

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.

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Letter to Brian L. Talbott, Chairman – USAC Board of Directors from Sharon Gillett, Chief FCC Wireline Competition Bureau, Letter .	DA 11-45	1/10/2011		Letter to USAC: announcing that Chairman Julius Genachowski named six members to the USAC Board of Directors.
Wireline Competition Bureau Establishes the Effective Date for Electronic Disbursement of Universal Service Support Payments, CC Docket No. 02-6, Public Notice .	DA 10-270 , 25 FCC Rcd 7067 (2010)	6/2/2010		Establishes the effective date of August 31, 2010 for the requirement that all federal universal service support payments must be made by electronic funds transfer.
Federal-State Joint Board on Separations seeks comment on a proposal for interim adjustments to jurisdictional separations allocation factors and category relationships pending comprehensive reform and seeks comment on comprehensive reform, CC Docket 80-286, Public Notice .	FCC 10J-1 , 25 FCC Rcd 3336 (2010)	3/30/2010		Federal-State Joint Board on Separations seeks comment on a proposal for interim adjustments to jurisdictional separations allocation factors and category relationships pending comprehensive reform and seeks comment on comprehensive reform.
Re: Vacancies on the USAC Board of Directors, Public Notice, Letter to USAC .	DA 10-347 , 25 FCC Rcd 1987 (2010) DA 10-349 , 25 FCC Rcd 2000 (2010)	3/1/2010		On March 1, 2010, FCC Chairman named five members to the USAC Board. These five members are selected as successors to Board members whose terms expired on December 31, 2009.

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Wireline Competition Bureau Announces New Docket Number For All Future Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Members, WC Docket No. 09-197, Public Notice.	DA-09-2357 , 24 FCC Rcd 13469 (2009)	11/02/2009		Announces that WC Docket No. 09-197 is the new docket number for all further filings, communications and proceedings involving eligible telecommunications carriers.
The Wireline Competition Bureau Seeks Nominations for Six Board Member Positions on the Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors, CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 97-21, Public Notice.	DA 09-2127 , 24 FCC Rcd 12126 (2009)	9/28/2009		Seeks nominations for six Board Members for USAC. Nominations due by November 1, 2009.
Chairman Genachowski Names Two Members to the Board of Directors of the Universal Service Administrative Company, CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 97-21, Public Notice.	DA-09-2098 , 24 FCC Rcd 12027 (2009)	9/23/2009		Names Scott K. Bergmann, representative for Commercial Mobile Radio Service Providers and Ellis Jacobs, representative for Low-Income Consumers, as members of the USAC Board of Directors.
The Wireline Competition Bureau Seeks Nominations for Two Board Member Positions on the Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors, CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 97-21, Public Notice.	DA-09-1549 , 24 FCC Rcd 9207 (2009)	7/21/2009		Seeks nominations for two Board Members for USAC. Nominations due by August 20, 2009.
Universal Service Administrative Company Federal-State Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, CC Docket No. 97-21, Order.	DA-09-1215 , 24 FCC Rcd 7376 (2009)	6/01/2009		Grants USAC a limited waiver of section 54.717(f) of the Commission's rules to extend the filing deadline by which USAC's independent auditor must submit its draft audit report for calendar year 2008.
Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, Changes	DA 08-2487 , 23 FCC Rcd 16564 (2008)	11/12/2008		Seeks nominations for six positions on USAC's Board of Directors. Nominations are due by December 1, 2008.

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to the Board of Directors of the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., CC Docket No. 97-21, Public Notice.				
Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, Changes to the Board of Directors of the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., CC Docket No. 97-21, Order.	DA 08-1192 , 23 FCC Rcd 8260 (2008)	5/20/2008		Waives on its own motion sections 54.702(b)(1) and 54.703(c) of FCC rules that specify that one member of USAC's Board shall be nominated and represented by "interexchange carriers with more than \$3 billion in annual operating revenues."
Kansas Corporation Commission Petition for Declaratory Ruling, WC Docket No. 08-55, Public Notice.	DA 08-1060 , 23 FCC Rcd 7203 (2008)	5/2/2008		Seeks comment on a KCC petition for declaratory ruling affirming the lawfulness of its procedure for certifying carriers' receipt of federal universal service support.
2007 Universal Service Monitoring Report, CC Dockets 98-202 and 96-45.	2007 USF Monitoring Report	12/28/2007		Report contains information designed to monitor the impact of various universal service support mechanisms, and the methods used to finance them. 11th report in this series. (Data received through June 2007)
Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, Changes to the Board of Directors of the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., CC Docket No. 97-21, Public Notice.	DA 07-4245 , 22 FCC Rcd 18407 (2007)	10/12/2007		Office of the Managing Director Seeks Nominations for Seven Board Member Positions on the USAC Board of Directors.
Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, Order.	FCC 07-173 , 22 FCC Rcd 17949 (2007)	9/28/2007		FCC appointed Simon Fitch to serve on the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, effective October 1, 2007.
Comprehensive Review of Universal Service Fund Management, Administration, and Oversight, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism,	FCC 07-150 , 22 FCC Rcd 16372 (2007)	8/29/2007		Adopts measures to safeguard the USF from waste, fraud, and abuse as well as measures to improve the management, administration, and oversight of the USF. Specifically: Strengthens oversight of the USF contributions process by requiring timely filing of Telecommunications Reporting Worksheets and timely payment of USF contributions; Clarifies current procedures and

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Rural Health Care Support Mechanism, Lifeline and Link-Up, Changes to the Board of Directors for the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., WC Docket No. 05-195, CC Docket No. 96-45, CC Docket No. 02-6, WC Docket No. 02-60, WC Docket No. 03-109, CC Docket No. 97-21, Report & Order .				restructure the rate of interest under the DCIA as amended, that is imposed when contributors fail to make USF contributions on time and apply the same rate to contributors that fail to file properly the FCC Forms 499-A and 499-Q; Adopts document retention requirements and administrative limitation periods for the high-cost, low-income, and rural health care universal service programs, and for USF contributors; Adopt rules for recovery of improperly disbursed funds for the high-cost, low-income, and rural health care universal service programs; Revises FCC debarment rules to include parties who are convicted of criminal violations or held civilly liable for acts arising out of participation in the high-cost, low-income, and rural health care universal service programs; Adopts performance measures for the universal service programs and for the Administrator.
2006 Universal Service Monitoring Report, CC Dockets 98-202 and 96-45.	2006 USF Monitoring Report	12/29/2006		Report contains information designed to monitor the impact of various universal service support mechanisms, and the methods used to finance them. Tenth report in this series. (Data received through May 2006)
Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service; Request for Review of the Decision of the Universal Service Administrator by Thumb Cellular Limited Partnership, CC Docket No. 96-45, Order .	DA 06-2355 , 21 FCC Rcd 13539 (2006)	11/22/2006		Clarifies that Section 1.4(j) of the Commission's rules provides that if the filing date falls on a holiday (Saturday, Sunday, officially recognized federal legal holidays, and any other day FCC offices are closed and not reopened prior to 5:30 pm), the document shall be filed on the next business day, regardless if program rules state specific date. Example: If rule states, "must be submitted no later than March 30 each year," and March 30 is a holiday, any filings are due the next business day (e.g., March 31 or April 1).
Amendment of Part 54 of the Commission's Rules, Order .	FCC 06-89 , 21 FCC Rcd 7422 (2006)	6/23/2006		Amends FCC rules to align oversight of the USF with the responsibilities of the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) and the Office of the Managing Director (OMD). Specifically, assigns certain audit activities formerly assigned to the Wireline Competition Bureau, including oversight of the annual Part 54 audit of USAC, to the OIG and assign

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Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service; Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism; Rural Health Care Support Mechanism; Lifeline and Link-Up, CC Dockets No. 96-45 and 02-6, WC Dockets No. 02-60 and 03-109, Order.	FCC 05-178 , 20 FCC Rcd 16883 (2005)	10/14/2005	Katrina Relief Order Hurricane Katrina Order	calculation of the quarterly USF contribution factor to OMD. Katrina Relief order; takes immediate steps to assist the victims of Hurricane Katrina by making available approximately \$211 million of targeted support from the Universal Service Fund for reconstruction and remediation relating to the restoration of telecommunications services.
Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism; Rural Health Care Support Mechanism; Lifeline and Link-Up, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service; CC Docket No. 02-6, WC Dockets No. 02-60 and 03-109, CC Docket No. 96-45, Order.	DA 05-2484 , 20 FCC Rcd 14774 (2005)	9/21/2005	Katrina Waiver Order	Katrina Waiver Order; waives procedural rules relating to the Universal Service Fund on an emergency interim basis; State commissions, carriers, and program beneficiaries in the affected areas of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama may postpone filing certain USF forms, payments and data for a period of up to one hundred and fifty (150) days.
Comprehensive Review of Universal Service Fund Management, Administration, and Oversight, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, Rural Health Care Support Mechanism, Lifeline and Link-Up, Changes to the Board of Directors for the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., WC Docket No. 05-195, CC Docket No. 96-45, CC Docket No. 02-6, WC Docket No. 02-60, WC	FCC 05-124 , 20 FCC Rcd 11308 (2005)	6/14/2005		Initiates a broad inquiry into the management and administration of the Universal Service Fund (“USF”), as well as the FCC’s oversight of the USF and USAC.

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Docket No. 03-109, CC Docket No. 97-21, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.				
Application of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for Federal Agencies and Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards to the Universal Service Fund, CC Docket No. 96-45, Order. (“GovGAAP Order”).	FCC 03-232 , 18 FCC Rcd 19911 (2003)	10/3/2003		Requires USAC to prepare financial statements for the USF consistent with generally accepted accounting principles for federal agencies (Federal GAAP) and to keep the Fund in accordance with the United States Government Standard General Ledger (USGSQL); requires USAC to conduct audits of the Fund pursuant to generally accepted government auditing standards.
Federal-State joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, Order and Order on Reconsideration.	FCC 03-170 , 18 FCC Rcd 15090 (2003)	7/14/2003		Retains the existing list of services supported by federal universal service; agrees with the Joint Board that, with the possible exception of equal access, no new service satisfies the statutory criteria contained in section 254(c) or should be added to the list of core services; Joint Board was unable to reach agreement on whether equal access should be added to the list of supported services and made no recommendation regarding this service.
Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Changes to the Board of Directors of the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., Petition for Rule Change of Section 54.717(f) of the Commission’s Rules and Regulations, CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21, Order.	FCC 03-59 , 18 FCC Rcd 6063 (2003)	3/26/2003		Amends section 54.717(f) to extend the filing deadline by which the independent auditor hired by USAC must submit its draft audit report to the Wireline Competition Bureau.
Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Changes to the Board of Directors of the National Exchange Carriers Association, Inc., Petition for	DA-03-614 , 18 FCC Rcd 2923 (2003)	2/28/2003		Extends the filing deadline by which the independent auditor hired by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) must submit its draft audit report to the Wireline Competition Bureau for this year until April 15, 2003.

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Limited Waiver of 47 C.F.R. Section 54.717(f) Regarding Audit Report Deadline, Order .				
Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Docket No. 96-45, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking .	FCC 03-13 , 18 FCC Rcd 2932 (2003)	2/25/2003		Seeks comment on the Recommended Decision of the Federal-State Joint Board regarding the definition of services supported by universal service.
Implementation of Interim Filing Procedures for Filings of Requests for Review, Request Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, Order .	FCC 02-339 , 18 FCC Rcd 490 (2003)	1/7/2003		Deems certain requests for review as timely filed with the FCC and grants other petitioners a 60-day opportunity to resubmit their pleadings electronically; specifically, relief is provided to parties who have, after September 12, 2001, mailed to the FCC requests for review of an action of USAC pursuant to section 54 of our rules, or petitions for reconsideration or applications for review arising from such pleadings.
Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, Recommended Decision .	FCC-02J-1 , 17 FCC Rcd 14095 (2002)	7/10/2002		Joint Board recommends that the FCC retain the existing list of services supported by universal service.
Establishment of the Media Bureau, the Wireline Competition Bureau and the Consumer Governmental Affairs Bureau, Reorganization of the International Bureau and Other Organizational Changes, Order .	FCC 02-10 , 17 FCC Rcd 4672 (2002)	3/14/2002		Creation of Wireline Competition Bureau and modifies Part 54 rules to reflect change of bureau name.
Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, Changes to the Board of Directors of the National Exchange Carriers Association, Inc., CC Docket No. 97-21, Petition for Limited Waiver of 47 C.F.R. § 54.702(f) Regarding Audit Report Deadline, Order .	DA 02-482 , 17 FCC Rcd 3698 (2002)	3/1/2002		Grants USAC a limited waiver of FCC rules, extending the filing deadline for USAC's independent auditor to submit its draft audit report for 2001 to April 15, 2002.

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Implementation of Interim Filing Procedures for Filings of Requests for Review, Request Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, Order .	FCC 01-376 with Erratum 12/28/01, 17 FCC Rcd 339 (2002)	12/26/2001	Interim Filings Procedure Order	Amends procedural rules on an emergency, interim basis to extend the period for filing a request for review, or applications for review arising from such proceedings, from the current 30 day period to 60 days, to provide applicants with the option of electronic filing (via either electronic mail or facsimile) for requests for review and petitions for reconsideration or applications for review that arise from such proceedings, and to provide parties that have mailed pleadings on or after September 12, 2001 with an opportunity to re-file their pleadings electronically.
2000 Biennial Regulatory Review – Comprehensive Review of the Accounting Requirements and ARMIS Reporting Requirements for Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers: Phase 2, Amendments to the Uniform System of Accounts for Interconnection, Jurisdictional Separations Reform and Referral to the Federal-State Joint Board, Local Competition and Broadband Reporting, CC Docket Nos. 00-199, 97-212, 80 286, 99-301, Report and Order in CC Docket Nos. 00-199, 97-212 and 80-286, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket Nos. 00-199, 99-301 and 80-286.	FCC 01-305 , 16 FCC Rcd 19911(2001) FCC 01-305 Erratum 1/18/2002.	11/5/2001	2000 Biennial Regulatory Review Phase 2 Report and Order	Retains higher level of detail of Class A accounts as necessary for the FCC to continue meeting its statutory obligations with respect to universal service; Uniform System of Accounts data are currently used to calculate universal service support, which enables carriers serving high-cost and rural areas to provide local service at affordable rates.
Federal State Joint Board On Universal Service Seeks Comment On Review Of The Definition Of Universal Service, CC	FCC 01J-1 , 16 FCC Rcd 16155 (2001)	8/21/2001		Joint Board on universal service seeks comment on review of the definition of universal service.

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Docket 96-45, Public Notice.				
Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, Western Wireless Corporation Petition for Preemption of an Order of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission, Declaratory Ruling.	FCC 00-248 , 15 FCC Rcd 15168 (2000)	8/10/2000		Provides guidance to remove uncertainty and terminate controversy regarding whether section 214(e)(1) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, (the Act) requires a common carrier to provide supported services throughout a service area prior to being designated an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) that may receive federal universal service support; guidance provided in this Declaratory Ruling will assist state commissions in acting expeditiously to fulfill their obligations under section 214(e) to designate competitive carriers as eligible for federal universal service support.
Access Charge Reform, CC Docket No. 96-262, Price Cap Performance Review for Local Exchange Carriers CC Docket No. 94-1, Low-Volume Long Distance Users, CC Docket No. 99-249, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket No. 96-45, Sixth Report and Order in CC Docket No. 96-262 and 94-1, Report and Order in CC Docket No. 99-249, Eleventh Report and Order in CC Docket No. 96-45, petition for stay denied , 15 FCC Rcd 13191 (2000).	FCC 00-193 , 15 FCC Rcd 12962 (2000) FCC 00-193 Erratum 6/14/2000	5/31/2000	CALLS Order	Adopts an integrated interstate access reform and universal service proposal put forth by the members of the Coalition for Affordable Local and Long Distance Service (CALLS); creates a more rational interstate rate structure.
Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service: Promoting Deployment and Subscriberhip in Unserved and Underserved Areas, Including Tribal and Insular Areas, CC Docket No. 96-45, Further Notice of Proposed	FCC 99-204 , 14 FCC Rcd 21177 (1999)	9/3/1999		Addresses the unique issues that may limit telecommunications deployment and subscriberhip in the unserved or underserved regions of our Nation, including on tribal lands and insular areas.

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Rulemaking.				
Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, Access Charge Reform, CC Docket No. 96-262, Seventh Report and Order and Thirteenth Order on Reconsideration in CC Docket No. 96-45, Fourth Report and Order in CC Docket No. 96-262 and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.	FCC 99-119 , 14 FCC Rcd 8078 (1999)	5/28/1999	Seventh Report and Order	Ensures that mechanisms exist so that non-rural carriers' rates for services supported by universal service mechanisms remain affordable in all regions of the nation and reasonably comparable to those prevalent in urban areas.
Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, Third Report and Order in CC Docket No. 97-21, Fourth Order on Reconsideration in CC Docket No. 97-21 and Eighth Order on Reconsideration in CC Docket No. 96-45.	FCC 98-306 , 13 FCC Rcd 25058 (1998)	11/20/1998		Reconsiders the current organizational structure for administering the universal service support mechanisms and adopt a plan for merging the Schools and Libraries Corporation (SLC) and the Rural Health Care Corporation (RHCC) into the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) by January 1, 1999; adopt specific procedures under which administrative decisions made by USAC will be reviewable by the FCC.
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,	FCC 97-420 corrected version, 13 FCC Rcd 5318 (1998)	12/30/1997	Fourth Order on Reconsideration	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.

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91-213, 95-72.				
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	Second Report and Order	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
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	Second Order on Reconsideration	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 Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, Order on Reconsideration.	FCC 97-246 , 12 FCC Rcd 10095 (1997) ▪ FCC 97-246 Errata 7/24/97	7/10/1997	First Order on Reconsideration	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.

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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>, 6/4/1997 unavailable online ▪ DA No. 97-2477, <i>Errata</i>, 12/3/1997, 12 FCC Rcd 22493 (1997) 	5/8/1997	1997 Universal Service Order First Report and Order Universal Service Report and Order	<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.