

**DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION**

The filing made on December 19, 2016, to be effective January 3, 2017, implements the cost allocation and tariff provisions contained in the Federal Communications Commission's *RoR USF Reform Order* (FCC 16-33) pursuant to the Wireline Competition Bureau's October 6, 2016 Tariff Review Plan Order (DA 16-1145) and Order on Reconsideration (DA 16-1258) for the issuing carriers in the Alexicon Telecommunications Consulting, Inc. Tariff F.C.C. No. 1. This filing implements, where applicable, Consumer Broadband-Only Loop (CBOL) rates for the issuing carriers and adjusts Special Access rates as necessary.

Cordova Telephone Company is implementing a Consumer Broadband-only Loop rate in the Alexicon tariff. The other issuing carriers have chosen to offer the CBOL service on a detariffed basis.

The Alexicon Tariff issuing carriers are including the material to be provided in support of 2016 Mid-Year Broadband-only Loop Service tariff review plans, pursuant to the Bureau Orders listed above. This information includes the following Tariff Review Plan (TRP) schedules promulgated by the Bureau:

Blue Earth Valley Telephone Co.:	January 1, 2017 Rate of Return TRP
Cannon Valley Telecom:	January 1, 2017 Rate of Return TRP
Hager Telecom, Inc.:	January 1, 2017 Rate of Return TRP
Easton Telephone Company	January 1, 2017 Rate of Return TRP
Lake Livingston Telephone Co.:	January 1, 2017 Rate of Return TRP
Laurel Highland Telephone Co.:	January 1, 2017 Rate of Return TRP
Yukon Waltz Telephone Co.:	January 1, 2017 Rate of Return TRP
Cordova Telephone Co.:	January 1, 2017 Rate of Return TRP
Rural Telephone Service Co.:	January 1, 2017 Rate of Return TRP

The information contained in the above-listed schedules constitutes the data necessary to establish each of the issuing carrier's projected CAF Broadband Loop Support (CAF BLS) during the upcoming funding period, as required by the Bureau's October 6, 2016 Order (DA 16-1145). The schedules also present data related to the amounts of new special access costs generated by the introduction of CBOL service (where applicable), the amount of costs shifted from special access to CBOL service, the projected Consumer Broadband-only loops, and the Access Replacement Charge (ARC) imputation pursuant to the *RoR USF Reform Order*.

Each of the issuing carriers, also via Transmittal No. 21, provided the following required certifications:

- *USF/ICC Transformation Order*, ¶905 – Carriers recovering eligible recovery will be required to certify annually that they are entitled to receive the recovery they are claiming and that they are complying with all rules pertaining to such recovery.
- *USF/ICC Transformation Order*, ¶862 - A Rate-of-Return Carrier seeking revenue recovery must annually certify as part of its tariff filings to the Commission and to the relevant state commission that the carrier is not seeking duplicative recovery in the state jurisdiction for any Eligible Recovery subject to the recovery mechanism.
- Pursuant to DA 16-1145 (¶24), the issuing carriers are required to certify that their historical and forecast data used in the 2016 mid-year tariff filing are accurate.