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Staff requests that a new docket be opened to address the 2007 annual recertification of eligible telecommunications carriers (ETCs). Commission Order No. 06-292 in Docket No. UM 1217 requires all ETCs to file reports by July 15 of each year in order to continue receiving federal universal service high cost support. The first set of annual reports was filed in Docket No. UM 1217 last year. However, because about 40 ETCs will again file individual reports this year, Staff requests a new docket to process and post those reports. Opening a separate docket for this year's annual reports will aid in limiting future documents filed in Docket No. UM 1217 to those that are critical to the original purpose of the docket – the establishment of ETC requirements.

The new UM docket should be captioned as follows: 2007 Annual Recertification of Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (ETCs).

Thanks very much,

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Competitive Issues