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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Laura Barson, Hearing Examiner 2  
Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development

**FROM:** April Simpson, Alaska Administrative Code Coordinator   
Office of the Lieutenant Governor

**DATE:** February 20, 2026

**RE:** Filed Permanent Regulations: Regulatory Commission of Alaska  
Regulatory Commission of Alaska - Update statutory authority; extend sunset period (3 AAC 53.300)

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Attorney General File:	2025100836
Regulation Filed:	2/20/2026
Effective Date:	3/22/2026
Print:	257, April 2026

cc with enclosures: ToniMarie Gonzales, Paralegal 1  
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February 19, 2026

The Honorable Nancy Dahlstrom  
Lieutenant Governor  
State of Alaska  
P.O. Box 110015  
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Re: *3 AAC 53.300: RCA - Update statutory authority; extend sunset period*  
Our file: 2025100836

Dear Lieutenant Governor Dahlstrom:

The Department of Law has reviewed the attached regulations of the Regulatory Commission of Alaska against the statutory standards of the Administrative Procedure Act. Based upon our review, we find no legal problems. This letter constitutes the written statement of approval under AS 44.62.060(b) and (c) that authorizes your office to file the attached regulations. The regulations were adopted by the Regulatory Commission of Alaska after the close of the public comment period.

The regulations extend the life of the Alaska Universal Service Fund through June 30, 2028, and update statutory authority to reflect enactment of sec. 6, ch. 24, SLA 2024 (SCS CSHB 307(FIN)).

The July 16, 2025 public notice and the January 16, 2026 certification of adoption order both state that this action is not expected to require an increased appropriation. Therefore, a fiscal note under AS 44.62.060 is not required.

To: Hon. Nancy Dahlstrom, Lieutenant Governor  
Our file: 2025100836; 3 AAC 53.300

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We have made two technical corrections to conform the header and footer of the regulations in accordance with AS 44.62.060. The corrections are incorporated into the attached copy of the regulations.

Sincerely,

STEPHEN J. COX  
ATTORNEY GENERAL

By: **Rebecca C Polizzotto**  
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**Appendix J: Certification Order**

ORDER CERTIFYING THE CHANGES TO  
REGULATIONS OF THE REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA

The attached regulations, dealing with the Alaska Universal Service Fund; update to statutory authority and extending sunset period are certified to be a correct copy of the regulation changes that the Regulatory Commission of Alaska adopted at its October 8, 2025, public meeting, under the authority of AS 42.05.151 and after compliance with the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62), specifically including notice under AS 44.62.190 and 44.62.200 and opportunity for public comment under AS 44.62.210.

This action is not expected to require an increased appropriation.

On the record, in considering public comments, the Regulatory Commission of Alaska paid special attention to the cost to private persons of the regulatory action being taken.

The regulation changes described in this order take effect on the 30th day after they have been filed by the lieutenant governor, as provided in AS 44.62.180.

Date: 01/16/26

Signed by:   
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John M. Espindola, Chair

*April Simpson, for*

FILING CERTIFICATION

I, Nancy Dahlstrom, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Alaska, certify that on February 20, 2026 at 1:35 p.m., I filed the attached regulations according to the provisions of AS 44.62.040 - 44.62.120.

*for*   
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Nancy Dahlstrom, Lieutenant Governor

Effective: March 22, 2026.

Register: 257, April 20, 2026.

**FOR DELEGATION OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S AUTHORITY**

**I, NANCY DAHLSTROM, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA, designate the following state employees to perform the Administrative Procedures Act filing functions of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor:**

**April Simpson, Regulations and Initiatives Specialist**

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed and affixed the Seal of the State of Alaska, in Juneau, on May 15th, 2023.**



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Nancy Dahlstrom", is written over a horizontal dotted line.

**NANCY DAHLSTROM  
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

Register 257, April 2026 COMMERCE, COMMUNITY, AND EC. DEV.

**Chapter 53. Telecommunications.**

3 AAC 53.300(d) is amended to read:

(d) The provisions of 3 AAC 53.300 - 3 AAC 53.399 do not apply after June 30, **2028** [2026]. (Eff. 1/10/99, Register 149; am 12/20/2018, Register 228; am 7/1/2023, Register 247; am 3 / 22 / 2026, Register 257)

**Authority:** AS 42.05.141 AS 42.05.151 AS 42.05.840