

Notice of Utility Tariff Filing

The REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA (Commission) gives notice that the Alaska Universal Service Administrative Company (AUSAC) filed tariff advice filing TA22-998 seeking Commission approval of a midcourse adjustment to the 2016 Alaska Universal Service Fund (AUSF) surcharge factor. AUSAC is the entity selected by the Commission to administer the AUSF.

AUSAC proposes to increase the AUSF surcharge factor from 11.5 percent to 15.1 percent for the remainder of 2016. The surcharge is calculated to allow sufficient funding for the AUSF, including carrier of last resort support, common carrier line support, support for local exchange company switching equipment, state Lifeline support, public interest pay telephone support, and AUSAC's revised operating budget for 2016.

Public utilities that provide intrastate telecommunications service are required to pay the AUSF surcharge to AUSAC and have the option of passing the surcharge on to their customers. If it is passed through, the surcharge appears on customers' in-state service billings as the "Alaska Universal Service Fund Surcharge." For every \$50 of assessed in-state services billed, the amount of the proposed AUSF surcharge would be \$7.55. AUSAC has requested a September 1, 2016 effective date for TA22-998.

This notice may not contain all requested revisions and the Commission may approve a rate or classification, which varies from that proposed. You may obtain information about this filing by contacting Judy Colbert, Agent for AUSAC, at 12350 Industry Way, Suite 200, Anchorage, AK 99515; phone: (907) 561-6300. The complete filing is also available for inspection at the Commission's office at 701 West 8th Avenue, Suite 300, Anchorage, AK 99501; phone: (907) 276-6222, or may be viewed at the Commission's website at <http://rca.alaska.gov> by typing "TA22-998" in the *Find a Matter* search box.

To comment on this filing, please file your comments by 5:00 p.m., August 18, 2016, at the Commission's address given above or via our website at:

<https://rca.alaska.gov/RCAWeb/WhatsNew/PublicNoticesComments.aspx>

Please reference TA22-998 and include a statement that you've filed a copy of the comments with AUSAC at its address given above.

Individuals or groups of people with disabilities, who require special accommodations, auxiliary aids or service, or alternative communication formats, please contact Joyce McGowan at (907) 276-6222, toll-free at 1-800-390-2782, TTY (907) 276-4533 or send a request via electronic mail to rca.mail@alaska.gov by August 11, 2016.

DATED at Anchorage, Alaska, this 19th day of July, 2016.

REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA



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