

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[CC Docket No. 96-45; DA 98-1130]

Third Quarter 1998 Universal Service Contribution Factors Revised and Approved

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Common Carrier Bureau announces approved universal service contribution factors for the third quarter of 1998.

DATES: The third quarter contribution factors were announced in a Public Notice released on June 12, 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, Accounting Policy Division, Common Carrier Bureau, 2100 M Street, N.W., 8th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20554.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lori Wright, Accounting Policy Division, Common Carrier Bureau, (202) 418-7391.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In this Public Notice, the Common Carrier Bureau (Bureau) revises and approves the final universal service contribution factors for the third quarter of 1998. On May 13, 1998, using information submitted on May 1, 1998 by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC), Schools and Libraries Corporation (SLC), and Rural Health Care Corporation (RHCC), the Accounting Policy Division (Division) of the Bureau announced the proposed universal service contribution factors for the third quarter of 1998. The proposed factors were published in the **Federal Register** on May 26, 1998. Pursuant to the Commission's rules, if the Commission had taken no action by June 9, 1998, the proposed third quarter contribution factors would have been deemed approved. On June 8, 1998, the Division extended until 11:59 p.m. on June 12, 1998 the time period during which the Commission could modify the proposed third quarter 1998 universal service contribution factors.

Also on May 13, 1998, the Bureau released a Public Notice seeking comment on whether to reduce the 1998 collection amounts for the schools and libraries and rural health care universal service support mechanisms. In an Order adopted today, the Commission, among other things, adjusts the 1998 collection amounts for the schools and

libraries and rural health care universal service support mechanisms. Specifically, the Commission directs USAC to collect only as much as required by demand, but in no event more than \$325 million per quarter for the third and fourth quarters of 1998 and the first and second quarters of 1999 to support the schools and libraries universal service support mechanism. The Commission further directs SLC to commit to applicants no more than \$1.925 billion for disbursement during 1998 and the first half of 1999. With respect to the rural health care universal service support mechanism, the Commission directs USAC to collect only as much as required by demand, but in no event more than \$25 million per quarter for the third and fourth quarters of 1998. The adjustments to the collection amounts for the third quarter of 1998 are reflected in the table below under the "total program costs" column. We note that, because the demand for funds exceeds the maximum amount that will be collected for the schools and libraries support mechanism in the third quarter of 1998, the "total program costs" for the third quarter (i.e., \$325 million) is less than the demand that SLC projected. Because the table lists expenses, positive income flows are denoted with parentheses.

THIRD QUARTER 1998
[In millions of dollars]

Program	Program demand	Administrative expenses	Interest income	Total program costs
Schools and Libraries	690.0	4.4	(0.0)	325.0
Rural Health Care	24.3	1.2	(0.5)	25.0
Subtotal	714.3	5.6	(0.5)	350.0
High Cost	414.1	0.8	(0.7)	414.2
Low Income	125.3	0.4	(1.0)	124.7
Subtotal	539.4	1.2	(1.7)	538.9
Total	1,253.7	6.8	(2.2)	888.9

Based on information contained in the Universal Service Worksheets, FCC Form 457, USAC submitted on May 1, 1998, end-user telecommunications revenues for the 1997 calendar year. On May 14, 1998, USAC submitted revised end-user telecommunications revenues for the 1997 calendar year. Funding bases for the third and fourth quarters are determined by subtracting the revenues reported for January through June 1997 (on the September Worksheet) from the 1997 calendar year

revenues reported on the March Worksheet. The amounts are as follows:

Total Interstate, Intrastate, and International End-User Telecommunications Revenues from July 1, 1997—December 31, 1997: \$94.066 billion

Total Interstate and International End-User Telecommunications Revenues from July 1, 1997—December 31, 1997: \$34.719 billion

To account for uncollectible contributions, we decrease by one

percent the revenue estimates listed above. It has come to our attention that several carriers subject to the universal service contribution obligation have failed to meet this obligation. To maintain the integrity of the universal service support mechanisms, pending enforcement of this obligation, we determine that we should account for uncollectible contributions at a rate of one percent. This is consistent with USAC's estimated rate of uncollectible contributions. Additionally, because each quarter is three months long, we

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

Based on the revised end-user telecommunications revenues submitted by USAC, SLC, and RHCC, a one-percent reduction in the revenue estimates to account for uncollectible contributions, and consistent with the revised collection amounts for the schools and libraries and rural health care support mechanisms adopted today, the approved contribution factors for the third 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 / (\$93.125 billion / 2) = 0.0075
 Contribution factor for the high cost and low income support mechanisms: Total Program Costs / Contribution Base (Interstate and International) = \$0.539 billion / (\$34.372 billion / 2) = 0.0314

These factors are the approved third quarter 1998 universal service contribution factors that USAC shall use to calculate third quarter universal service contributions. USAC will bill and collect these contributions on a monthly basis.

For further information, contact Lori Wright, Accounting Policy Division, Common Carrier Bureau, at (202) 418-7400.

Federal Communications Commission.

Lisa S. Gelb,

Chief, Accounting Policy Division, Common Carrier Bureau.

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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Sunshine Act Meeting

Pursuant to the provisions of the "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. 552b), notice is hereby given that at 3:47 p.m. on Friday, June 26, 1998, the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation met in closed session to consider (1) matters relating to the Corporation's supervisory activities, and (2) an administrative enforcement proceeding.

In calling the meeting, the Board determined, on motion of Director Ellen S. Seidman (Director, Office of Thrift Supervision), seconded by Vice Chairman Andrew C. Hove, Jr., concurred in by Director Julie L. Williams (Acting Comptroller of the Currency), and Chairman Donna

Tanoue, that Corporation business required its consideration of the matters on less than seven days' notice to the public; that no earlier notice of the meeting was practicable; that the public interest did not require consideration of the matters in a meeting open to public observation; and that the matters could be considered in a closed meeting by authority of subsections (c)(4), (c)(6), (c)(8), and (c)(9)(A)(ii) of the "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4), (c)(6), (c)(8), and (c)(9)(A)(ii)).

The meeting was held in the Board Room of the FDIC Building located at 550-17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Dated: June 29, 1998.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Robert E. Feldman,

Executive Secretary.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Notice of Agreement(s) Filed

The Commission hereby gives notice of the filing of the following agreement(s) under the Shipping Act of 1984.

Interested parties can review or obtain copies of agreements at the Washington, DC offices of the Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Room 962. Interested parties may submit comments on an agreement to the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573, within 10 days of the date this notice appears in the **Federal Register**.

Title: Management Agreement Between Port of Oakland and Marine Terminals Corporation

Parties: City of Oakland (Board of Port Commissioners) Marine Terminals Corporation

Synopsis: The proposed amendment changes a minimum annual hourly use guarantee of port cranes to a minimum equivalent unit container guarantee and provides for a reduction in the amount of the per lift charge. The term of the agreement continues to run through June 30, 2004.

Title: City of Los Angeles and Matson Terminals, Inc. Marine Terminal Permit No. 776

Parties: City of Los Angeles (Board of Harbor Commissioners) Matson Terminals, Inc.

Synopsis: The proposed amendment increases both the size of the area leased and the amount of the rent

required. The term of the agreement continues to run through January 31, 1999.

Title: Cruise Terminal Agreement Among the Port of Palm Beach District, Contessa International Company and Contessa Cruise and Casino, Inc.

Parties: Port of Palm Beach District, Contessa International Company, Contessa Cruise and Casino, Inc.

Synopsis: The proposed agreement provides for the use of Palm Beach's Cruise Terminal Area by Contessa International Company and its agent, Contessa Cruise and Casino, Inc. The term of the agreement runs through June 21, 2004, with the possibility of two 4-year extensions.

Dated: June 25, 1998.

By Order of the Federal Maritime Commission.

Joseph C. Polking,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Ocean Freight Forwarder License Applicants

Notice is hereby given that the following applicants have filed with the Federal Maritime Commission applications for licenses as ocean freight forwarders pursuant to section 19 of the Shipping Act of 1984 (46 U.S.C. app. 1718 and 46 CFR 510).

Persons knowing of any reason why any of the following applicants should not receive a license are requested to contact the Office of Freight Forwarders, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573.

International Traffic & Logistics, 9327 Tranquil Park Drive, Spring, TX 77379, Al G. Wichterich, Jr., Sole Proprietor.

Dated: June 26, 1998.

Joseph C. Polking,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Change in Bank Control Notices; Acquisitions of Shares of Banks or Bank Holding Companies

The notificants listed below have applied under the Change in Bank Control Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)) and § 225.41 of the Board's Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.41) to acquire a bank or bank