

Contributor Office Hours

Common Audit Findings
June 8, 2023

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Meet Our Presenters

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Agenda

- Introduction
- Webinar Format
- Common Audit Findings
- Questions
- Assistance Resources

"Office Hours" Webinar Format

- Office Hours are held monthly.
- Brief presentation of a common topic at the beginning
- Open the floor to questions from attendees
 - Attendees type their question in the 'Questions' box in the GoToWebinar panel
 - USAC staff will repeat the question so everyone can hear
 - USAC staff will answer the question, keeping identify of the asker private
 - If question contains specific company information, USAC staff will follow-up with an email, keeping the question private.

Common Audit Findings

Audit Document Requests

- AAD audits are performed over FCC Form 499-A submissions
- Timely submission of documents is imperative to audit success
- Tips for preparing for an AAD audit:
 - Maintain supporting documentation in a separate folder to support each FCC Form 499-A submission
 - Confirm numbers reported on FCC Form 499-A submission agree to support documentation
- List of documentation typically requested can be found <u>here</u>.

Fiscal Year 2022 Audit Findings

- Top 5 Findings
- Common Errors

Fiscal Year 2022 Audit Findings – Top Findings

- Interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) Revenues
- Gross Billed Revenue
- Private Line Revenue
- Fixed Local Service Revenue
- Customer Category End User vs. Reseller

Fiscal Year 2022 Audit Findings - Common Errors

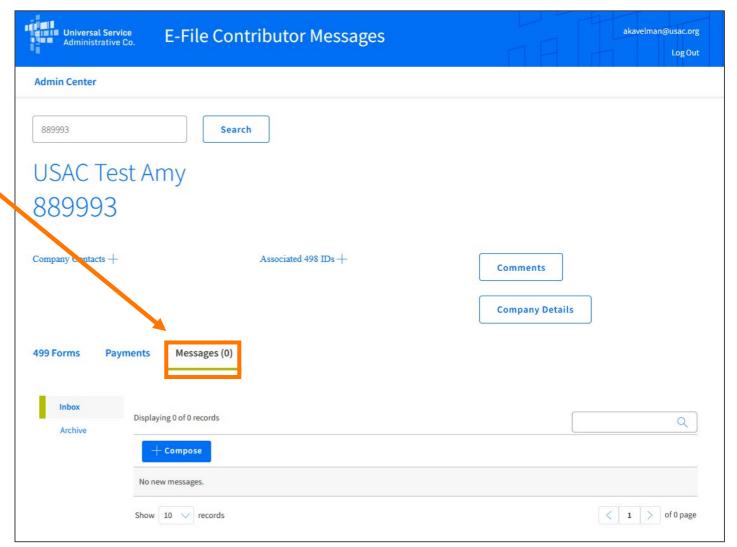
- The following errors were present in each of the Top 5 Findings:
 - Incorrect line reporting (most observed condition)
 - Incorrect reporting of prior period credit adjustments
 - Incorrect reporting of revenues and jurisdiction based on financial records
 - Lack of documentation to support jurisdictional reporting
 - Lack of documentation to demonstrate reasonable expectation standard/FCC definition of reseller
 - Reporting revenues not billed to customers
 - Omitting assessable revenues

Questions?

Customer Specific Contact

The best way to connect with your assigned 499 analyst is via E-File Messages.

Located within the E-File portal, a secure message can be sent to ask specific questions about your filer ID, Forms 499, payments, invoice and any other inquiry.



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