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**List of Subjects**

Environmental protection.

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**Cassandra Vail,**

*Designated Federal Official.*

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

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**Second Quarter 1998 Universal Service Contribution Factors**

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Common Carrier Bureau announces proposed universal service contribution factors for the second quarter of 1998. If the Commission takes no action regarding these proposed factors by March 19, 1998, the projections shall be deemed approved by the Commission and shall be used to calculate second quarter universal service contributions.

**DATES:** The proposed second quarter factors will be effective March 19, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** One original and five copies of all comments responsive to this Public Notice must be sent to Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. Three copies also should be sent to Sheryl Todd, Universal Service Branch, Accounting and Audits Division, Common Carrier Bureau, 2100 M Street,

N.W., 8th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20554.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sheryl Todd, Universal Service Branch, Accounting and Audits Division, Common Carriers Bureau at (202) 418-7400 or Valerie Yates, Common Carrier Bureau at (202) 418-1500.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** By the Common Carrier Bureau:

As required by 47 CFR 54.709, on January 30, 1998, the Universal Service Administrative Corporation (USAC), the Schools and Libraries Corporation (SLC), and the Rural Health Care Corporation (RHCC) submitted the following projections of second quarter 1998 demand and administrative expenses:

[\$ millions]

Program	Program demand	Administrative expenses	Interest income	Total program costs
Schools and Libraries .....	322.4	4.4	(1.8)	325.0
Rural Health Care .....	23.2	1.9	(0.1)	25.0
Subtotal .....	345.6	6.3	(1.9)	350.0
High Cost .....	431.1	0.9	(0.9)	431.1
Low Income .....	122.3	0.4	(0.3)	122.4
Subtotal .....	553.4	1.3	(1.2)	553.5
Total .....	899.0	7.6	(3.1)	903.5

Based on information contained in the Universal Service Worksheets, FCC Form 457, USAC submitted end-user telecommunications revenues for the first half of 1997 on January 30, 1998. On February 24, 1998, USAC revised these revenue estimates to reflect newly-filed or revised Form 457 submissions and to exclude revenues from contributors that the Commission determined are exempt in its Fourth Order on Reconsideration, FCC 97-420, 63 FR 2094, Jan. 13, 1998. The revised amounts are as follows:

Total Interstate, Intrastate, and International End-User Telecommunications Revenues from January 1, 1997—June 30, 1997: \$92.1856 billion.

Total Interstate and International End-User Telecommunications Revenues from January 1, 1997—June 30, 1997: \$35.3033 billion.

We estimate quarterly revenues by dividing the six-month revenue estimates listed above by two.

Based on the figures submitted by USAC, SLC, and RHCC, the proposed contribution factors for the second quarter of 1998 are as follows:

Contribution factor for the schools and libraries and rural health care support mechanisms:

Total Program Costs/Contribution Base (Interstate, International, and Intrastate) = \$0.350 billion/(\$92.1856 billion/2) = 0.0076.

Contribution factor for the high cost and low income support mechanisms:

Total Program Costs/Contribution Base (Interstate and International) = \$0.554 billion/(\$35.3033 billion/2) = 0.0314.

These factors are the proposed second quarter 1998 universal service contribution factors. If the Commission takes no action regarding these proposed factors by March 19, 1998, the projections shall be deemed approved by the Commission, 47 CFR 54.709(a)(3), and shall be used by USAC to calculate second quarter universal service contributions.

Federal Communications Commission.

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

[DA 98-390]

**En Banc Hearing in Connection With Report to Congress on Universal Service**

February 26, 1998.

The Federal Communications Commission will hold an En Banc on Friday, March 6, 1998, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., in Room 856 at 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. The En Banc is in connection with the Report to Congress on Universal Service required by statute.

The 1998 appropriations legislation for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, Public Law 105-119,