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RE: Request for New Docket

Staff requests that a new docket be opened to address the 2008 annual recertification of eligible telecommunications carriers (ETCs). Commission Order No. 06-292 in Docket UM 1217 requires all ETCs to file reports by July 15 of each year in order to continue receiving universal service high cost support. The first set of annual reports was filed in Docket UM 1217 in 2006. However, due to the large number of ETCs that file reports, it was determined in 2007 that the best way to handle and track the annual reports was to open a new docket for each successive year.

In April of 2007, Staff requested that a new docket be opened for the 2007 reports; that docket was UM 1310. Staff now requests the opening of a new docket for the 2008 reports and the annual recertification process.

The new UM docket should be captioned as follows: 2008 Annual Recertification of Eligible Telecommunications Carriers.

Thank you,

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