

The table below lists the major FCC orders, rulemaking notices, public notices, and other documents relating to the Universal Service Fund and USAC. The list is in chronological order.

Note that the table does not include all FCC orders, rulemaking notices, public notices, and other documents relating to the USF and USAC. The table may be updated on an ongoing basis.

Title and Docket(s)	Document Number/Citation	Release Date	Brief Description
Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, Report and Order .	FCC 97-157 , 12 FCC Rcd 8776 (1997) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ DA No. 97-157, <i>Errata</i>, 6/14/1997 unavailable online ▪ DA No. 97-2477, <i>Erratum</i>, 12/3/1997, 12 FCC Rcd 22493 (1997) unavailable online 	5/8/1997	" <i>First Report and Order</i> ". The FCC implements the mandate for universal service set forth in Section 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996; releases the <i>Universal Service Report and Order</i> implementing section 254 of the Act and establishing a universal service support system that became effective on January 1, 1998.
Federal-State Joint Board On Universal Service - Forward Looking Mechanism For High Cost Support For Non-Rural LECS, CC Dockets 96-45, 97-160, Order .	DA No. 97-2538, 12 FCC Rcd 20255 (1997) unavailable online	12/3/1997	Extends to April 24, 1998, the deadline for states to file cost studies for determining the forward-looking cost of providing the services supported by federal universal service support mechanism.
Federal-State Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, Order on Reconsideration .	FCC 97-246 , 12 FCC Rcd 10095 (1997) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ FCC 97-246 <i>Errata</i> 7/15/97 unavailable online ▪ FCC 97-246 Errata 7/24/97 	7/10/1997	Reconsideration of Schools and Libraries contracts, High Cost corporate expenses, funding for the high cost loop support, FCC USF jurisdiction, review process for carrier petitions for waivers, and monitoring reports.
Changes to the Board of Directors of the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., CC Docket No. 97-21, and Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, Report and Order and Second Order on Reconsideration .	FCC 97-253 , 12 FCC Rcd 18400 (1997)	7/18/1997	Appointment of NECA as Temporary Administrator, USAC Board of Directors, Functions of USAC, Creation and Functions of High Cost and Low Income Committee, Creation of Schools and Libraries and Rural Health Care Corporations, Boards of Directors of Schools and Libraries and Rural Health Care Corporations, Functions of Schools and Libraries and Rural Health Care Corporations.
Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, Forward-Looking	FCC 97-256 , 12 FCC Rcd 18514 (1997)	7/18/1997	Seeks comment on the mechanism the FCC should use to estimate the forward-looking economic costs that non-rural local exchange carriers

Mechanism for High Cost Support for Non-Rural LECs, CC Docket No. 97-160, Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.			would incur to provide universal service.
Changes to the Board of Directors of the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., CC Docket No. 97-21, and Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, Order on Reconsideration, Second Report and Order, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.	FCC 97-292 , 12 FCC Rcd 12444 (1997)	8/15/1997	Directs NECA to assume the duties of USAC pertaining to the distribution, receipt, and processing of the Universal Service Worksheet, FCC Form 457, until such time as USAC is prepared to begin its operations and assume these duties; authorizes NECA to perform certain ministerial functions on behalf of the Schools and Libraries Corporation and the Rural Health Care Corporation to the extent that the performance of those functions is necessary to meet the January 1, 1998 starting date established by the Commission; instructs entities that currently are unable, without substantial difficulty, to distinguish their intrastate, interstate, or international revenues or are unable to provide specific, line-by-line revenue totals for certain categories of revenues, to provide good faith estimates of such revenues
Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, Access Charge Reform, Price Cap Performance Review for Local Exchange Carriers, Transport Rate Structure and Pricing, End User Common Line Charge, CC Docket Nos. 96-262, 94-1, 91-213, 95-72, Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.	FCC 97-317 , 12 FCC Rcd 13667 (1997)	9/4/1997	Seeks comment on how LECs should recover PICCs for Lifeline consumers who elect to receive toll-blocking services
Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, Third Report and Order.	FCC 97-380 with erratum, 12 FCC Rcd 22485 (1997) ▪ Erratum 10/15/1997	10/14/1997	Adopts a filing window period that begins on the date that the Schools and Libraries Corporation and the Rural Health Care Corporation begin to receive applications for support; concludes that the administrative corporations will determine the length of the window and resolve other administrative issues necessary to implement the FCC's decision to adopt a window filing period consistent with its guidance; amends sections 54.507(e) and 54.623(c) of FCC rules to implement this change.
Frequently Asked Questions On Universal Service Support For Non-Rural Carriers Serving Rural, Insular, And High Cost Areas, CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-160, Public Notice.	DA 97-2383 , 12 FCC Rcd 18384 (1997)	11/12/1997	Frequently asked questions on universal service support for non-rural carriers serving rural, insular, and high cost areas.
Guidance to Proponents of Cost Models In Universal Service Proceeding: Customer Location And Outside Plant, CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-160, Public Notice.	DA 97-2372 , 12 FCC Rcd 18340 (1997)	11/13/1997	Guidance to proponents of cost models in universal service proceeding: customer location and outside plant.
Changes to the Board of Directors of the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., CC Docket	FCC 97-400 , 12 FCC Rcd 22423 (1997)	11/26/1997	For each quarter, the Administrator shall bill contributors monthly and require payment of contributions in equal monthly installments; 47

No. 97-21, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, Second Order on Reconsideration in CC Docket No. 97-21.			C.F.R. § 54.709(a)(5) is added to read as follows: The Administrator shall not require contributors to make payments pursuant to the universal service mechanisms set forth in 47 U.S.C. § 254 prior to February 1998.
Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, Third Order on Reconsideration.	FCC 97-411 , 12 FCC Rcd 22801 (1997)	12/16/1997	Directs the administrator to collect only as much as required by demand, but in no event more than \$25 million per quarter for the first and second quarters of 1998 to support the rural health care support mechanism; direct the administrator to collect only as much as required by demand, but in no event more than \$625 million for the first six months of 1998, to support the schools and libraries support mechanism.
Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45; Access Charge Reform, Price Cap Performance Review for Local Exchange Carriers, Transport Rate Structure and Pricing, End User Common Line Charge, CC Docket Nos. 96-262, 94-1, 91-213, 95-72, Fourth Order on Reconsideration in CC Docket No. 96-45, Report and Order in CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 96-262, 94-1, 91-213, 95-72.	FCC 97-420 corrected version, 13 FCC Rcd 5318 (1998)	12/30/1997	Clarifies or makes further findings regarding: (1) the rules governing the eligibility of carriers and other providers of supported services; (2) methods for determining levels of universal service support for carriers in rural, insular and high cost areas; (3) support for low-income consumers; (4) the rules governing the receipt of universal service support under the schools and libraries and rural health care programs; (5) the determinations of who must contribute to the new universal service support mechanisms; and (6) administration of the support mechanisms.