

Service Provider Electronic Notification File Formats Funding Commitment Decision Letter (*.fsp)

Each time USAC issues a wave of Funding Commitment Decision Letters (FCDLs), it will also create electronic files that contain the information in the Funding Commitment Reports from those letters. For FY 2015 and prior, USAC will email these files – one email per Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN) and funding year – to the email address specified by the service provider that signed up for electronic notifications. Starting with FY2016, these files are not emailed but are available to the service provider in the E-rate Productivity Center (EPC).

Each file contains one or more FRN records. Each record ends in a carriage return and contains fields of information which are pipe-delimited (separated by a vertical bar "|"). These fields are described in the table below.

If there is more than one FRN record in the file, the service provider's SPIN will be repeated for each record. Also, if more than one FRN on an FCC Form 471 application features the same SPIN, the FCC Form 471 application data will be repeated for each applicable FRN record. If a field in the FRN record is blank ("|"), this means there is no data for that field (e.g., a Contact Phone Extension value).

NOTE: If a value is not required in a field, the text "no value" or "or no value" is included in the data column. If the field is specifically programmed with a null character (an invisible character that prevents an entry in the field), the word "Null" appears.

Layout of the File for Electronic FCDLs

Field #	Field Name	Description	FY 2015 and prior data	FY 2016 and beyond data
1	SPIN (Service Provider Identification Number)	The service provider for the FRNs included in this FCDL. There is only one SPIN per notification.	9-digit numeric, format 143#####.	No change
2	Funding year	The funding year associated with the FRNs. The notification will only contain a single funding year	4-digit numeric	No change
3	Fund year start date	The first day of the funding year – always July 1.	Date (MM/DD/YYYY format)	No change
4	Fund year end date	The last day of the funding year – always June 30.	Date (MM/DD/YYYY format)	No change

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5	471 Application Number (based on Funding Request Number)	The unique number that identifies the FCC Form 471 application that contains this FRN.	1-digit to 10-digit numeric	10-digit numeric. First two digits identify the funding year, third digit will always be "1" to indicate that this is a 471. The rest of the numbers are sequential.
6	Applicant name	The name of the applicant on the FCC Form 471.	Alphanumeric	No change
7	Applicant street address	The street address of the applicant.	Alphanumeric	No change
8	Applicant city	The city of the applicant.	Alphanumeric	No change
9	Applicant state code	The state of the applicant.	2-character alphabetic	No change
10	Applicant zip 5 code	The 5-digit zip code of the applicant.	5-digit numeric	No change
11	Contact name	The name of the contact person on the FCC Form 471.	Alphanumeric	No change
12	Contact preferred mode	For funding years before FY2015, the contact person could specify how he or she wanted to be contacted by USAC.	MAIL FAX PHONE EMAIL or blank EMAIL only for FY2015	EMAIL
13	Contact street address	The street address of the contact person.	Alphanumeric Or no value.	No change
14	Contact city name	The city of the contact person.	Alphanumeric Or no value.	No change
15	Contact state code	The state of the contact person.	2-character alphabetic or no value Or no value.	No change
16	Contact zip 5 code	The 5-digit zip code of the contact person.	5-digit numeric or no value Or no value.	No change
17	Contact fax area code	The area code of the fax number of the contact	3-digit numeric Or no value.	No value (fax numbers are no longer collected)

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Field #	Field Name	Description	FY 2015 and prior data	FY 2016 and beyond data
		person.		
18	Contact fax number	The 7-digit fax number of the contact person.	7-digit numeric Or no value.	No value (fax numbers are no longer collected)
19	Contact fax extension	The extension of the fax number of the contact person.	Numeric or no value Or no value.	No value (fax numbers are no longer collected)
20	Contact phone area code	The area code of the phone number of the contact person.	3-digit numeric Or no value.	No change
21	Contact phone number	The 7-digit phone number of the contact person.	7-digit numeric Or no value.	No change
22	Contact phone extension	The extension of the phone number of the contact person.	Numeric Or no value.	No change
23	Contact e-mail address	The email address of the contact person.	Alphanumeric N/A Or no value.	Alphanumeric
24	Funding Request Number (FRN)	The unique number that identifies this FCC Form 471 funding request. The funding request is specific to a SPIN, an FCC Form 470, and the service type.	1-digit to 10-digit numeric	10-digit numeric. First two digits identify the funding year, third and fourth digits will always be "99." The rest of the numbers are sequential.
25	470 Application Number	The FCC Form 470 cited on this FRN. NOTE: For FY2015 only, if this field has no value because the FRN is for low-cost, high-speed Internet Access, the entire FRN record will not be included in the file.	15-digit numeric	15-digit numeric (citing FY2015 or prior year FCC Form 470)_ 9-digit numeric (citing FY2016 and forward FCC Form 470). First two digits identify the funding year, the rest of the numbers are sequential. Oor no value if the FRN is for low-cost, high speed Internet

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26	FRN Funding Commitment Status	The commitment status of the FRN. Note: For previous funding years, entries in this field may be either uppercase or title case.	CANCELED Funded Partially Funded Not Funded PENDING Unfunded – FCC Rules of Priority UNFUNDED-FUNDS EXHAUSTED	FUNDED NOT FUNDED
27	Contract Number	For contracted services, the identifying number of the underlying contract.	Alphanumeric (or MTM or T or N/A) Or no value.	No change
28	Service Description (Service Type)	The heading in the Eligible Services List that identifies the general type of service being requested.	Telecommunications Service; Internal Connections; Internet Access; Dedicated Services; Internal Connections (Shared); Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections; Voice Services; Internal Connections-Managed Internal Broadband Services	Voice; Data Transmission and/or Internet Access; Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections; Internal Connections; Managed Internal Broadband Services
29	Service Shared	In early funding years, this indicated if the service went to a single entity or was shared by more than one entity.	N/A	No change
30	Billed Entity Number (BEN)	This is the entity number of the entity that filed the FCC Form 471. This field is only populated if certain date conditions are met. (See field #41.)	1-digit to 10-digit numeric Or no value.	No change
31	NCES Code	This code identifies the state,	2-digit and 5-digit and 5-digit	Alphanumeric (numbers

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		school district, and school building of a single public school. Some private schools may have NCES codes as well.	numeric Or no value.	separated by hyphens) Or no value.
32	Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount (EDD)(Service Start Date as listed on the FCC Form 471)	The date reported on the FCC Form 471 that services are planned to start.	Date (MM/DD/YYYY format)	No change
33	Contract Expiration Date (CED) (or Service End Date)	For contracted services, the expiration date of the contract. If there is no contract, this field can contain the last date services will be received in the funding year.	Date (MM/DD/YYYY format) or N/A	Date (MM/DD/YYYY format) Or no value.
34	Estimated Total Annual Pre-Discount Cost	The total cost of the services on this FRN before discounts are applied.	Numeric to two decimal places	No change
35	Discount Percentage Approved by SLD	The discount level approved by USAC for this applicant for this FRN.	2-digit numeric and a % sign	No change
36	FRN Actual Committed Amount	The total cost of the eligible services multiplied by the approved discount percentage.	Numeric to two decimal places	No change
37	FRN Reason Description (latest)	A short description of the FRN commitment status.	Alphanumeric Or no value.	Alphanumeric (to 30 characters) Or no value.
38	Technology Plan Status	The approval status of the technology plan. Note that technology plans are not required starting in FY2015.	APPROVED PENDING APPROVAL APPROVED/PENDING APPROVAL NOT NEEDED	NOT NEEDED

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Field #	Field Name	Description	FY 2015 and prior data	FY 2016 and beyond data
39	Report Date	The date of the Funding Commitment Decision Letter.	Date (MM/DD/YYYY format)	No change
40	Wave Number	The identifying number of the commitment wave that featured this FRN.	Alphanumeric (always 3 characters – 001 for Wave 1, 002 for Wave 2, 20D for Wave 20D) or 0 if no value	Numeric (e.g., 1 for Wave 1, 2 for Wave 2)
41	Entity Number	The entity that filed the FCC Form 471 associated with the FRN. This field must have a value. (See field #30.)	1-digit to 10-digit numeric	No change
42	FRN's Billing Account Number	The number assigned by the service provider to the applicant's customer account.	Alphanumeric or N/A	No change
43	Associated 470's Allowable Contract Date (ACD)	The date 28 days after the establishing FCC Form 470 was posted.	Date (MM/DD/YYYY format) or no value (if the FRN is for low-cost, high speed Internet Access service)	No change
44	Contract Award Date (CAD)	For contracted services, the date the contract was awarded.	Date (MM/DD/YYYY format) or N/A	No change
45	Total Estimated Monthly Recurring Charges	The total cost of the eligible monthly (recurring) services.	Numeric to two decimal places or 0.00 value	No change
46	Ineligible Portion of Total Estimated Monthly Recurring Charges	The total cost of all ineligible services included in field #45.	Numeric to two decimal places or 0.00 value	No change
47	Eligible Monthly Pre-Discount Amount for Recurring Charges	The entry in field #45 minus the entry in field #46.	Numeric to two decimal places or 0.00 value	No change
48	Number of Months (e.g., 12) Recurring Service Provided in	The number of months that recurring services will be	Numeric	No change

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	Program Year	provided in the funding year. In some funding years, this value is entered; in others, it is calculated based on the start and end dates of the service.		
49	Annual Pre-Discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Services	The value in field #47 multiplied by the value in field #48.	Numeric to two decimal places or 0.00 value	No change
50	Annual Non-Recurring Charges	The total cost of the eligible one-time (non-recurring) services.	Numeric to two decimal places or 0.00 value	No change
51	Ineligible Portion of Annual Non-Recurring Charges	The total cost of all ineligible services included in field #50.	Numeric to two decimal places or 0.00 value	No change
52	Annual Eligible Pre-Discount Amount for Non-Recurring Charges	The entry in field #50 minus the entry in field #51.	Numeric to two decimal places or 0.00 value	No change
53	Funding Commitment Decision Explanation	A detailed explanation of any changes that were made to the FRN during USAC's review of the FCC Form 471.	Alphanumeric up to 2,000 characters Or no value.	No change
54	Applicant Letter Date	The date of the FCDL.	Date (MM/DD/YYYY format)	No change
55	Applicant Street Address 2	If the applicant street address appears on two lines, this is the second line. (See field #7 for the first line.)	Alphanumeric Or no value.	No change
56	Contact Street Address 2	If the contact person street address appears on two lines, this is the second line. (See field #13 for the first line.)	Alphanumeric Or no value.	No change
57	Last Allowable Date for Delivery and Installation for	The last date to receive non-recurring services – generally	Date (MM/DD/YYYY format)	No change

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	Non-Recurring Services	the September 30 following the close of the funding year.		
58	Consultant Name	If a consultant is identified on the form, the name of the consulting firm or the consultant employee.	Alphanumeric (consulting firm name or primary contact first and last name) Or no value.	No change
59	Consultant Number	The Consultant Registration Number assigned by USAC to the consulting firm.	10-digit numeric Or no value. NOTE: All CRNs are 8 digits.	No change
60	Consultant Employer's Name	The name of the consulting firm.	Alphanumeric	No change

At the bottom of the file will be the text:

"SLD 471 Funding to Service Provider; Total Records: [record count]"

59 extra pipe delimiters will be removed from the end of the file.