FCC Form 499-Q Basics Webinar April 7, 2020

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Today's Presenter

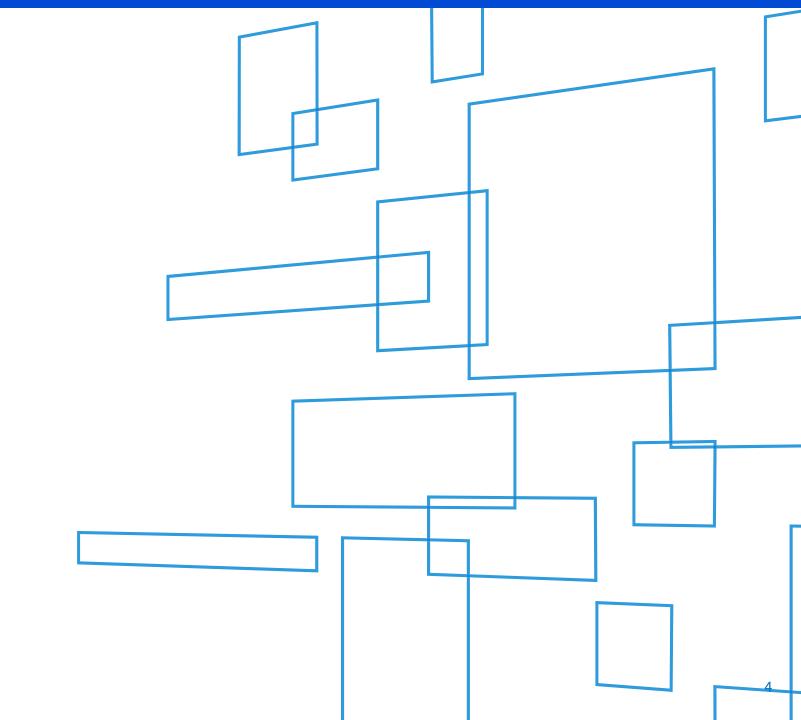
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Ms Kavelman has worked at USAC for 9 years. She reviews the contributor FCC Forms 499, analyzes revenue reporting and manages the contributor communication needs.

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.



Topics

Notes for the May Q

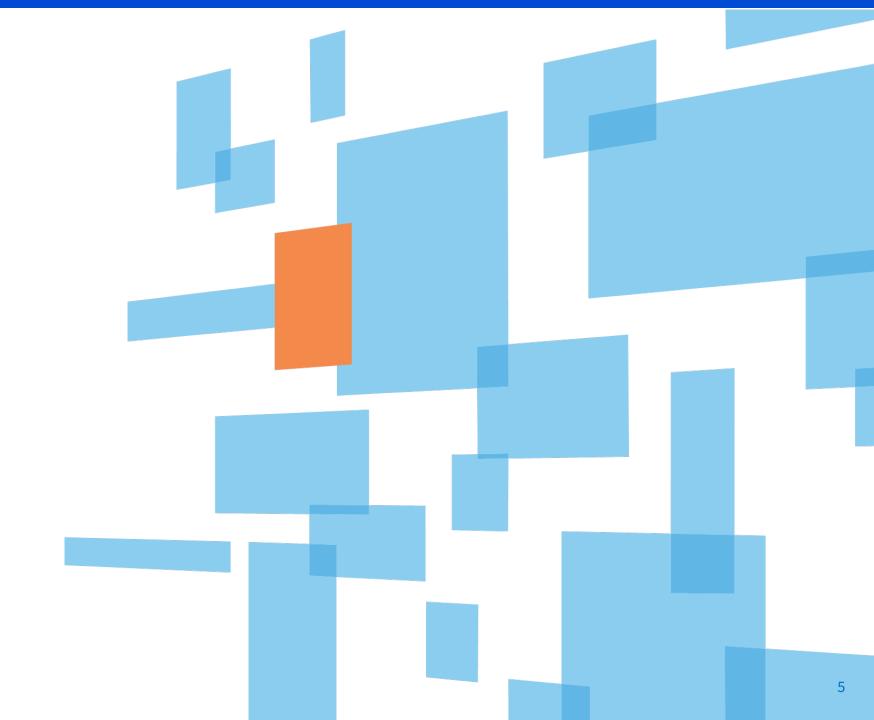
Who Files

Form 499-Q Sections

When to File

How to File the Form 499-Q

Questions





May 499-Q Notes

- 1. USAC online systems implemented a two factor authentication in December 2019, requiring an extra step to log in for added security.
- 2. The May FCC Form 499-Q must be filed by Friday, May 1, 2020
 - Revisions must be completed by Monday, June 15, 2020.
- 3. This 499-Q is completed by the filer to project or estimate their revenues for July, August and September 2020. (reported on Lines 119 & 120 of the 499-Q form)
- 4. For calendar year 2020, filers that expect to bill less than \$47,169.81 of combined interstate and international revenues will be considered *de minimis* for 2020. This is an estimate only, because not all of the quarterly contribution factors have been finalized for calendar year 2020.
- 5. Filers are no longer required to email USAC their quarterly traffic studies.....

 however you need to save them and submit as documentation to support your jurisdictional breakout on the 2021 FCC Form 499-A (next year's form).



Types of FCC Form 499

FCC Form 499-A

- 1. Required for all filers
- 2. The FCC Form 499-A is the annual form used to report the company's actual revenue billed during the prior 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 <u>non</u> *de minimis* telecommunications company <u>must</u> file the FCC Form 499-Q.
- 2. 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 for the upcoming quarter.
 - Send the email to 'Form499@usac.org'
 - ♦ Include your Filer ID, Company name and the reporting period (i.e February 499-Q) for which you expect to be *de minimis*.

So the key question is - what exactly is a de minimis company??



Define "de minimis"

Definition of *de minimis*

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 is less than \$10,000.

Which leads to the question, "How do I know what my annual contribution will be for a quarter?"

Looking at it from a REVENUE standpoint, USAC can "guestimate" (based on the FCC estimation factor)what the *de minimis* revenue threshold will be for calendar year 2020, as we don't know the 3rd and 4th quarter contribution rates yet.

For calendar year 2020, filers that bill less than **\$47,169.81** of combined interstate and international telecommunication revenues will be considered *de minimis* for 2020.

◆ This amount is an estimate only, based on the FCC Estimation Factor, as the actual quarterly contribution factors for CY 2020 are determined each quarter throughout the year .

The FCC Form 499-Q includes a table to help you determine your status each quarter.



Help determining "de minimis" status

Included in the instructions for every FCC Form 499-Q is a table (Figure 1) designed to help the filer determine if they are *de minimis* or not.

Prior to completing the table, you must 'manually' fill out a 499-Q, because the revenue numbers reported on your draft copy will be used to complete the table.

Complete the table in Figure 1 of the 2020 FCC Form 499-Q instructions to determine if your projections qualify you as a *de minimis* filer for the upcoming quarter.

Note: Actual contribution factors for future quarters may increase or decrease depending on quarterly changes in program costs and the contribution base.

IMPORTANT: *IF* the actual Contribution Factor exceeds the *Estimation* factor (.212) for a quarter you may receive an invoice from USAC, unless you have sent an email during the 499-Q open period notifying use that the company expects to be *de minimis*.

Let's look at the Figure 1.



Figure 1 Table to determine if a contributor meets the de minimis standard for purposes of universal service contribution during 2020

1	Interstate contribution base for the quarter for filer (amount reportable on filer's FCC Form 499-Q; Line 120(b))	\$
2	International contribution base for the quarter for filer (amount reportable on filer's FCC Form 499-O: Line 120(c))	\$
3	Interstate contribution base for the quarter for all affiliates* (total of amounts reportable on FCC Form 499-Q; Line 120(b) for all affiliates of the filer)	\$
4	International contribution base for the quarter for all affiliates (total of amounts reportable on FCC Form 499-O: Line 120(c) for all affiliates of the filer)	\$
5	Consolidated interstate contribution base: Line (1) + Line (3)	\$
6	Consolidated international contribution base: Line (2) + Line (4)	\$
7	Total potential contribution base for filer and its affiliates: Line (5) + Line (6)	\$
8	Combined interstate contribution base as a percentage of total potential contribution base: Line (5) / Line (7)	%
9	Interstate contribution base for filer from Line (1)	\$
10	If the amount in Line (8) is equal to or greater than 12%, enter into Line (10) the international contribution base for the filer from Line (2). If the amount on	\$
	Line (8) is less than 12%, enter \$0 (See 4 / CFR § 54.700(c))	
11	Revenue base for the filer for the quarter for determining contributions to	\$
12	If the projected revenues on Lines (1) and (2) include projected pass-through charges for contributions to federal universal service support mechanisms, enter the total amount of projected pass-through charges. If the projected revenues on Lines (1) and (2) do not include any universal service pass-through charges, enter \$0.	\$
13	Contribution base; Line (11) - Line (12)	\$
14	Annualizing multiplier	4
15	Annualized contribution base; Line (13) multiplied by Line (14)	
16	2020 Estimation factor for determining whether to file a 499-Q	0. 212**
17	Estimated annual contribution: amount in Line (15) multiplied by Line (16)	\$
*	Unless otherwise specifically provided, an affiliate is a "person that (directly or incontrols, is owned or controlled by, or is under common ownership or control with For this purpose, the term 'owns' means to own an equity interest (or the equivalet)	n, another person."

- For this purpose, the term 'owns' means to own an equity interest (or the equivalent thereof) of more than 10 percent. See 47 U.S.C. § 153(2).
- The estimation factor is based on a contribution factor of 0.270, which is higher than the contribution factor announced for any quarter of 2019, and a corresponding circularity factor of 0.212355. The public notices announcing the quarterly contribution factors are available at http://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/contribution-factor-quarterly-filings-universal-service-fund-usfmanagement-support.

Note: Actual contribution factors for future quarters may increase or decrease depending on quarterly changes in program costs and the contribution base. Filers whose actual contribution requirements total less than \$10,000 for the calendar year will be treated as de minimis and will receive refunds, if necessary. Filers whose actual contribution requirements total \$10,000 or more are required to contribute to the universal service support mechanisms and must file this Worksheet

499-Q Figure 1*

Lines 3 & 4 report revenue for affiliates

Lines 5 & 6 report consolidated revenue

Lines 8 & 10 are used to determine if a carrier is LIRE (mainly international usage)

Line 12 is used to back out any federal USF you invoice your customers (this would be included in lines 1 & 2, but not included in base)

If Line 17 results in \$10,000 or less, then you are de minimis.

*Table extracted from 2020 FCC Form 499-Q, page 5

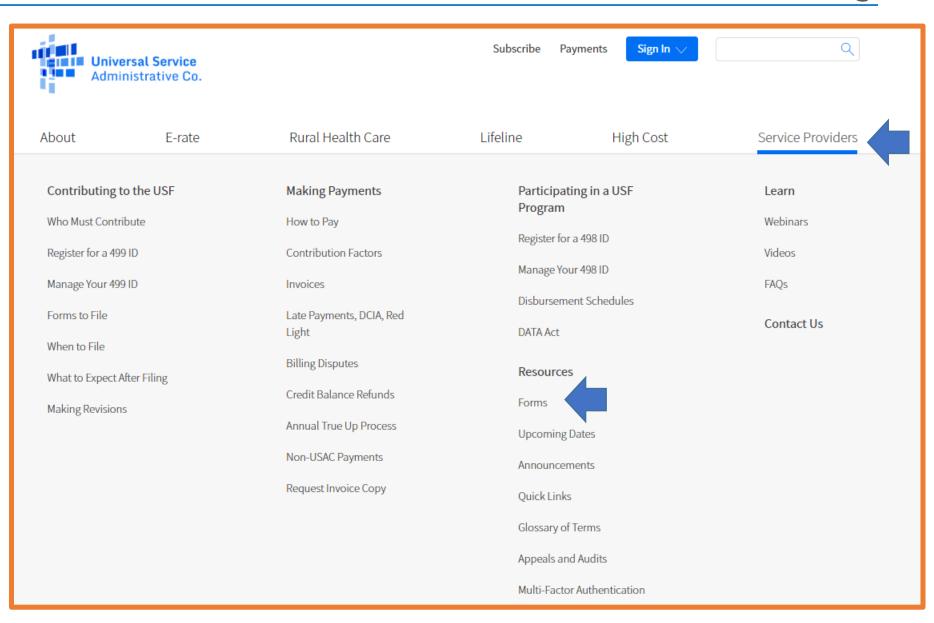
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Find the Form 499-Q

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

Hover over *Service Providers*From the top right hand of page

Select *Forms*from under the *Resources*section



Find the Form 499-Q

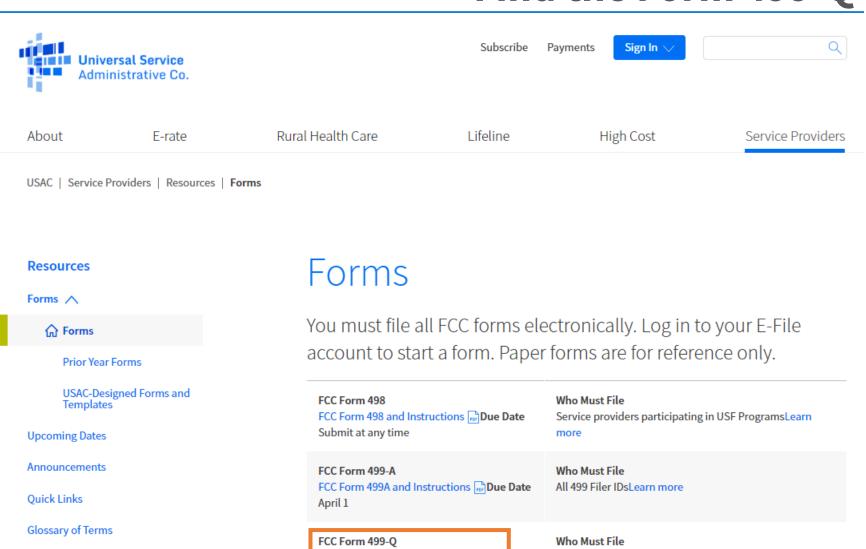
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The paper copy of the instructions as well as the form itself are the 3rd form listed in the section 'FCC Forms'.

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

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FCC Form 499-Q and Instructions

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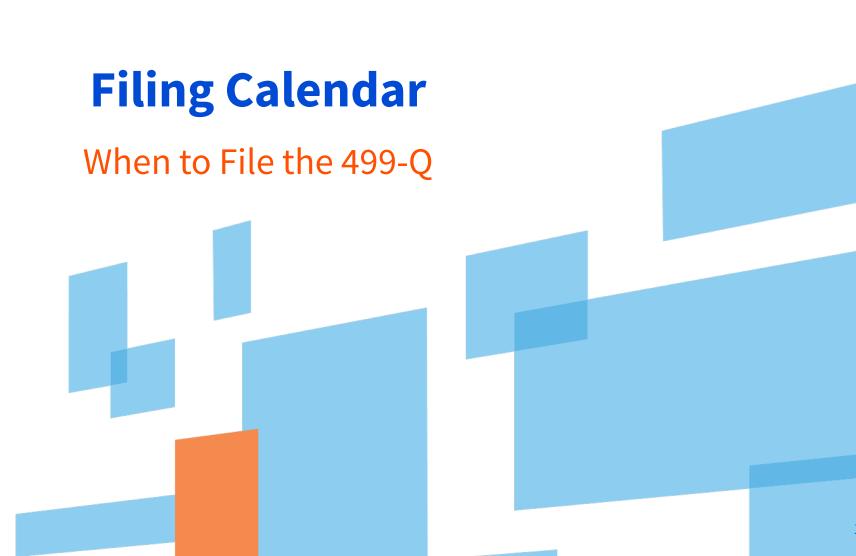
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103 Filer's IRS employer identification number	4
104 Name telecommunications provider is doing business as	4
105 Affiliated Filers Name Check if filer has no affiliates: □	
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Affiliated Filers Name will be the holding company name	4
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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	1
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	
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FCC Form 499-Q /February 2020

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2020 When To File

Due Date	Revenue Reported	Revision Deadline	Contributor Invoice
February 3, 2020*	2Q projected 2020 4Q revenue 2019	March 19, 2020	April – June 2020
April 1, 2020	Prior year: 2019 January - February	April 1, 2021	July 2020
May 1, 2020	3Q projected 2020 1Q revenue 2020	June 15, 2020	July – September 2020
August 3, 2020*	4Q projected 2019 2Q revenue 2019	September 17, 2020	October – December 2020
November 2, 2020*	1Q projected 2021 3Q revenue 2020	December 17, 2020	January – March 2021

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

When To File

Filing Dates – from the FCC Form 499-Q

Block 3: Contributor Historical and Projected Revenue Information								
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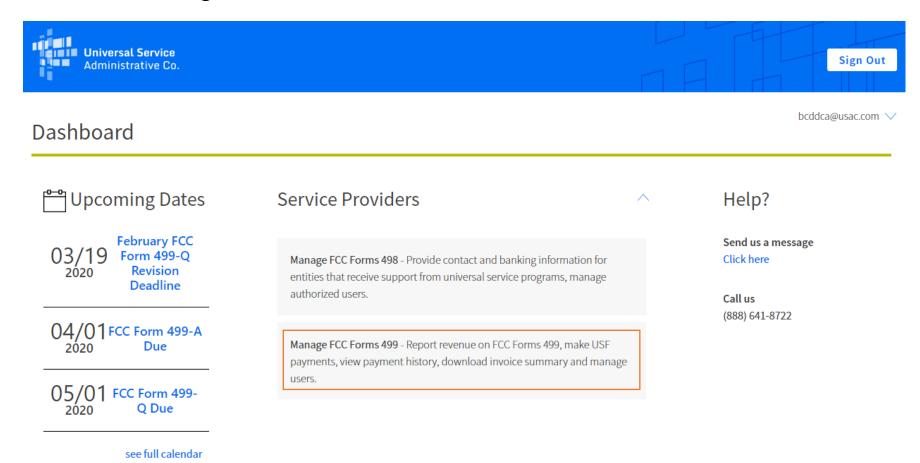
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Online Filing – Before You Start

- Make sure your internet browser's 'pop up blocker' is OFF.
 - The system opens a new window to display the data entry screen 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.
- Ensure sure these email addresses from USAC don't go to your SPAM folder!
 - Important USAC communication comes from the following emails
 - √ 'form499@usac.org'
 - √ 'CustomerSupport@usac.org'
 - √ 'form499@universalservice.org'
- Not sure if you are de minimis or not? FILE the form anyway!
 - We would rather have you report your revenues than us having to estimate on your behalf.

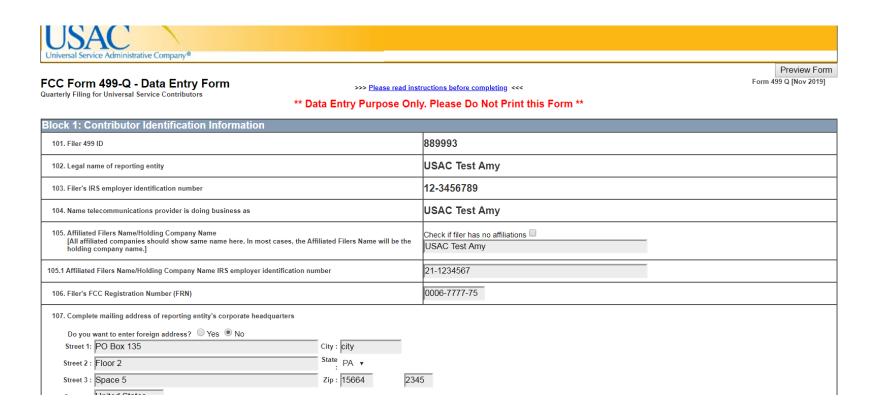
Once logged in to E-File, the new service provider portal will appear. Only systems in which you have authorization to access will appear. In this example, the user can only access the 498 ID and the 499 Filer ID. Select 'Manage FCC Forms 499'.



To start a 499-Q, select 'Create New Form' from the Information Center on the left hand side. 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.



Block 1: Contributor Identification Information will be prepopulated. If the data does not have a field box, you cannot change it.



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.

Block 2: Contact Information						
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109. Telephone number of this person	(202) 772-5678 Ext					
110. Fax number of this person	(999) 999-9999					
111. Email of this person	AmyOfficer@test.com					
112. Billing address and billing contact person [Bills for Universal Service contributions will be sent to this address Do you want to enter foreign address? Yes No Street 1: PO Box 135 Street 2: room 5 Street 3: 1B2L City: Mana Fax: (202)444 State: PA ▼ Zip: 20036 1234 Country: United States	-5555 -8888					

Block 3:

- This section contains the revenue, both past and predicted.
- USAC uses the revenues reported on Line 120 to calculate your support mechanism charges (USF)

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116. End-user telecommunications revenues including any pass-through charges for universal service contributions, but excluding international-to-international revenues	499-A Translation – End User only – Lines 403-417				
117. All other goods and services	499-A Translation – NON telecommunications Line 418				
118. Gross-billed revenues from all sources [sum of above]	\$0.00				
119. Projected gross-billed end-user interstate and international telecommunications revenues including any potential through charges for universal service contributions, but excluding international-to-international revenues	499-A Translation – End User only – Lines 403-417				
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Revenue Reporting Sections

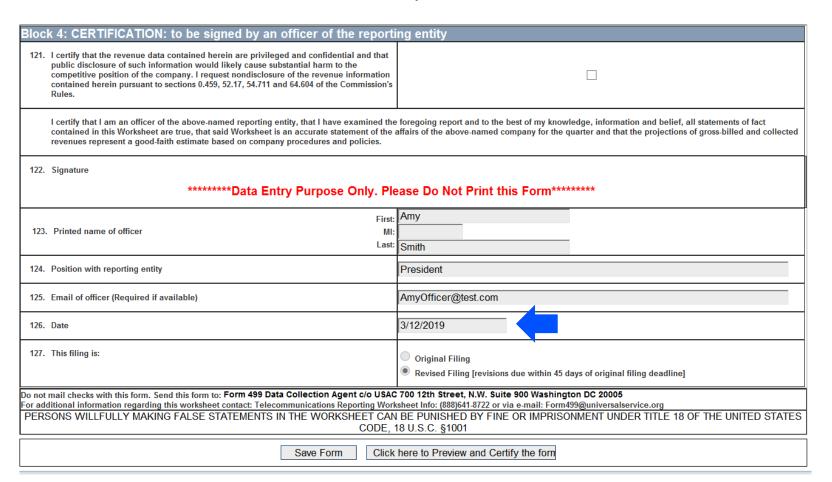
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119. Projected gross-billed end-user interstate and international telecommunications revenues including any pass-through charges for universal service contributions, but excluding international-to-international revenues		\$270,000.00	\$0.00	
120. Projected 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. (in other words, don't change it here!)
- Enter today's date on Line 126.
- To proceed click on 'Click here to Preview and Certify the form'



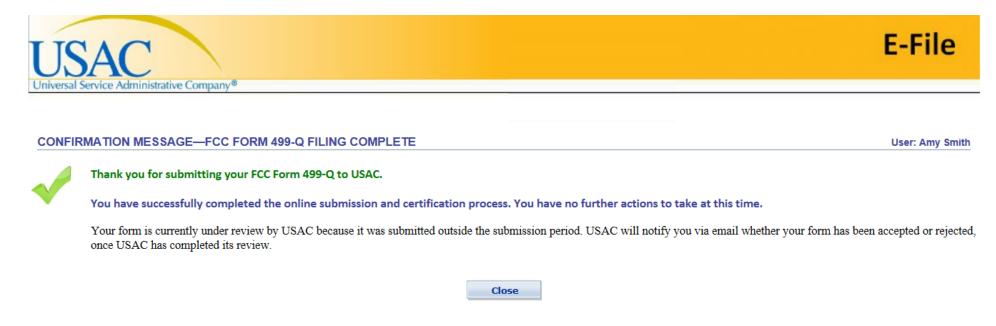
Submitting the FCC Form 499-Q

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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122 Signature				
123 Printed name of officer	First Amy MI	Last Smith		≡
124 Position with reporting entity	President			
125 Email of officer (Required if available)	AmyOfficer@test.com			
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Successful Submission

A confirmation message will appear on the screen.



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'.

9/27/2019 RegenerateEmailPopup

From: form499@usac.org

Sent: 7/31/2019 1:35:55 PM

To: akavelman@usac.org

Subject: ALERT: August 2019 499-Q IMPORTANT USF ALERT - 889993



FCC FORM 499 ALERT - INCREASED PROJECTED REVENUES

Thank you for submitting the August 2019 499-Q for Filer ID 889993 Test Company LLC. USAC has successfully processed your filing and notes that the interstate and/or international revenues projected on your August 2019 499-Q filing are significantly higher than the revenues that were projected on your May 2019 499-Q filing. Based on these projections your quarterly contribution base will significantly increase as a result of this filing as compared to your May 2019 499-Q.

If you need to make any corrections to your August 2019 FCC Form 499-Q please do so by submitting a revision with updated information, which can be done in the <u>E-File System</u>. Please note that USAC will not accept any revisions to this filing after 9/16/2019 11:59:00 PM.

Need Help? Contact Us!

If you have general questions or need assistance with E-File, call USAC Customer Operations at (888)641-8722 or CustomerSupport@usac.org. You may also visit us at www.usac.org.

Email notification

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

Don't ignore this email!

It tells you that USAC noticed the filing you just submitted is significantly higher than the previous 499-Q.

This email also includes when you need to submit revisions by.

Revise the FCC Form 499-Q

The Form 499-Q has a very short revision window of 45 days!

This is because the data collected on the form is time sensitive.

USAC uses the data for invoicing as well as determining the USF contribution factor.



Form	Status	Filing Period	Receipt Date	DCA Approval Date	
499Q - November 2019 Filing	DCA Approved	Open	9/27/2019	9/27/2019 1:44:27 PM	Revise Certify
499Q - May 2019 Filing	DCA Approved	Closed	4/9/2019	4/17/2019 2:54:59 PM	Revise Certify

The column titled 'Filing Period' lists the status of the filing period. If it's listed as 'Closed', you've missed the revision deadline.

Click the 'Revise' button to open up the 499Q form again and submit changes.

Revisions submitted after the revision date will not be used.

Monthly Invoice How USAC uses the revenue on the 499-Q

DETAILED SUMMARY OF CHARGES AND CREDITS

SUPPORT MECHANISM CHARGES

Your monthly support mechanism charges were calculated according to the following formulas:

Quarterly Contribution Base

The quarterly contribution base is a portion of your quarterly revenue that USAC considers when determining your quarterly Universal Service Fund contribution. The quarterly contribution base equals your interstate plus international revenue. Your current quarterly contribution base equals:

\$ 108,378.00 + \$ 0.00 = \$ 108,378.00 Interstate Revenue (Line 120B) + International Revenue (Line 120C) = Quarterly Contribution Base

Adjusted Quarterly Contribution

USAC adjusts carriers' quarterly contribution bases by the amount that they are expected to contribute in that quarter. The calculation for an adjusted contribution amount is as follows, and takes into account the circularity deduction:

\$ 108,378.00	*	0.212000		=		\$ 22,976	.14
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\$ 22,976.14	(_	\$ 22,976.14	*	0.175696	_)	=	\$ 18,939.32
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De Minimis Eligibility

Carriers whose expected annual contribution is less than \$10,000 are considered de minimis and are exempted from paying into the Universal Service Fund. To be exempt, a carrier must meet the de minimis criteria on both the current 499A and 499Q forms.

You meet the de minimis criteria on neither the 499A or the current 499Q. Therefore, you are not eligible for the de minimis exemption during the current quarter.

Your eligibility was calculated using the contribution factors established by the FCC for determining de minimis status on each form:

499A:

For more information on the FCC estimated annual factor, please see the Form 499A Instructions. For more information on the current FCC contribution factor, visit the FCC website at www.fcc.gov.

Support Mechanism Charges

Your total monthly contribution is determined by multiplying one-third of your adjusted quarterly contribution base by the current quarter's FCC contribution factor.

Page 1, Lower left hand side

FORM 499O DATA

This month's support mechanism charges were calculated using an FCC contribution factor of 0.212000 and the following revenue data:

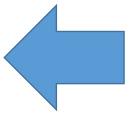
November 2019 499Q

120b \$108,378.00 120c \$0.00

If the figures do not correspond with your records, please contact USAC Customer Service at 888-641-8722

USAC takes the revenue input on Line 120b + 120c This is displayed on your invoice, page 1, lower left corner.

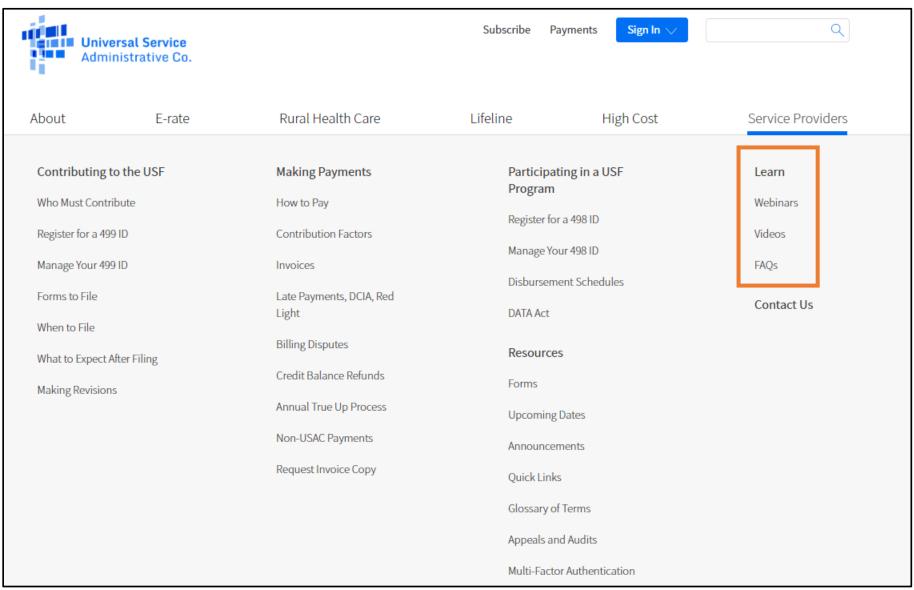
USAC outlines the calculations for the monthly contribution amount on page 2 of the invoice.



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