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The USAC Connection High Cost & Low Income monthly newsletter will give you information about upcoming program deadlines, tips to help you ensure timely and proper filings, and other timely information.

High Cost Program

Actual ILEC Local Switching Support Data for 2006 is Due No Later than December 31, 2007

All incumbent ETCs that filed for Local Switching Support (LSS) for calendar year 2006 must file actual LSS data (true-up data) for calendar year 2006 with USAC **no later than December 31, 2007**. If your LSS actual data for calendar year 2006 are not timely filed, **all LSS disbursed for calendar year 2006 will be recovered by USAC**.

A "cost company" serving 50,000 lines or fewer must use the *Local Switching Support Reporting Worksheet for Cost Companies* (Form LSSc) to submit its actual LSS data. An "average schedule" company must use the *Local Switching Support Reporting Worksheet for Average Schedule Companies* (Form LSSa) to submit its actual LSS data. The forms can be found on the [High Cost Forms](#) page.

Whether you are an average schedule or a cost company, you may submit your LSS Form to USAC:

By Email: hcfilings@HCLI.universalservice.org

By Fax: 1-866-873-4666

By Mail: Universal Service Administrative Co.
444 Hoes Lane
Piscataway, NJ 08854

If the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) files LSS data on your behalf, NECA must submit the same data as required on the LSS forms. NECA also must file your data with USAC **no later than December 31, 2007**.

Please contact USAC's customer service center at 877-877-4925 if you have any questions.

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REMINDER: 2007 Verification Follow-Up Submissions are Due October 31

All eligible telecommunications carriers (ETCs) in federal default states (AS, DE, HI, IA, IN, LA, MP, NH) that reported "No Response to Survey" for some Lifeline customers should submit updated verification results to USAC by **October 31**. If no response was received to the verification survey, customers under the "No Response to Survey" column should be moved to the "Found to be Ineligible" column. ETCs should submit a letter of impending termination to customers who failed to respond to the survey and should terminate from the Lifeline program those customers that fail to demonstrate continued eligibility after 60 days.

ETCs that did not report any customers under the "No Response to Survey" column do not need to submit updated verification results.

Please see the [FCC's Public Notice](#) for more information. The FCC has established **August 31** as the permanent deadline for submitting annual verification results and certifications, and **October 31** as the

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permanent deadline for submitting updated verification results. ETCs should use the [Verification Sample Letter](#) when submitting data to USAC.

Please submit verification results, follow ups, or certifications to USAC using only **ONE** of these methods:

Fax: Attention: Low Income Program
(202) 776-0080

E-mail: Submit scanned Adobe versions with signatures to LiVerifications@usac.org

Mail: USAC - Low Income Program
2000 L Street, NW, Suite 200
Washington, D.C. 20036

You can check to see whether USAC has received your submission by visiting USAC's [Verification submissions page](#). This page is updated every Thursday.

State Commission Contact Information Now Available on USAC Web Site

In an effort to maintain the most accurate and updated information, USAC has revised its [State Commission](#) page to include contact information for all states and territories. The new information includes links to each state's utility regulator telecommunications division's website, mailing address, phone number, fax number, complaint website, and hotline number.

The screenshot shows a web interface with a navigation bar at the top containing 'Low Income', 'Low Income Households', 'Familias de Bajos Ingresos', and 'Telecommunications Carriers'. Below the navigation bar, there are three main sections: 'About Low Income:' with a list of links (Overview of the Program, Overview of the Process, Site Visits, Understanding Audits, Filing Appeals), 'Low Income Tools:' with a list of links (Latest News, Calendar/Reminders, Required Forms, Disbursement Data, Rules and Orders, Tips and Best Practices, Frequently Asked Questions, Program Compliance), and 'Contact Your State Commission'. The 'Contact Your State Commission' section is titled 'STATE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSIONS TELECOMMUNICATIONS DIVISIONS' and lists state abbreviations from AK to WY. Below this, there are two detailed contact boxes: one for the Alabama Public Service Commission (PO Box 304260, 100 N. Union Street, Suite 850, Montgomery, AL 36130, Phone: (334) 242-5283 Fax: (334) 242-0785) and one for the Regulatory Commission of Alaska (701 W. 8th Avenue, Suite 300, Anchorage, AK 99501-3469, Phone: (907) 276-6222 Fax: (907) 276-0160). Each box includes a link to 'File a Complaint' and a 1-800 hotline number.

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