

June 1, 2009

### ICLS Annual Self-Certifications are Due June 30, 2009

Each rate-of-return carrier, and CETCs serving lines in the service area of a rate-of-return carrier, must file an annual self-certification by June 30, 2009 in order to receive Interstate Common Line Support (ICLS) for the upcoming program year, which runs from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010.

The annual ICLS self-certification may be filed in the form of a letter from an authorized representative for the carrier and must be filed with the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

It must state that all ICLS provided will be used ONLY for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

An ICLS self-certification sample letter can be found on the USAC High Cost page, under [High Cost Tools: Required Forms](#), <http://www.usac.org/hc/tools/required-forms.aspx>. In the event you provide an ICLS certification in your own format, please be sure to reference CC Docket No. 96-45 and file the self-certification with both USAC and the Office of the Secretary of the FCC at the following addresses:

Karen A. Majcher Vice President, High Cost & Low Income Universal Service Administrative Company 2000 L Street, NW, Suite 200 Washington, DC 20036	Marlene H. Dortch Office of the Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554
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Once you have submitted your self-certification to USAC, you may check our [Certifications Page](#), <http://www.usac.org/hc/tools/checklist/default.asp>, to see if we have received your self-certification. If your ICLS self-certification is filed late, absent a waiver from the FCC you will be eligible for ICLS support as follows:

- If filed by September 30, 2009, a carrier will only be eligible for support in the first and second quarters of 2010
- If filed by December 31, 2009, a carrier will only be eligible for support in the second quarter of 2010
- After December 31, 2009, a carrier is not eligible for any ICLS for the program year

If you have additional questions, please contact USAC's customer service center at 877-877-4925.