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USAC Files 2005 Annual Report with FCC and Congress

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) today filed with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the U.S. Congress its 2005 Annual Report.

As required by FCC rules, USAC's annual report provides information about its operations, activities, and accomplishments during 2005, including administration of the Universal Service Fund (USF) and participation by beneficiaries and service providers in each of the universal service programs—High Cost, Low Income, Rural Health Care and Schools and Libraries.

“USAC made great strides in 2005 to improve its administration of the Universal Service Fund under the FCC's guidance,” said Dr. Brian L. Talbott, Chairman of the USAC Board of Directors. “We will continue to adhere to the mission and scope of the universal service programs as defined by the FCC and Congress.”

The company made changes in 2005 that saved money and increased efficiency, including implementing electronic certification forms for contributors, new online forms for beneficiaries, and other initiatives intended to improve and enhance efficient USF administration. USAC also improved its outreach efforts and implemented measures to increase program integrity.

The 2005 USAC Annual Report is available on line at www.usac.org/about/resource-room.

About the Universal Service Administrative Company

The Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) is an independent, not-for-profit corporation designated as the permanent administrator of the Universal Service Fund by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). USAC administers the Universal Service Fund and the universal service support programs for high cost companies serving rural areas, low-income consumers, schools and libraries, and rural health care providers pursuant to the requirements of FCC rules. The Universal Service Fund helps provide communities across the country with affordable telecommunications services. For more information please visit: www.usac.org.

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