

On my T Mobile cellular phone bill I see the Federal Universal Service Fund contribution? I know this line item appears when a company chooses to recover its USF contributions directly from its customers by billing them this charge. This contribution does not have to be passed on from your cellular service to you, the consumer? This is a fund that supports schools and libraries, rural health care, life line link up, and rural consumers who cannot get the same services at a reasonable cost as those in denser populated areas of the nation. My first question is, does the cellular service provider get to claim this contribution as an expense thereby getting to claim a tax deduction for the contribution they have collected from consumers?

Next, I want to know why I am being charged a monthly charge called "Utility Use." Nothing explains this on the bill or online.