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RE: Request for New Docket

Staff requests that a new docket be opened to address the 2009 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.

Staff requests the opening of a new docket for the 2009 reports and the annual recertification process.

The new UM docket should be captioned as follows: 2009 Annual Recertification of Eligible Telecommunications Carriers.

Thank you,

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