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# Office Hours:  Handling Mergers & Acquisitions

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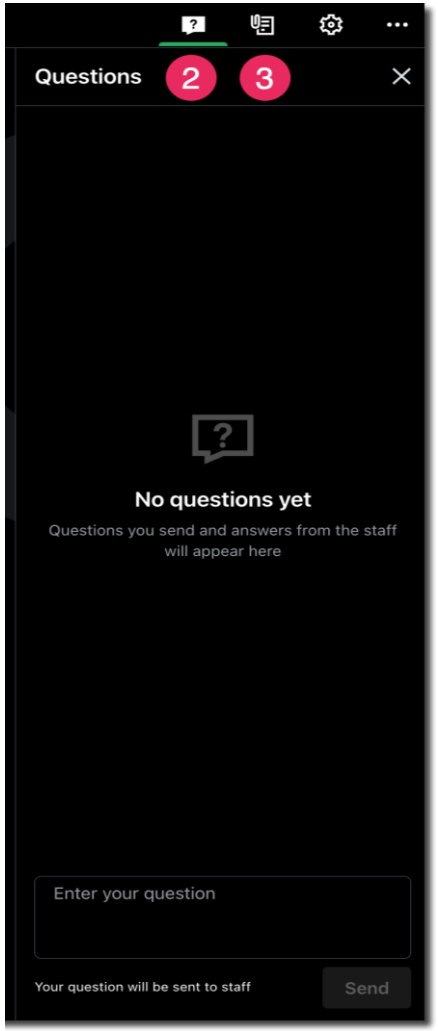

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# Meet Our Presenter

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# Agenda

- The “Office Hours” Webinar Format
- Review of the Obligation to File FCC Form 499-A Revisions to Reflect Mergers, Acquisitions, or Sales of Operating Units
- Successor Company Responsibilities
- Questions
- Additional 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 the identify of the asker private.
  - If the question contains specific company information, please use the Messages feature in E-File, and USAC staff will follow-up directly with you, keeping the question confidential.

# Obligation to File FCC Form 499-A Revisions to Reflect Mergers, Acquisitions, or Sales of Operating Units

# FCC Form 499-A Revisions: Successor Company Responsibilities

From the FCC Form 499-A Instructions:

- "Entities acquiring carrier operations through consolidation, merger, etc., must maintain the records of the acquired entity."
- "If a filer that submitted a Form 499-A no longer exists, its successor company is responsible for continuing to make assessed contribution or true-up payments, if any, for the funding period and must notify the Form 499 Data Collection Agent."

# FCC Form 499-A Revisions: Successor Company Responsibilities

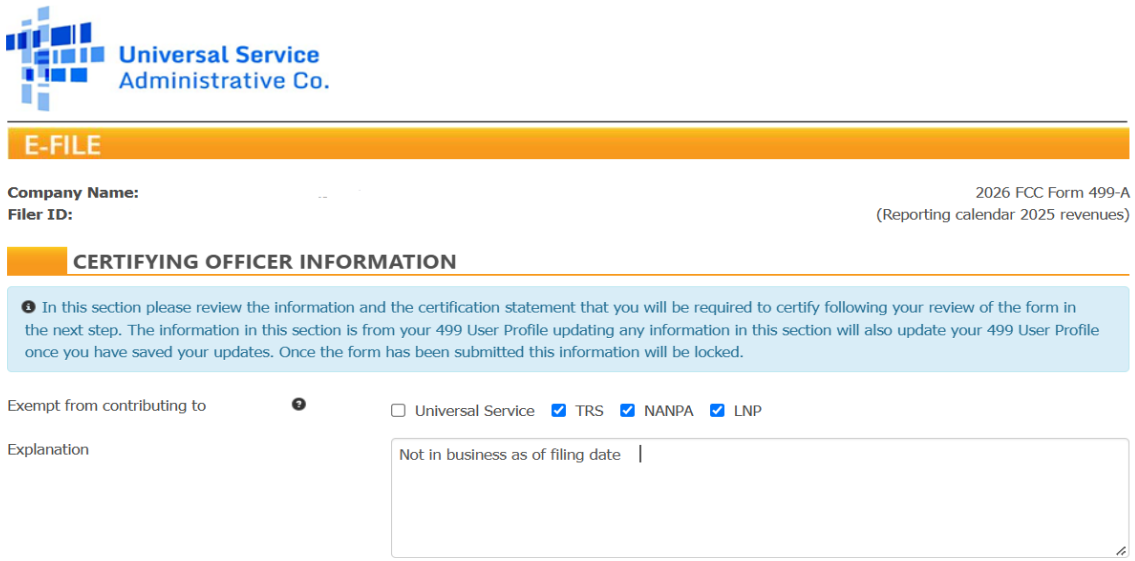
From the FCC Form 499-A Instructions:

- "If the operations of an entity ceased during the previous calendar year due to an acquisition by or merger with a successor, the successor company must submit the acquired entity's FCC Form 499-A Worksheet and report all pre-acquisition revenue for that calendar year. If the successor company has E-File access to the account of the acquired entity, it may submit the Worksheet electronically, otherwise it may submit a hard copy Worksheet to USAC. **It is the successor company's responsibility to ensure that the revenues for both companies for the previous calendar year are accounted for in their entirety on the respective company's quarterly and annual Worksheets.**"

# FCC Form 499-A Revisions: Successor Company Responsibilities

From the FCC Form 499-A Instructions:

- "Either the entity that ceased operations or the successor entity may owe additional universal service contributions or may be due refunds, depending on how its FCC Form 499-A Worksheet compares to previously filed FCC Form 499-Q Worksheets.
  - Such entities are not liable for TRS, LNP, or NANPA contributions for the upcoming year. Check the appropriate boxes on Line 603 and write "Not in business as of filing date" on the explanation line." Per the applicable screen in E-File:



# Example Notification Message Text – Company Sale

**Deactivation Request Processed: Company Sale**

USAC processed the deactivation request for [Name], Filer ID [499 ID], (referred to as Company A in this email), as it has sold its telecommunications assets, including its customer base to [Name], Filer ID [449 ID],(referred to as Company B in this email). USAC will send this information to Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS), local number portability (LNP), North America Numbering Plan (NANP), and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). According to the submitted Deactivation Request Form, the company sale is effective as of 5/1/2026.

Revenue Reporting

Either Company A (Legacy Company) or Company B (Acquiring Company) must submit the 2027 FCC Form 499-A for Company A's pre-acquisition revenue. Company B, as the surviving entity, is responsible for reporting all post-acquisition revenues on its own FCC Forms 499-A. The 2027 FCC Forms 499-A due following the sale will be filed as follows:

Legacy Company Form (Separate): The Legacy Company's 2027 FCC Form 499-A must be filed separately to report all pre-acquisition revenue. Either the Legacy Company or the Acquiring Company must submit this filing. Your Deactivation Request Form includes information on how to submit this filing.

Acquiring Company Forms: The Acquiring Company must report all post-acquisition revenue on its own 2027 FCC Forms 499-A.

**Final Steps to Complete Your Deactivation**

For the next 90 calendar days (from the date of this deactivation notice), you will continue to have access to the E-File account for Company A. Your username and password will remain the same as your current E-File login credentials. Before you lose access to E-File, please log in to your account to retrieve any and all company records that you would like to retain, update company contacts if needed, submit FCC Form 499 filings, and make payments. After 90 calendar days, USAC will terminate your access. If you need additional time after 90 days, you must submit a Temporary Access Request to USAC. If there are no outstanding issues or balances due to USAC, your deactivation is complete, and this email serves as your deactivation confirmation. If there is a balance due to USAC, please remit payment as soon as possible to avoid interest and penalties. You will continue to receive monthly invoices until your account is cleared. Please note: It takes about 1-2 billing cycles for any outstanding charges incurred after the end date to clear. As a result, you may receive more than one invoice, collection letter, or Red Light notification as USAC works through the process. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

You may respond to this message directly by clicking the reply arrow above or you may contact USAC customer service at (888)641-8722. Thank you.

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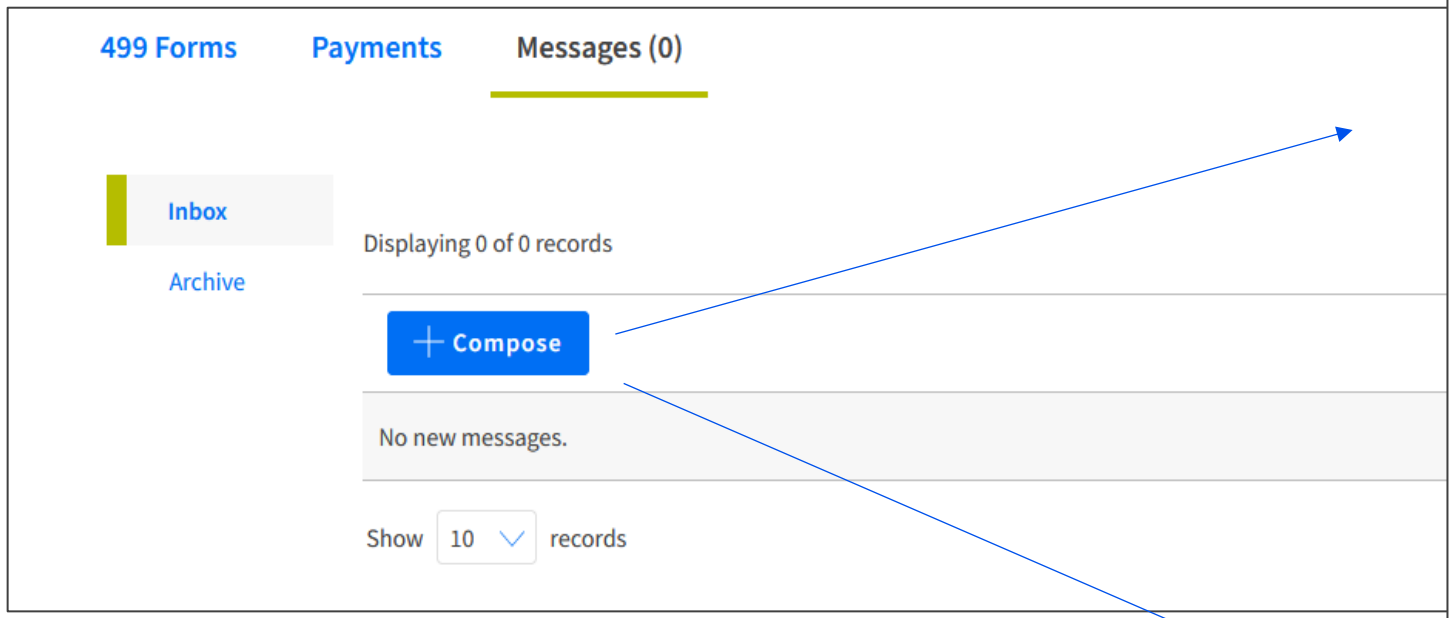
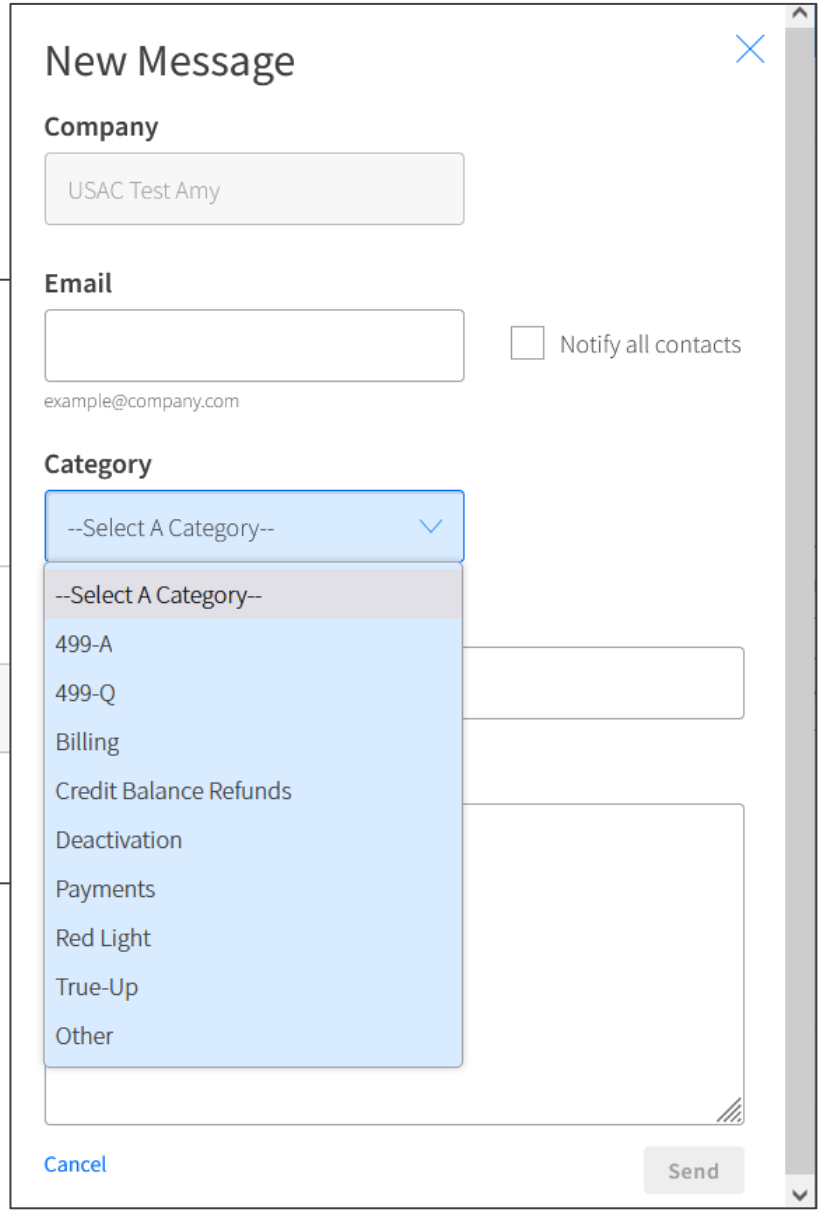
# Questions?

# Contacting USAC

# E-File Message Portal




Send a message to the Service Provider team directly through the Message Portal in E-File.

# Contributors/Service Providers Customer Service Center (CSC)



**Call us at (888) 641-8722**

Monday – Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET



**Email:** CustomerSupport@usac.org

- Include in your email
  - 498 ID/Service Provider ID Number (SPIN)
  - 499 Filer ID

Contact the CSC for issues relating to login, error messages, and other technical problems.

# Thank You!



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