

NUSF-100 Workshop Agenda

A. Introduction

B. Staff Presentation

C. Discussion of Issues Presented by Commenters

1. Defining a connection.

- a. What is included and what is not?
- b. How can we make sure all telecommunications providers are assessed through a connections-based mechanism?
- c. Who has the responsibility to remit and report?
- d. What data do we need to make connections workable?
- e. Use of Form 477 data.
 - i. What are the issues with using 477 data?
 - ii. How would it be used with respect to business lines?
 - iii. The Commission's past experience with working with 477 data?
 - iv. Using line count information for other services currently assessed by the Commission e.g. E911 and TRS.
- f. What other data should be used?

2. Rate Design.

- a. How do we design the contribution mechanism so that the users of the network pay in a fair and equitable manner?
- b. What is the appropriate allocation between residential and business lines?
- c. What is the appropriate allocation between wireline and wireless lines?
- d. How to account for other services that currently contribute?
 - i. Over the Top VoIP
 - ii. Special Access
 - iii. Toll
 - iv. Prepaid
- e. How do we differentiate among the various types of business connections?
- f. Should there be tiers based upon the usage or size of the business customer?
- g. Should there be a cap on the number of lines per user?
- h. How should the assessment mechanism be applied to Enterprise Business Customers?

3. Billing and administration issues/practical implementation.
 - a. What are the issues with converting billing systems from revenue to connections?
 - b. What are the costs associated with changing your billing system from a revenue-based to a flat-rate connection contribution mechanism?
 - c. What is a reasonable timeframe for making this change?
4. Are there different collection methodologies to consider for prepaid wireless services? What about other types of services?
5. Identification of issues that would need to be considered at future proceedings such as:
 - a. How to determine the appropriate budgets for high-cost, wireless fund and adoption programs?
 - b. What consideration of alternatives to fiber in high-cost areas should be given and how does that impact the strategic plan?
 - c. What different kind of accountability metrics should the commission establish to ensure that support is being used in the manner in which it was intended?
 - d. How the Commission accounts for federal universal service support received by the carriers.
6. Other issues raised by commenters and not specifically addressed here.

D. Closing Remarks