to prevent rate shocks and disruptions in state rate designs when the new mechanism took effect. As adopted, no non-rural telephone company would receive less support than it received under the LTS plus embedded HCLS mechanisms during the transition period. On December 8, 2000, the Commission adopted measures to phase down interim hold-harmless support, through \$1.00 reductions in average monthly per-line embedded HCLS, beginning January 1, 2001, and every year thereafter until there is no more interim embedded hold-harmless HCLS.²⁶ That point has now been reached.

LTS was related to interstate non-traffic sensitive costs. LTS provided support to the members of the NECA common line pool, allowing them to charge a below-cost carrier common line (CCL) rate that was uniform for all companies in the pool. Prior to 1989, all ILECs were required to be part of the NECA common line (CL) pool, and CCL rates were uniform nationwide. On April 1, 1989, companies were permitted to withdraw from the NECA CL pool and provide jurisdictionally specific CCL access charges; however, carriers had to remain in the pool to receive LTS.²⁷

Nationwide pool results provided by NECA for 2004 are shown in Tables 3.4 and 3.5. Table 3.4 summarizes the CL pool revenues and expenses for the year 2004, as well as a comparison with the corresponding figures for 2003. Table 3.5 has comparable figures for NECA's traffic sensitive pool.

To reduce disparities in CCL rates among ILECs after companies were permitted to withdraw from the CL pool, LTS was set up. LTS originally consisted of payments to the NECA CL pool from companies that withdrew from the NECA CL pool. Companies remaining in the NECA pool charge CCL rates, pursuant to the NECA tariff, which were formerly equal to the average CCL rate of the price-cap companies. Effective January 1, 1998, the funds for LTS came from the federal universal service support mechanisms. At the same time, the NECA pool rate no longer was made equal to the average price-cap rate. Rather, the amount of LTS that a

26 *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket No. 96-45, Thirteenth Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 15 FCC Rcd 24422 (2000).

27 See previous *Monitoring Reports* for a detailed list of which companies are no longer in the NECA CL pool.

NECA pool member was eligible to receive in 1998 was the 1997 level of LTS (the difference between 1997 CCL revenue requirements and the sum of 1997 CCL revenues using the NECA pool rate and 1997 subscriber line charge revenues) multiplied by the rate of growth of the national average NTS cost per loop. The 1999 level of LTS was similarly adjusted from the 1998 level by the national average loop cost growth rate. Beginning January 1, 2000, LTS was adjusted for inflation to reflect the annual percentage change in the GDP-CPI.²⁸ After the implementation of ICLS (see below), the Commission determined that it was necessary to reduce LTS for some carriers to prevent over earning by those carriers whose ICLS would otherwise have fallen below zero.²⁹ Effective July 1, 2004, LTS was merged into ICLS.³⁰

In response to the 1996 Act, the Commission also has removed implicit support from interstate access charges. In November 2001, the Commission created the ICLS mechanism for rate-of-return carriers to convert implicit support in the access rate structure to explicit, portable support.³¹ ICLS recovers any shortfall between the allowed common line revenues of rate-of-return carriers and their subscriber line charge revenues and gradually replaces the carrier common line charge. Under the *MAG Order*, the ICLS mechanism was implemented beginning on July 1, 2002.

On May 31, 2000, the Commission established an explicit interstate access support (IAS) mechanism for price-cap carriers to replace the implicit support previously collected through interstate access charges.³² Like LTS and ICLS, the purpose of this mechanism is to provide

28 See 47 C.F.R. § 54.303.

29 See *Multi-Association Group (MAG) Plan for Regulation of Interstate Services of Non-Price Cap Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers and Interexchange Carriers, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket Nos. 00-256, 96-45, Order and Second Order on Reconsideration, 17 FCC Rcd 11593 (2002) (*MAG Reconsideration Order*).

30 See *Multi-Association Group (MAG) Plan for Regulation of Interstate Services of Non-Price Cap Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers and Interexchange Carriers, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket Nos. 00-256, 96-45, Report and Order and Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 19 FCC Rcd 4122 (2004).

31 *Multi-Association Group (MAG) Plan for Regulation of Interstate Services of Non-Price Cap Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers and Interexchange Carriers, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, Second Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 00-256, Fifteenth Report and Order in CC Docket No. 96-45, 16 FCC Rcd 19613 (2001) (*MAG Order*).

32 *Access Charge Reform, Price Cap Performance Review for Local Exchange Carriers, Low-Volume Long Distance Users, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, Sixth Report and Order in CC Docket Nos. 96-262 and 94-1, Report and Order in CC

explicit support to ensure reasonably affordable interstate rates. This is in contrast to the Commission's other high-cost support mechanisms, which provide support to enable states to ensure reasonably affordable and comparable intrastate rates. The IAS mechanism provides support to carriers serving lines in areas where they are unable to recover their permitted revenues from the subscriber line charges. The support total is an aggregate annual amount of approximately \$650 million. It is targeted to the density zones that have the greatest need for it, and is provided on a portable, per-line basis. It is available on a competitively neutral basis to any ETC serving a supported customer, regardless of the technology used by that carrier.

LSS provides support for traffic sensitive local switching costs. LSS provides support to ILECs with study areas of 50,000 or fewer access lines, to help defray the higher switching costs of small ILECs. The LSS is recovered through the universal service support mechanisms, rather than through higher traffic-sensitive access charges. Until 1997, this support was implicitly included in those access charges, based on dial equipment minute (DEM) weighting.³³ The portion of these costs that were normally allocated to interstate was determined by the ratio of interstate to total dial equipment minutes, known as the DEM factor. However, ILEC study areas with 50,000 access lines or fewer had that portion multiplied by a weighting factor, which was determined by the number of access lines in the study area.³⁴ The resulting weighted DEM factor (which was not permitted to exceed .85) allowed these study areas to recover a greater portion of their local switching costs from interexchange carriers in the form of higher access charges.³⁵

Since 1998, the LSS factor has been calculated as the difference between the 1996 weighted DEM factor and the 1996 unweighted DEM factor. It is subject to the limit that the sum of the DEM factor and the LSS factor shall not exceed .85. Also, if the number of lines has increased since 1996 across one of the limit values of 10,000 or 20,000 or 50,000 lines, the 1996

Docket No. 99-249, Eleventh Report and Order in CC Docket No. 96-45, 15 FCC Rcd 12962 (2000) (*CALLS Order*), *rev'd and remanded*, *Texas Office of Public Utility Counsel v. FCC*, 265 F. 3d 313 (5th Cir. 2001), and *Access Charge Reform*, CC Docket No. 96-262, *Price Cap Performance Review for LECs*, CC Docket No. 94-1, *Low-Volume Long Distance Users*, CC Docket No. 99-249, *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket No. 96-45, Order on Remand, 18 FCC Rcd 14976 (2003).

- 33 Table 3.7 of the 2003 *Universal Service Monitoring Report* provides estimates of DEM weighting impacts from 1993 to 1997.
- 34 The weighting factors, which became effective in 1993, are shown in Table 3.6 of the December 1998 and June 1999 *Monitoring Reports*.
- 35 The weighted and unweighted DEM factors are shown in section 8 of this report. The DEM factors were frozen in 2001 for a five year period. See *Jurisdictional Separations Reform and Referral to the Federal-State Joint Board*, Report and Order, CC Docket No. 80-286, FCC 01-162, 16 FCC Rcd 11382 (2001).

weighted DEM factor used for computing the LSS factor is adjusted to reflect the weighting factor appropriate for the new number of lines. The LSS is the product of a carrier's annual unseparated local switching revenue requirement multiplied by its LSS factor. The Commission's rules require that the LSS be true-up with actual costs no later than 15 months after the end of the calendar year for which historical data are submitted.³⁶

All of the universal service support mechanisms are administered by USAC, an independent subsidiary of NECA. As part of its administration of these support mechanisms, USAC files quarterly reports with the Commission, at least 60 days prior to the start of each quarter. These reports include quarterly projections of the amounts to be paid for each program, along with true-ups (differences between actual payments and projections) for prior periods, administrative expenses and interest income. The report for the third quarter of 2005, filed on May 2, 2005, was the primary one used to compile the tables in this section, along with information on actual support payments since 2003 found on the USAC website³⁷ and data provided to us by USAC on annual support payments between 1998 and 2002. Tables 3.6 through 3.14 provide a summary by state of the total amounts of these support payments. Each table summarizes the annual amounts for the high-cost programs for 1998 through 2005. The 2005 numbers are based on the assumption that fourth quarter projections will be the same as those for the third quarter. Table 3.6 summarizes HCLS payments, Table 3.7 summarizes safety net additive support payments, Table 3.8 summarizes safety valve support payments, Table 3.9 summarizes HCMS payments,³⁸ Table 3.10 summarizes LTS payments, Table 3.11 summarizes ICLS payments, Table 3.12 summarizes IAS payments, and Table 3.13 summarizes LSS payments. Table 3.14 summarizes the total of these seven payments. Table 3.15 shows the amounts of these payments by state going to ILECs and CETCs for each year since 1999. Table 3.16 shows, by support mechanism by state, for 2004, the monthly support payments per loop to carriers.³⁹

36 47 C.F.R. § 54.301(e)(2)(iv).

37 The monthly payment information for each study area can be found at: <http://form498.universalservice.org/hc/disbursements/default.aspx>.

38 The payments for the forward-looking high-cost model support only include payments actually made based on the model. In cases where the HCL hold-harmless payment was made because it exceeded the model amount, the model amount was not counted and the hold-harmless payments were included in Table 3.6.

39 Loops or lines from USAC's Fund Size Projection for the Fourth Quarter 2004 were used because USAC's files showing actual payments do not include the number of loops or lines on which those payments are based. HCLS loops were used for ILECs. For CETCs, HCLS loops were used where available; when HCLS loops were not available, lines are based on the number of reported loops or lines for the support mechanisms for which they qualify. Only those CETC loops or lines that were reported as eligible for support in the Fourth Quarter filing or received support payments in 2004 were included.

Pursuant to Part 36 of the Commission's rules, NECA collects certain cost data from ILECs that provide service to approximately 98% of the nation's subscribers.⁴⁰ Each year NECA collects NTS cost and loop data from the previous year, and files all such data with USAC and the Commission. USAC, as administrator of the high-cost support mechanism, uses that information to distribute high-cost assistance in the following year. On October 1, 2004, NECA reported new data for 2003, and revised data for the four previous years. State totals, based on that report, covering cost data for 2003, are presented in Table 3.17. This table shows unseparated NTS costs (revenue requirement), the number of loops, and costs per loop. It also shows the expected HCLS payments for 2005, based on 2003 data, using the high-cost formula and the cap discussed above. The costs shown are embedded costs for all companies.⁴¹ The final column shows the percentage of the total payments going to companies in the state.

Table 3.18 shows the changes, from the revised data for 2002 to the newly reported data for 2003, for state totals, of the unseparated NTS revenue requirement, the number of loops, the revenue requirement per loop, and the HCLS payments. The phrase, "payments in later year" in the last column refers to the fact that the payments are made two years after the costs are incurred; in this case, in the years 2004 and 2005.

Tables 3.19 through 3.21 present state summaries of the revised historical information filed for 1999 through 2003 in the 2004 filing. Table 3.19 shows the unseparated NTS revenue requirements for each year. Table 3.20 shows the number of loops. Table 3.21 shows the unseparated NTS revenue requirement per loop.

The next several tables in this section are data for individual study areas. Tables 3.22 through 3.30 are derived from the USAC data. Table 3.22 has HCLS payments. Table 3.23 has safety net additive support payments. Only those study areas that are eligible for these payments, regardless of whether they receive any support, are included in the table. Table 3.24 has safety valve support payments. Only those study areas that are eligible for these payments, regardless of whether they receive any support, are included in the table. Table 3.25 provides, by non-rural study area, the high cost support using the forward-looking high-cost model support mechanism.⁴² Table 3.26 has LTS payments. Table 3.27 has ICLS payments. Table 3.28 has

40 These are the carriers that settle on a cost basis. Costs for the remaining ILECs, which settle on an average schedule basis, are attributed by NECA on the basis of those carriers' average number of loops per exchange.

41 The data submitted by NECA include payments that would have been made to non-rural carriers if the forward-looking high cost model had not been implemented, which form the basis of the hold-harmless calculations. Consequently the amounts shown in Table 3.6 are a better indication of the actual HCLS payments.

42 Companies getting hold-harmless support have those amounts shown in Table 3.22.

IAS payments for price-cap companies. Only those study areas that are eligible for these payments, regardless of whether they receive any support, are included in the table. Table 3.29 has LSS payments. Table 3.30 has the total support payments for all seven programs. Each of these tables contains the annual amounts for only those years for which a support mechanism was in place. The 1998 amounts in Tables 3.22, 3.26, and 3.29 are the actual payments after processing the final true-ups for 1998.⁴³ Table 3.27 has the final ICLS true-ups for 2002 and 2003.⁴⁴ Table 3.29 has the final LSS true-ups for 1999 through 2003.⁴⁵ The other numbers (except for 2005 data) are based on the actual payments, as reported by USAC, and include out-of-year adjustments for prior years. In all cases the 2005 total is based on the assumption that the fourth quarter amount will be the same as the third quarter projection. CETC study areas listed in the *USAC Filing for the Third Quarter of 2005* as being ineligible for support (because they applied for, but have not yet received, ETC status) have been excluded from these tables.

Tables 3.31 through 3.35 are derived from NECA's 2004 filing.⁴⁶ Table 3.31 contains individual study area data for 2003 for unseparated NTS costs (Revenue Requirement), the number of loops, and costs per loop. It also shows the expected HCLS payments for 2005, based on 2003 data, and the percentage of the national total HCLS that goes to the study area. For study areas that acquired exchanges from another study area and had to report the amounts for the acquired exchanges separately, the study area code is appended with an A for the data for the acquired exchanges. In the second column of Table 3.31, the types are cost (C) and average schedule (A), indicating the form of settlements used by that study area. The third column indicates whether the study area has been designated as rural (R) or non-rural (N). In addition to the name of the study area, the name of the holding company (if any) is also shown. The costs shown are embedded costs for all companies, and the payments shown include potential payments to non-rural companies that form the basis of hold-harmless calculations.⁴⁷ Table 3.32 shows the percentage changes from the

43 These are from Universal Service Administrative Company, *Federal Universal Service Support Mechanism Fund Size Projections (USAC Filing) for the First Quarter 2002* (November 2, 2001), Appendix HC7.

44 These are from the *USAC Filing for the Third Quarter 2004* (May 13, 2004), Appendix HC23, and the *USAC Filing for the Third Quarter 2005* (May 2, 2005), Appendix HC23.

45 These are from the *USAC Filing for the Third Quarter 2001* (May 2, 2001), Appendix HC6; *USAC Filing for the Fourth Quarter 2002* (August 2, 2001), Appendix HC17; *USAC Filing for the Third Quarter 2003* (May 2, 2003), Appendix HC18; *USAC Filing for the Third Quarter 2004* (May 13, 2004), Appendix HC22; and *USAC Filing for the Third Quarter 2005* (May 2, 2005), Appendix HC22.

46 National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., *Universal Service Fund 2004 Submission of 2003 Study Results* (October 1, 2004).

47 The data submitted by NECA include payments that would have been made if the

previous year for each of these amounts for individual study areas. In the payments column in this table, the entry "INFINITE" indicates that the payment was zero in the first year and positive in the second year.

- Tables 3.33 through 3.35 present individual study area data for the historical information filed for 1999 through 2003 in the 2004 filing. Table 3.33 shows the unseparated NTS revenue requirements for each year. Table 3.34 shows the number of loops. Table 3.35 shows the unseparated NTS revenue requirement per loop.

In compiling the historical data, it is necessary to account for changes that have occurred in the study areas over time. These changes are noted in Table 3.36.⁴⁸ In cases where study areas have merged, the pre-merger data for all of the merged study areas have been combined and reported as the data for the surviving study area in Tables 3.33 through 3.35. In cases where there has been an ownership change resulting in a code number change, the pre-change data is reported under the new code number and name. In the case of newly created study areas, pre-creation data is reported as 0. In Table 3.32, percentage changes in the case of mergers are comparisons of the surviving study area data with the consolidated pre-merger data. In the case of sales of exchanges, for comparison purposes the data for the sold exchanges are consolidated with the data for the study area that divested them.

Each year NECA submits detailed account data used to calculate the unseparated revenue requirement per loop for each study area that settles on a cost basis, and total attributed revenue requirements for study areas that settle on an average schedule basis. In its filings since 1993, in addition to submitting such information for the latest year, NECA also submitted revised information for the four preceding years. The detailed account data are not reported here, but the most recent revision of the data for each year since 1988 is available in electronic form on the Wireline Competition Bureau Statistical Reports web site <www.fcc.gov/wcb/stats>.

forward-looking high cost model had not been implemented. Consequently, Table 3.22 is a better indication of actual HCLS payments.

48 Because the study areas were matched between years by study area code number, changes in only the name of the company are not included in this list. However, for name changes between 2002 and 2003, Table 3.32 shows the old name in parentheses.

Table 3.1
High-Cost Support Fund Payment History
(In Millions of Dollars)

Year	High-Cost Loop Support	Safety Net Additive Support	Safety Valve Support	High-Cost Model Support	Long-Term Support	Interstate Common Line Support	Interstate Access Support	Local Switching Support	Total Support
1986	\$56	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$56
1987	126	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	126
1988	183	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	183
1989	265	-	-	-	\$236	-	-	-	500
1990	339	-	-	-	263	-	-	-	602
1991	485	-	-	-	272	-	-	-	757
1992	609	-	-	-	306	-	-	-	915
1993	705	-	-	-	323	-	-	-	1,028
1994	725	-	-	-	347	-	-	-	1,072
1995	750	-	-	-	382	-	-	-	1,132
1996	763	-	-	-	426	-	-	-	1,189
1997	794	-	-	-	470	-	-	-	1,263
1998	827	-	-	-	473	-	-	\$390	1,690
1999	864	-	-	-	473	-	-	380	1,718
2000	874	-	-	\$219	478	-	\$279	365	2,235
2001	927	-	-	208	492	-	577	390	2,592
2002	1,045	-	-	233	483	\$173	615	376	2,935
2003	1,085	\$9	\$0	234	504	409	622	396	3,259
2004	1,137	12	0	273	275	727	642	422	3,488
2005 *	1,198	15	5	291	-	1,107	675	445	3,734

Note: Detail may not appear to add to totals due to rounding.

- Support mechanism did not exist in that year.

* Estimate for 2005 based on USAC projections.

Sources: National Exchange Carrier Association (1986-1997),

Universal Service Administrative Company (1998-2004).

Federal Universal Service Support Mechanisms Fund Size Projections for the Third Quarter 2005 (2005).

Chart 3.1
Total High-Cost Support Fund Payments

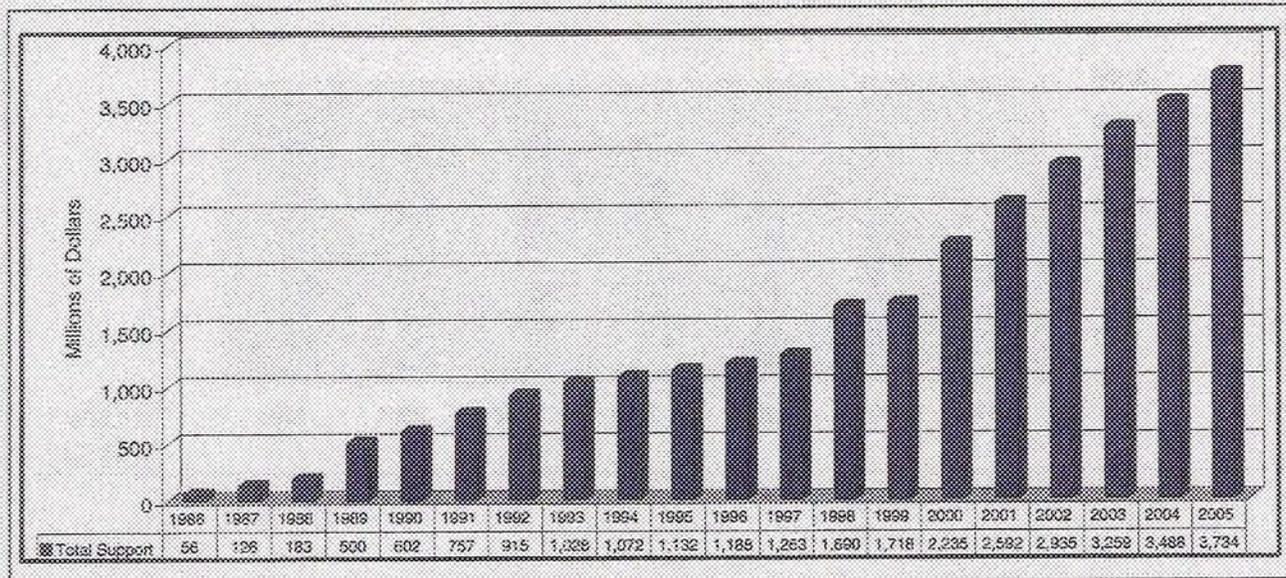


Table 3.2
High-Cost Support Fund Payment History - ILECs and CETCs
(In Millions of Dollars)

Year	Companies	High-Cost Loop Support	Safety Net Additive Support	Safety Valve Support	High-Cost Modal Support	Long-Term Support	Interstate			Total Support
							Common Line Support	Interstate Access Support	Local Switching Support	
1999	ILECs	864.2	-	-	-	472.9	-	-	380.3	1,717.4
	CETCs	0.1	-	-	-	0.4	-	-	0.0	0.5
	Total	864.3	-	-	-	473.3	-	-	380.3	1,718.0
2000	ILECs	873.8	-	-	218.7	477.3	-	278.8	384.7	2,233.3
	CETCs	0.4	-	-	0.0	1.1	-	0.0	0.0	1.5
	Total	874.1	-	-	218.7	478.4	-	278.8	384.7	2,234.8
2001	ILECs	921.5	-	-	205.4	484.2	-	575.7	387.9	2,574.7
	CETCs	5.7	-	-	0.3	8.0	-	1.0	1.9	16.9
	Total	927.2	-	-	205.7	492.1	-	576.7	389.9	2,591.6
2002	ILECs	1,039.1	-	-	213.8	481.2	172.1	608.5	374.2	2,888.9
	CETCs	5.7	-	-	19.0	11.8	0.8	7.0	1.7	46.1
	Total	1,044.9	-	-	232.8	493.0	172.9	615.4	375.9	2,935.0
2003	ILECs	1,058.2	8.8	-	207.2	479.1	392.0	604.9	379.2	3,129.4
	CETCs	26.5	0.3	-	26.8	25.0	17.1	16.9	17.0	129.6
	Total	1,084.6	9.1	-	234.0	504.1	409.1	621.7	396.3	3,259.0
2004	ILECs	1,055.4	10.5	-	218.9	243.8	645.0	596.0	384.8	3,154.5
	CETCs	61.3	1.1	-	54.5	31.0	82.0	45.7	37.5	333.1
	Total	1,136.6	11.6	-	273.4	274.8	727.0	641.7	422.3	3,487.6
2005 *	ILECs	1,059.8	12.7	4.7	221.9	-	945.3	609.4	390.1	3,237.9
	CETCs	136.5	2.9	0.0	68.9	-	161.9	71.4	55.2	496.2
	Total	1,196.3	14.9	4.7	290.9	-	1,107.2	674.8	445.3	3,734.1

Note: Details may not appear to add to totals due to rounding. ILECs are incumbent local exchange carriers. CETCs are competitive eligible telecommunications carriers.
- Support mechanism did not exist in that year.
* Estimate for 2005 based on USAC projections.
Source: Universal Service Administrative Company.

Chart 3.2
Total High-Cost Support Fund Payments - ILECs and CETCs
(In Millions of Dollars)

