Service Provider Electronic Notification File Formats
Receipt Acknowledgment Letter (*.RSP)

Each time USAC issues a group of Receipt Acknowledgment Letters (RALs), it will also create electronic files that contain the information in the FCC Form 471 RAL Line Item Reports from those letters. 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 RALs

Field #	Field Name	Description	FY2015 and prior data	FY2016 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	No change
2	Fund Year Start Date	The first day of the funding year – always July 1.	Date (MM/DD/YYYY format)	No change
3	Fund Year End Date	The last day of the funding year – always June 30.	Date (MM/DD/YYYY format)	No change
4	Funding Request Number (FRN)	The unique number that identifies this FCC Form 471 funding request. The funding	1-digit to 10-digit numeric	No change

Field #	Field Name	Description	FY2015 and prior data	FY2016 and beyond data
		request is specific to a SPIN, an FCC Form 470, and the service type.		
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	470 Application Number	The FCC Form 470 cited on this FRN. NOTE: For FY2015 only, if this field has no value, 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. or no value
7	Applicant name (of school, school district, library or consortium)	The name of the applicant on the FCC Form 471.	Alphanumeric	No change
8	Applicant street address	The street address of the applicant.	Alphanumeric	No change
9	Applicant city	The city of the applicant.	Alphanumeric	No change
10	Applicant state code	The state of the applicant.	2-character alphabetic	No change
11	Applicant zip5 code	The 5-digit zip code of the applicant.	5-digit numeric	No change
12	Applicant zip4 code	The 4-digit zip code extension of the applicant.	4-digit numeric; or no value	No change
13	Applicant Area Code	The area code of the phone number of the applicant.	3-digit numeric; or no value	No change
14	Applicant Phone Number	The 7-digit phone number of the applicant.	7-digit numeric; or no value	No change

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15	Applicant Phone Extension	The extension of the phone number of the applicant.	Numeric; or no value	No change
16	Contact name	The name of the contact person on the FCC Form 471.	Alphanumeric	No change
17	Contact street address	The street address of the contact person.	Alphanumeric; or no value	No change
18	Contact city name	The city of the contact person.	Alphanumeric; or no value	No change
19	Contact state code	The state of the contact person.	2-character alphabetic; or no value	No change
20	Contact zip5 code	The 5-digit zip code of the contact person.	5-digit numeric; or no value	No change
21	Contact zip4 code	The 4-digit zip code extension of the contact person.	4-digit numeric; or no value	No change
22	Contact phone area code	The area code of the phone number of the contact person.	3-digit numeric; or no value	No change
23	Contact phone number	The 7-digit phone number of the contact person.	7-digit numeric; or no value	No change
24	Contact phone extension	The extension of the phone number of the contact person.	Numeric; or no value	No change
25	Service Ordered	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

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26	Fund Commitment Pre-Discount Annual Cost	The total cost of the eligible recurring and non-recurring services.	Numeric to two decimal places; or 0.00 value	No change
27	Discount Percentage	The discount level reported by this applicant for this FRN.	2-digit numeric	No change
28	Entity Number of Applicant	For FY2014 and previous funding years, this field shows the single recipient of service or, if there are multiple recipients, the applicant BEN.	1-digit to 10-digit numeric; FY2015: Null	Null
29	Contract Number	For contracted services, the identifying number of the underlying contract.	Alphanumeric (or MTM or T or N/A); or blank	No change
30	Billing Account Number	The number assigned by the service provider to the applicant's customer account.	Alphanumeric; or N/A	No change
31	Allowable Contract Date	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
32	Contract Award Date	For contracted services, the date the contract was awarded.	Date (MM/DD/YYYY format); or N/A	No change
33	Service Start Date	The date reported on the FCC Form 471 that services are planned to start.	Date (MM/DD/YYYY format)	No change
34	Contract Expiration Date	For contracted services, the expiration date of the contract. If there is no	Date (MM/DD/YYYY format); or N/A	Date (MM/DD/YYYY format); or no value

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		contract, this field can contain the last date services will be received in the funding year.		
35	Funding Commitment Request Amt	The entry in field #26 multiplied by the entry in field #27.	Numeric to two decimal places; or 0.00 value	No change

FY2015 and prior – At the bottom of the file will be the text:
`"SLD 471 Receipt to Service Provider; Total Records: [record count]"`

FY2016 and beyond – At the bottom of the file will be the text:
`"Total Records: [record count]"`