# FCC Form 499-Q Basics Webinar

April 9, 2019

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#### **Webinar Overview**

In this webinar, designed for new 499 filers, we'll cover the basics of the 499-Q form and how to submit one.



#### **Today's Presenter**

#### Amy Kavelman

Senior Telecom Industry Analyst

Ms Kavelman has worked at USAC for 8 years. She reviews the contributor FCC Forms 499, analyzes revenue reporting and manages the contributor communication needs.

#### Topics

Who Files

Form 499-Q Sections

When to File

How to File the Form 499-Q

Questions



## **Quarterly Filers**

Who is Required to File the 499-Q

### **Types of FCC Form 499**

#### FCC Form 499-A

- 1. Required for all filers
- 2. The <u>FCC Form 499-A</u> is the annual form used to report the company's *actual* revenue billed during the <u>prior</u> calendar year.
- **3.** The FCC Form 499-A is due annually on April 1.

#### FCC Form 499-Q

- 1. Required for all non-*de minimis* filers
- 2. The <u>FCC Form 499-Q</u> is used to *project* or *forecast* the company's revenue for the <u>next</u> calendar quarter.
- **3**. The FCC Form 499-Q due dates:
  - February 1
  - May 1
  - August 1
  - November 1

ALL FCC Forms must be submitted online through E-File. Paper copies are not accepted.

### Who Must File

- 1. Every non *de minimis* telecommunications company <u>must</u> file the FCC Form 499-Q.
- 2. A filer qualifies for *de minimis* status for a given calendar year when the revenue reported on its corresponding FCC Form 499-A is such that the calculated annual contribution to the federal universal service fund would be less than \$10,000.
  - For calendar year 2018, filers that billed less than \$62,676.81 of combined interstate and international revenues will be considered *de minimis* for 2018.
     This amount is found on Line 423, columns (d) and (e) of the 2019 FCC Form 499-A.
  - *De minimis* filers are not required to file the FCC Form 499-Q, but they are requested to email USAC each quarter to notify of their continued *de minimis* status.
- **3**. \*IF\* a filer does not know their status, file the FCC Form 499-Q!

## Form 499-Q

#### Understanding the Sections

#### Find the Form 499-Q

Navigate to USAC's website: www.usac.org

Select *Contributors* From the top right hand of page

Select *Forms* from the left hand navigation menu



#### Find the Form 499-Q

The paper copy of the instructions as well as the form itself are the 3<sup>rd</sup> form listed in the section 'FCC Forms'.

Click on the name to open up a .pdf document.

#### PAYERS

#### FCC FORMS

**FILERS** 

You must file all FCC forms electronically. Log in to your E-File account to start a form. Paper forms are for reference only.

#### Log In to E-File

Form	Name
FCC Form 498 and Instructions 📆	Service Provider Identification Number and General Contact Information Form
FCC Form 499-A and Instructions 📆	2018 Annual Telecommunications Reporting Worksheet (For reporting calendar year 2017 revenue)
FCC Form 499-Q and Instructions 📆	Quarterly Telecommunications Reporting Worksheet

See Prior Year FCC Form 499-A Forms and Instructions

#### Paper Form 499-Q

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Unarterly Fining for Universal Service Contributors - Please read instructions before completing - 5000-0855 Block I: Contributor Identification Information 101 Filer 499 ID		
101 File 499 D		
103 Files Information Provide Files		
104 Name telecommunications provider is doing business as		
105 Affiliated Filers Name Check if filer has no affiliates:		
[All affiliated companies should show same name here. In most cases, the		
Affiliated Filers Name will be the holding company name 105.1 Affiliate Filers Name IRS employer identification number [Enter 9 digit number]		Company Identification and Contact Info
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107 Complete mailing address of reporting entity's corporate headquarters		
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Block 2: Contact Information		
108 Person who completed this worksheet First MI Last		
100 Telephone number of this person ( ) -		
110 Fax number of this person ( ) -		
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Block 3: Contributor Historical and Projected Revenue Information		
113 Indicate which Filing due Historical revenues (lines 115-118) for Projected revenues (lines 119-120) for	<b>→</b>	Reporting Period
quarterly filing this represents November 1, 2018 July 1 – September 30, 2018 January 1 – March 31, 2019	,	
February 1, 2019 October 1 – December 31, 2018 April 1 – June 30, 2019		
May 1, 2019 January 1 – March 31, 2019 July 1 – September 30, 2019		
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114 Check if using safe harbor to allocate interstate/intrastate revenues for each of the following (as applicable):		
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interconnected VoIP		Historical rayonus reporting
116 End-user telecommunications revenues including any pass-		Historical revenue reporting
through charges for universal service contributions, but		
excluding international-to-international revenues		
117 All other goods and services Column (b) and (c) not requested		
including any pass-through charges for universal service contributions, but excluding		
international-to-international revenues		
120 Projected collected end-user interstate and international telecommunications revenues	<b>←</b>	Projected revenue reporting
including any pass-through charges for universal service contributions, but excluding		
international-to-international revenues		
Block 4: CERTIFICATION: to be signed by an officer of the reporting entity		
121 I certify that the revenue data contained herein are privileged and confidential and that public disclosure of such information		
would likely cause substantial harm to the competitive position of the company. I request nondisclosure of the revenue information contained herein pursuant to sections 0.459, 52.17, 54.711 and 64.604 of the Commission's Rules.		
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belief, all statements of fact contained in this Worksheet are true, that said Worksheet is an accurate statement of the affairs of the above-named company for		
the quarter and that the projections of gross-billed and collected revenues represent a good-faith estimate based on company procedures and policies.		
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FCC Form 499-Q /January 2018

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## **Filing Calendar**

When to File the 499-Q

### When To File

Due Date	Late Fee Earned	Revenue Reported	Revision Deadline	Contributor Invoice
May 1, 2019	May 30, 2019	3Q projected 2019 1Q revenue 2019	June 17, 2019	July 2019 August 2019 September 2019
August 1, 2019	August 30, 2019	4Q projected 2019 2Q revenue 2019	September 16, 2019	October 2019 November 2019 December 2019
November 1, 2019	December 2, 2019*	1Q projected 2020 3Q revenue 2019	December 15, 2019	January 2020 February 2020 March 2020

\* When a form due date falls on a weekend or holiday, the form is due the following business day.

## **Filing Online**

#### Accessing through E-File



### Filing the FCC Form 499-Q

Once logged in to E-File, the list of authorized filer IDs will appear. Select the option 'Create New Form' from the left hand navigation menu.



#### Filing the FCC Form 499-Q

Once in the 'Create New Form' section, you'll have the option to select the filing you are working on. Be sure to enter the Filer ID and then click on the 'Create New Filing' button to get started.

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Information Center	Form 499 - Create New Form	User: Amy
- Contributors		My Account   Log
- Create New Form		
- Search Forms	Filing: 499Q for February, 2019	
- 499Q Bulk Submission		
- View Sent Issue Emails	Filer 499 ID:	
+ Payments	Create New Filing	
- Download Forms	5	

NOTE: Make sure your internet browser's 'pop up blocker' is OFF. The system will be opening a new window to display the data entry system for the FCC Form 499-Q. If you have clicked 'Create New Form' and you don't see a new, smaller window – you most likely have the pop-ups blocked.

**Block 1:** Contributor Identification Information will be prepopulated

**Block 2:** Contact Information will also be prepopulated.

- This section contains the name, phone number and email of the person preparing the form.
- It also contains the billing contact name and the billing address. USAC sends out paper copies of their invoice. If this address needs to be updated, you can do that here.

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## Historical

114. Check if using safe harbor to allocate intersate/intrastate revenues for each of the following (as applicable):	Cellular and Broa	Paging 🗌 Analog SMR	Interconnected VoIP
Historical billed revenues with no allowance or deductions for uncollectables. See instructions.	Total Revenues in <b>\$</b> (a)	interstate Revenues in \$ (b)	International Revenues in \$ (c)
115. Telecommunications provided to other universal service contributors for resale as telecommunications or as interconnected VoIP	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
116. End-user telecommunications revenues including any pass-through charges for universal service contributions, but excluding international-to-international revenues	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
117. All other goods and services	\$0.00		(c) not requested
118. Gross-billed revenues from all sources [sum of above]	\$0.00	for Lines 1	17 and 118
119. Projected gross-billed end-user interstate and international telecommunications revenues including any pass-through charges for universal service contributions, but excluding international-to-international revenues		\$270,000.00	\$0.00
120. Projected collected end-user interstate and international telecommunications revenues including any pass-through charges for universal service contributions, but excluding international-to-international revenues		\$270,000.00	\$0.00

### **Submitting the FCC Form 499-Q**

**Block 4:** Certification Can only be completed by a the Company Officer designated in the E-File system. Make certain that the information is the same. To proceed click on 'Click here to Preview and Certify the form'

Block 4: CERTIFICATION: to be signed by an officer of the reporting entity				
121. I certify that the revenue data contained herein are privileged and confidential and that public disclosure of such information would likely cause substantial harm to the competitive position of the company. I request nondisclosure of the revenue information contained herein pursuant to sections 0.459, 52.17, 54.711 and 64.604 of the Commission's Rules.				
I certify that I am an officer of the above-named reporting entity, that I have examined the foregoing report and to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, all statements of fact contained in this Worksheet are true, that said Worksheet is an accurate statement of the affairs of the above-named company for the quarter and that the projections of gross-billed and collecter revenues represent a good-faith estimate based on company procedures and policies.				
122. Signature				
*********Data Entry Purpose Only. Please Do Not Print this Form********				
First	Amy			
123. Printed name of officer MI				
Last	Smith			
124. Position with reporting entity President				
125. Email of officer (Required if available) AmyOfficer@test.com				
126. Date 3/12/2019				
27. This filing is:				
Do not mail checks with this form. Send this form to: Form 499 Data Collection Agent c/o USAC 700 12th Street, N.W. Suite 900 Washington DC 20005				
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### **Submitting the FCC Form 499-Q**

A preview screen with the FCC Form 499-Q populated with the contact information along with the revenue will appear. Review the form and print a copy if needed. Use the scroll bar on the right hand side to view all of the form. At the bottom, you have the option to either 'Edit Form' or 'Certify'.

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124 Position with reporting entity	President					
125 Email of officer (Required if available)	AmyOfficer@test.com					
126 Date	3/12/2019					
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### **Successful Submission**

A confirmation message will appear on the screen. The form will appear with a 'Pending Review' status.



An <u>email message</u> will also be sent to the Company Officer that signed the form.

A second email message will be sent when the Form 499-Q is 'Approved by USAC'.

IF USAC notices any large differences, USAC will notify the preparer with <u>another email</u> outlining potential issues.

## **Questions ?**



#### Online Learning Library

- Common topics
- Quick videos
- Copy of webinar recordings

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	2018 Webinar Series: Local and Long Distance Wireline Providers 51:50 minutes   February 2018	2018 Webinar Series: E-File Basics & New Features 45:31 minutes   February 2018
Reviewing FCC Form 499-Q	Add a Preparer to E-File 1:32 minutes   January 2018	Add a Company Officer to E-File 3:02 minutes   July 2017
Reported Revenues	Reviewing FCC Form 499-Q Reported Revenues <sup>★</sup> 4:45 minutes   November 2015	Good Filing Practices Webinar 1:28:49 minutes   March 2015
	Online Filing Overview 7:06 minutes   April 2015	

## **Upcoming Webinar Training**

#### **Service Providers New to USAC**

499-Q Basics will be repeated quarterly

May 7 498/499 ID Basics for Service Providers (also repeated quarterly)

## **For More Assistance**

✓ Call Customer Support Phone: (888) 641-8722 Hours: Monday-Friday 9 AM to 5 PM ET

✓ Submit an email to <u>Form499@usac.org</u>

✓ Visit our <u>online learning library</u>

