

Cincinnati Bell Telephone LLC

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DESCRIPTION & JUSTIFICATION

CBT proposes to revise the Universal Service Fund (USF) factor per Commission Order. The Commission released its *Proposed First Quarter 2016 Contribution Factor*, DA 15-1412 on December 11, 2015. The Commission proposed a USF factor of 18.2 %, up from the previous factor of 16.7%. CBT recovers its USF contribution pursuant to the Commission's Contribution Methodology Order¹ by applying the relevant USF Contribution factor to the Interstate End User charges, including:

- * EUCL
- * Access Recovery Charge (ARC)
- * Presubscribed Interexchange Carrier (PIC) change charge
- * Interstate End-User Special Access/Private Line
- * Interstate IntraLATA Toll usage

The USF surcharge for these services is reflected as a separate line item, clearly identified on the customer's bill.

¹ Report and Order and Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-45, CC Docket No. 98-171, CC Docket No. 90-571, CC Docket No. 92-237, CC Docket No. 99-200, CC Docket No. 95-116, and CC Docket No. 98-179, FCC 02-329, Released December 13, 2002.