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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Administration of the Universal Service Fund

5-UF-2024

ORDER

The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (Commission) hereby determines the assessment rates for the state Universal Service Fund (USF) applicable to:

- Technology for Educational Achievement (TEACH) Program: the TEACH program subsidizing telecommunications access for educational agencies;
- University of Wisconsin (UW)-System Services: the UW-System telecommunications services for UW campuses;
- Department of Public Instruction (DPI) Programs: the DPI programs for, a) the Digital Learning Collaborative; b) periodical, and reference information databases (Badgerlink); c) Newline for the Blind; d) library service contracts; e) Recollection Wisconsin; and f) aid to public library systems;
- Commission USF Programs. The Commission's USF programs.

The Commission has the authority to issue this Order under Wis. Stat. §§ 196.02(1), 196.218, 196.44, and Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 160.17, and a delegation of authority under Wis. Stat. § 15.02(4).

Assessment rates, expressed on a monthly basis, to be applied to 2023 annual retail telecommunications revenues of all providers subject to Wis. Stat. § 196.218(3), are:

Assessment category	Assessment Rate
TEACH Program	0.12651 percent
UW-System Services	0.01169 percent
DPI Programs	0.34056 percent
Commission USF Programs	0.06571 percent

The determination of these USF assessment rates is based on the calculations shown in Attachment A to this Order.

The USF administrator, Solix, Inc., shall begin using these rates starting in October 2024. A copy of the Order is being sent to Solix, Inc. to effectuate this determination of assessment rates, to ensure proper procedures are applied for payments to the fund, and to prepare appropriate notifications to telecommunications providers of these assessments. The new assessment rates will be used for the USF billings commencing for October 2024, and thereafter until further Commission order.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, September 27, 2024.

For the Commission:



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Attachments: Notice of Rights

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Attachment A

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**NOTICE OF RIGHTS FOR REHEARING OR JUDICIAL REVIEW, THE
TIMES ALLOWED FOR EACH, AND THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE
PARTY TO BE NAMED AS RESPONDENT**

The following notice is served on you as part of the Commission's written decision. This general notice is for the purpose of ensuring compliance with Wis. Stat. § 227.48(2), and does not constitute a conclusion or admission that any particular party or person is necessarily aggrieved or that any particular decision or order is final or judicially reviewable.

PETITION FOR REHEARING

If this decision is an order following a contested case proceeding as defined in Wis. Stat. § 227.01(3), a person aggrieved by the decision has a right to petition the Commission for rehearing within 20 days of the date of service of this decision, as provided in Wis. Stat. § 227.49. The date of service is shown on the first page. If there is no date on the first page, the date of service is shown immediately above the signature line. The petition for rehearing must be filed with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin and served on the parties. An appeal of this decision may also be taken directly to circuit court through the filing of a petition for judicial review. It is not necessary to first petition for rehearing.

PETITION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW

A person aggrieved by this decision has a right to petition for judicial review as provided in Wis. Stat. § 227.53. In a contested case, the petition must be filed in circuit court and served upon the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin within 30 days of the date of service of this decision if there has been no petition for rehearing. If a timely petition for rehearing has been filed, the petition for judicial review must be filed within 30 days of the date of service of the order finally disposing of the petition for rehearing, or within 30 days after the final disposition of the petition for rehearing by operation of law pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.49(5), whichever is sooner. If an *untimely* petition for rehearing is filed, the 30-day period to petition for judicial review commences the date the Commission serves its original decision.¹ The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin must be named as respondent in the petition for judicial review.

If this decision is an order denying rehearing, a person aggrieved who wishes to appeal must seek judicial review rather than rehearing. A second petition for rehearing is not permitted.

Revised: March 27, 2013

¹ See *Currier v. Wisconsin Dep't of Revenue*, 2006 WI App 12, 288 Wis. 2d 693, 709 N.W.2d 520.

Attachment A

DOA – TEACH Program	
FY 2025 appropriation (Wis. Stat. §§ 20.505(4)(s)), less other funding sources ²	\$10,989,600
Less: Amounts billed from July 2024 through September 2024 (3 months)	(\$2,429,367)
Net: Remaining Need for the Rest of FY 2025	\$8,560,233
Monthly Need: (Divide Net By 9) (Over 9 Months - October 2024 to June 2025)	\$951,137
Total Assessable Gross Intrastate Revenue ³	\$751,809,000
Monthly Assessment Rate – TEACH Program Beginning October 2024	0.12651 %

UW-System Services	
FY 2025 appropriation (Wis. Stat. §20.285(1)(q))	\$1,054,800
Less: Amounts billed from July 2024 through September 2024 (3 months)	(\$263,070)
Net: Remaining Need for the Rest of FY 2025	\$791,730
Monthly Need: (Divide Net By 9) (Over 9 Months - October 2024 to June 2025)	\$87,970
Total Assessable Gross Intrastate Revenue	\$751,809,000
Monthly Assessment Rate - UW-System Services Beginning October 2024	0.01169%

DPI Programs	
FY 2025 appropriations (Wis. Stat. §§ 20.255(1)(q) and (3)(q), (qm), (r), (s))	\$27,918,100
Less: Amounts billed from July 2024 through September 2024 (3 months)	(\$6,456,837)
Net: Remaining Need for the Rest of FY 2025	\$21,461,263
Monthly Need: (Divide Net By 9) (Over 9 Months - October 2024 to June 2025)	\$2,384,585
Total Assessable Gross Intrastate Revenue	\$751,809,000
Monthly Assessment Rate - DPI Programs Beginning October 2024	0.34056%

² For assessment purposes, the TEACH program appropriated amount is reduced by the estimated program co-payment revenue.

³ The total assessable gross interstate revenues are based on the revenues reported in the telecommunications provider annual questionnaire.

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Commission USF Programs	
FY 2025 appropriation (Wis. Stat. § 20.155(1)(q))	\$5,940,000
Less: Amounts billed from July 2024 through September 2024 (3 months)	(\$1,458,414)
Net: Remaining Need for the Rest of FY 2025	\$4,481,586
Monthly Need: (Divide Net By 9) (Over 9 Months - October 2024 to June 2025)	\$497,954
Total Assessable Gross Intrastate Revenue	\$751,809,000
Monthly Assessment Rate - Commission USF Programs Beginning October 2024	0.06571%