

Helping Keep Americans Connected

The USAC Connection High Cost & Low Income monthly newsletter will give you information about upcoming program deadlines, tips to help you ensure timely and proper filings, and other information.

Registration Open for High Cost/Low Income Training Session in Minneapolis May 20-21
 USAC is holding a training workshop in Minneapolis, Minnesota May 20-21. More details can be found at [High Cost/Low Income Training Events](#).

High Cost Program

Interstate Common Line Support (ICLS) – Revenue Requirement Revisions for ILECs

Rate-of-return ILECs can make revisions to projected ICLS revenue data filed March 31 (for the upcoming ICLS program year July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010) between **April 1 and June 30**.

Revisions to projected data for the ending ICLS program year (July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009) are due by **June 30**. Both filings are made on FCC Form 508, which can be found on the [High Cost forms](#) page.

IAS Annual Self-Certifications due June 30, 2009

Each price-cap carrier, and CETCs serving lines in the service area of a price-cap carrier, must file an

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IMPORTANT DATES AND REMINDERS		
April 1— June 30	ICLS Revenue Req. Revisions	FCC Form 508 for upcoming ICLS program year (7/1/09-6/30/10)
May 20-21	HCLI Workshop	Minneapolis, MN
June 30	ICLS Revenue Req. Revisions	FCC Form 508 for ending program year (7/1/08-6/30/09)
June 30	IAS Certification	price-cap carriers; CETCs
June 30	ICLS Certification	rate-of-return carriers; CETCs

Low Income Program

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

The federal Food Stamp Program is now called SNAP—Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. Although the federal program became SNAP in October 2008, states may use a different name. Carriers should ensure that future outreach materials list SNAP rather than Food Stamps.

Best Practices: Calculating Tier 1 Rates

USAC periodically reviews Tier 1 rates claimed by all competitive ETCs. In accordance with 47 C.F.R. 54.403(a)(1), competitive ETCs must claim Tier 1 support equal to the incumbent local exchange carrier's (ILEC's) End User Common Line Charge (EUC L) or Subscriber Line Charge (SLC).

If a competitive ETC serves in multiple ILEC areas, it must claim the appropriate Tier 1 support for each of

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