

ICLS FCC Form 508 for 2010-2011 Program Year due March 31st

In the MAG Order (FCC 01-304), the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) modified its rules to reform the interstate access charge and universal service support system for incumbent local exchange carriers (LECs) subject to rate-of-return regulation. Pursuant to 47 C.F.R Sections 54-901-54.904, the FCC established the Interstate Common Line Support (ICLS) Mechanism.

On March 31st, each rate-of-return incumbent carrier must file a projected annual common line requirement form (FCC Form 508) setting forth its projections for the upcoming period July 1 through June 30.

You must submit certifications with the signature of an authorized person with the FCC Form 508. If you are filing FCC Form 508 on your own behalf, you must complete the reporting carrier certification page. If you are authorizing an agent to file FCC Form 508 on your behalf, you must complete the top portion of the agent certification page. Once you have completed the top portion of the agent certification page, your authorized agent must complete the bottom portion of the agent certification page.

Carriers submitting FCC Form 508 on their own behalf

If you are filing FCC Form 508 on your own behalf, an authorized officer or employee of your company must complete the reporting carrier certification page of FCC Form 508. By completing the reporting carrier certification page, the officer or employee of the reporting carrier is certifying that: (1) s/he is an officer or an employee of the reporting carrier; (2) his/her responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the projected annual common line requirement information reported on the form; and (3) the information reported on the form is accurate to the best of his/her knowledge. The certification must be signed by an authorized officer or employee of the company, and must be submitted to USAC along with the projected annual common line revenue requirement information.

Carriers authorizing an agent to file FCC Form 508 on their behalf

If you are authorizing an agent to file FCC Form 508 on your behalf, you, as the reporting carrier, must complete the top portion of the agent certification page of FCC Form 508. By completing the agent authorization section, the officer or employee of your company is certifying that: (1) the agent identified on the agent certification is authorized to submit the projected annual common line revenue requirement information to USAC on your behalf; (2) s/he is an officer or employee of the reporting carrier; (3) his/her responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the projected annual common line revenue requirement information provided to the authorized agent; and (4) the projected annual common line revenue requirement information provided to the authorized agent is accurate to the best of his/her knowledge. The certification must be signed by an authorized officer or employee of the company. You will then provide the certification with the signature of the authorized person to your authorized agent.

Authorized agent responsibilities

Your authorized agent is responsible for completing the bottom portion of the agent certification page of FCC Form 508. By completing the agent certification section, the authorized agent is certifying that: (1) s/he is authorized to submit the information on your behalf; (2) the projected annual common

line revenue requirement information provided on the form is based on data received from you (the reporting carrier); (3) the information provided on the form is accurate to the best of the agent's knowledge; and (4) the authorized agent will provide copies of the projected annual common line revenue requirement filing to you within 15 days. The certification must be signed by the authorized agent or an employee of the authorized agent.

Certifications with the signatures of the authorized persons, as well as all of the information requested on the worksheet of FCC Form 508 for all incumbent rate-of-return carriers, must be received by USAC in accordance with the filing dates.

Please note that, if the form is submitted electronically on CD or computer disk in Excel 97 or above, the certifications with the signatures of the authorized persons still must be received by USAC by the due dates.

Request for Confidential Treatment of Filed Data

You may request confidential treatment of some or all of the data filed to qualify for ICLS by making such a request in your cover letter transmittal of your FCC Form 508 and by complying with the requirements set forth in 47 C.F.R. Section 0.459.

Where to File Completed Forms

You are encouraged to submit the form electronically on CD or computer disk in Excel 97 or above. The form must be received at the address listed below by the due date. If you are unable to submit the completed form in electronic format, please submit your paper copies to the same address.

Form 508 and the instructions and other forms can be found on the High Cost Forms page www.universalservice.org/hc/tools/required-forms.aspx.

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