

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WYOMING

IN THE MATTER OF THE FUNDING)
REQUIREMENT AND PROPOSED) Docket No. 90072-44-XO-18
ASSESSMENT FACTOR FOR THE JULY 2018) (Record No. 14923)
TO JUNE 2019 FISCAL YEAR OF THE)
WYOMING UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND)

CALL FOR COMMENTS

On May 2, 2018, the WUSF Manager filed her Amended Manager’s Report under Commission Rule Chapter 5, Section 3(b). The Report presents calculations for distributions pursuant to W.S. § 37-15-501(d) utilizing the \$30 imputed price benchmark outlined in W.S. § 37-15-501(h). The Report also presents calculations for distributions pursuant to W.S. § 37-15-501(g) to the extent that a telecommunications company’s loop costs, as reflected in the company’s most recent annual filing of unseparated loop costs filed with the Universal Service Administration Company, exceed the company’s most recent annual federal universal service funds receipts and annual local revenues. It includes the amount of WUSF distribution for each telecommunications company qualified to receive WUSF support payments pursuant to subsection (d) and (g), and the proposed assessment level for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 of 1.70 percent (1.70%).

At the Commission’s hearing of May 4, 2018, telecommunications company representatives urged the Commission to determine whether a Wyoming telecommunications company’s receipt of federal A-CAM funding support in 2017 should be included in the Fund Manager’s calculations as a “contribution from the federal universal service fund” pursuant to W.S. § 37-15-501(d) and Commission Rule Chapter 5, Section 1(c)(i). As a result, the Commission’s final determination may cause an adjustment to its *Order Establishing The Wyoming Universal Service Fund Assessment Level on an Interim Basis* issued on May 7, 2018, to the calculations utilized in the operation of the Fund, and to the assessment and distributions to qualified Wyoming telecommunications companies for the July 2018 - June 2019 Fiscal Year of the Wyoming Universal Service Fund.

Accordingly, written comments providing input into whether a Wyoming telecommunications company’s receipt of federal A-CAM funding support in 2017 should be included in the Fund Manager’s calculations as a “contribution from the federal universal service fund” pursuant to W.S. § 37-15-501(d) and Commission Rule Chapter 5, Section 1(c)(i) may be filed with the Wyoming Public Service Commission at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne WY 82002, **on or before June 6, 2018**. Reply comments must be filed **on or before June 16, 2018**.

This matter will be discussed and considered at a Commission open meeting held before July 1, 2018.

Please contact Melisa Mizel, Lori Brand, or Chris Petrie at (307) 777-7427 for additional information.