



## Tariff 5 Filing Alert March 15, 2021

The purpose of this alert is to provide you with advance notice of an upcoming tariff filing that may impact billing for interstate access services. This Tariff 5 Filing Alert is provided as a free service to NECA's members (and their authorized consultants) that subscribe to NECA's electronic Tariff 5 filing notices. It is designed to assist members in planning for providing customer notification (when required under the FCC's rules), training customer contact staff and implementing system changes.

### **Description of proposed filing:**

Based on the FCC's recently released Public Notice<sup>1</sup>, the current Universal Service Contribution Factor of 31.8% is expected to increase to 33.4%. NECA will be increasing the Federal Universal Service Charge to 33.4% in a tariff revision to be filed on March 17, 2021. All companies listed in Section 17.7(A) of the tariff will need to implement this change in their systems.

For those companies using FUSC rate banding, the percentage associated with the MLB EUCL FUSC rate bands will change as shown below. To ensure compliance with the FCC's customer notification rules and accurate billing implementation, each company listed in Section 17.7(B) should review the filing on March 17<sup>th</sup> for its individual rate band assignment and associated MLB EUCL FUSC surcharge factor to determine its customer notification obligations and billing impacts.

<b>MLB EUCL FUSC Rate Band</b>	<b>Current %</b>	<b>Proposed %</b>
1	31.9%	33.5%
2	32.3%	33.9%
3	32.5%	34.2%
4	32.9%	34.6%
5	33.0%	34.7%
6	34.5%	36.2%
7	35.5%	37.2%
8	36.3%	38.1%
9	36.4%	38.3%
10	38.7%	40.7%
11	43.8%	46.0%
12	48.3%	50.8%
13	73.1%	76.7%
14	N/A	N/A
15	N/A	N/A
16	N/A	N/A
17	N/A	N/A
18	N/A	N/A
19	N/A	N/A
20	N/A	N/A

The proposed revisions are expected to become effective on **April 1, 2021**. If there are any changes to the current filing assumptions or dates, we will notify you immediately using TFAN. Please watch for NECA's Tariff No. 5 Filing notice on March 17, 2021, which will contain detailed information on all the rate band assignment changes included in the annual filing.

Please contact your Regional Member Service Team if you have any questions related to this notice.

<sup>1</sup> See FCC Public Notice, Proposed Second Quarter 2021 Universal Service Contribution Factor (DA 21-308) released March 12, 2021, available for online viewing at: <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DA-21-308A1.pdf>.