

(c) The portion of per-line support that carriers receive pursuant to § 54.303.

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EFFECTIVE DATE NOTE: At 62 FR 31939, June 11, 1997, § 69.502 was revised, effective Jan. 1, 1998. For the convenience of the user, the superseded text is set forth as follows:

§ 69.502 Base factor allocation.

The projected revenues from the End User Common Line charges and Special Access surcharges shall be deducted from the base factor portion to determine the amount that is assigned to the Carrier Common Line element. End User Common Line charges that are waived pursuant to § 69.104 (j) and (k) shall be included in projected End User Common Line revenues for purposes of this computation.

[52 FR 21542, June 8, 1987]

Subpart G—Exchange Carrier Association

§ 69.600 Definitions.

High Cost and Low Income Committee. The term “High Cost and Low Income Committee” shall refer to a committee of the Board of Directors of the Administrator’s independent subsidiary that will have the power and authority to bind the independent subsidiary’s Board of Directors on issues relating to the administration of the high cost and low-income support mechanisms, as described in § 69.615.

Rural Health Care Corporation. The term “Rural Health Care Corporation” shall refer to the corporation created pursuant to § 69.617 that shall administer specified portions of the universal service support mechanism as described in § 69.618.

Schools and Libraries Corporation. The term “Schools and Libraries Corporation” shall refer to the corporation created pursuant to § 69.617 that shall administer specified portions of the universal service support mechanism, as described in § 69.619.

[62 FR 41306, Aug. 1, 1997]

§ 69.601 Exchange carrier association.

(a) An association shall be established in order to prepare and file access charge tariffs on behalf of all telephone companies that do not file sepa-

rate tariffs or concur in a joint access tariff of another telephone company for all access elements.

(b) All telephone companies that participate in the distribution of Carrier Common Line revenue requirement, pay long term support to association Common Line tariff participants, or receive payments from the transitional support fund administered by the association shall be deemed to be members of the association.

(c) All data submissions to the association required by this title shall be accompanied by the following certification statement signed by the officer or employee responsible for the overall preparation for the data submission:

CERTIFICATION

I am (title of certifying officer or employee). I hereby certify that I have overall responsibility for the preparation of all data in the attached data submission for (name of carrier) and that I am authorized to execute this certification. Based on information known to me or provided to me by employees responsible for the preparation of the data in this submission, I hereby certify that the data have been examined and reviewed and are complete, accurate, and consistent with the rules of the Federal Communications Commission.

Date: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

(Persons making willful false statements in this data submission can be punished by fine or imprisonment under the provisions of the U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001).

[48 FR 10358, Mar. 11, 1983, as amended at 52 FR 21542, June 8, 1987; 60 FR 19530, Apr. 19, 1995]

§ 69.602 Board of directors.

(a) For purposes of this section, the association membership shall be divided into three subsets:

(1) The first subset shall consist of the telephone companies owned and operated by the seven Regional Bell Holding Companies;

(2) The second subset shall consist of all other telephone companies with annual operating revenues in excess of forty million dollars;

(3) The third subset shall consist of all other telephone companies. All commonly controlled companies shall be deemed to be one company for purposes of this section.

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(b) There shall be fifteen directors of the association.

(c) Until 1996, three directors shall represent the first subset, three directors shall represent the second subset, and nine directors shall represent the third subset. In 1996 and thereafter, two directors shall represent the first subset, two directors shall represent the second subset, six directors shall represent the third subset, and five directors shall represent all three subsets.

(d) No director who represents all three subsets shall be a current or former officer or employee of the association or of any association member, or have a business relationship or other interest that could interfere with his or her exercise of independent judgment.

(e) Each subset shall select the directors who will represent it individually through an annual election in which each member of the subset shall be entitled to vote for the number of directors that will represent such members' subset.

(f) The association membership shall select the directors for the following calendar year who will represent all three subsets through an annual election in which each member of the association shall be entitled to one vote for each director position. There shall be at least two candidates meeting the qualifications in paragraph (d) of this section for each such director position:

(1) In any election in which the most recently elected director for such position is not a qualified candidate;

(2) If there has been no election for such position having more than one qualified candidate during the present and the two preceding calendar years; and

(3) In any election for which the ballot lists two or more qualified candidates.

(g) At least one director representing all three subsets shall be a member of each committee of association directors.

(h) For each access element or group of access elements for which voluntary pooling is permitted, there shall be a committee that is responsible for the preparation of charges for the associated access elements that comply with all applicable sections in this part.

(i) Directors shall serve for a term of one year commencing January 1 and concluding on December 31 of each year.

[60 FR 19530, Apr. 19, 1995]

§ 69.603 Association functions.

(a) The Association shall not engage in any activity that is not related to the preparation of access charge tariffs or the collection and distribution of access charge revenues or the operation of a billing and collection pool on an untariffed basis unless such activity is expressly authorized by order of the Commission.

(b) Participation in Commission or court proceedings relating to access charge tariffs, the billing and collection of access charges, the distribution of access charge revenues, or the operation of a billing and collection pool on an untariffed basis shall be deemed to be authorized association activities.

(c) Upon the incorporation and commencement of operations by the association's independent subsidiary that, pursuant to §69.613(a), will administer temporarily specified portions of the universal service support mechanisms, the association shall no longer administer the Universal Service charge, including the direct billing to and collection of associated revenues on a monthly basis from interexchange carriers pursuant to §60.116 of this chapter and the distribution of these revenues to qualified telephone companies based on their share of expenses assigned to the Universal Service Factor portion of the interstate allocation pursuant to §36.631 of this chapter. Such functions shall be assumed by the independent subsidiary of the association as provided in §69.613. Commencing on January 1, 1998, the billing and collection of universal service support for high cost areas shall be performed in a manner consistent with §54.709 of this chapter.

(d) Upon the incorporation and commencement of operations by the association's independent subsidiary that, pursuant to §69.613, will administer temporarily specified portions of the universal service support mechanisms, the association shall no longer administer the Lifeline Assistance charge, including the direct billing to and collection of associated revenues on a