



## Tariff 5 Filing Alert September 13, 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 TFAN is provided as a free service to NECA members and their authorized consultants that subscribe to NECA's Tariff 5 filing notices. It is designed to help members plan for 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 decrease to 29.1%. NECA will be decreasing the Federal Universal Service Charge to 29.1% in a tariff revision to be filed on September 16, 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 September 16<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.

MLB EUCL FUSC Rate Band	Current %	Proposed %
1	31.9%	29.2%
2	32.5%	29.8%
3	33.0%	30.2%
4	33.3%	30.5%
5	33.3%	30.5%
6	34.2%	31.3%
7	34.4%	31.5%
8	36.0%	33.0%
9	36.4%	33.3%
10	38.8%	35.5%
11	42.8%	39.2%
12	49.4%	45.2%
13	71.7%	65.6%
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 **October 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 September 16, 2021.

Please contact your Regional Member Service Team if you have any questions.

<sup>1</sup> See FCC Public Notice, Proposed Fourth Quarter 2021 Universal Service Contribution Factor (DA 21-1134) released September 10, 2021, available for online viewing at: <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DA-21-1134A1.pdf>.