



**Tariff 5 Filing Alert
December 14, 2023**

This alert provides advance notice of an upcoming tariff filing that will impact billing for interstate access services. It is designed to help you plan for providing customer notification, training customer contact staff and implementing billing system changes.

Description of proposed filing:

Based on the FCC's recently released public notice¹, the current Universal Service Contribution Factor of 34.5% is expected to increase to 34.6%. We will be increasing the Federal Universal Service Charge to 34.6% in a tariff revision to be filed on December 18, 2023. 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 December 18th 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	34.6%	34.7%
2	34.7%	34.8%
3	35.2%	35.3%
4	36.0%	36.1%
5	36.2%	36.3%
6	36.4%	36.5%
7	37.7%	37.8%
8	39.2%	39.3%
9	41.9%	42.0%
10	48.0%	48.1%
11	56.0%	56.2%
12	77.3%	77.6%
13	N/A	N/A
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 **January 1, 2024**. If there are any changes to the current filing assumptions or dates, we will notify you immediately using TFAN. Please watch for our Tariff No. 5 filing notice on December 18, 2023, which will contain detailed information on all the rate and rate band assignment changes included in the annual filing.

Please contact your member service manager with questions.

¹ FCC Public Notice, Proposed First Quarter 2024 Universal Service Contribution Factor (DA 23-1156) released December 14, 2023.