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Re: UM 1481 - Major Points - OTA Draft Legislation

Dear Roger:

Pursuant to the discussion that occurred at the Workshop on August 12, 2010, the following are the major points in the OTA Draft Legislation. These points are offered not as points of debate concerning OTA's Draft Legislation, but as possible issues that parties may want to consider when discussing universal service fund issues in general.

The major points are as follows:

- Contribution Base Changes contribution base from retail revenue to working telephone numbers or replacement protocol and allows the Commission to include capacity/connection charges after transition period
- Broadens the contribution base to include all of those that use working telephone numbers
- Expands Commission jurisdiction over contributors as it specifically relates to universal service fund issues
- Establishes standards for non-ILECs that may be designated as ETCs includes COLR responsibilities

- Provides a transition of intrastate access rate levels to interstate access rate levels over three years with support from the universal service fund
- Establishes as a condition for drawing from the fund that a carrier must offer (or submit a plan that within four years the carrier can offer) broadband service at speeds determined by the Commission to at least ninety percent of the households in the area for which it is designated as an ETC
- Instructs the Commission to establish call signaling rules to address phantom traffic
- Establishes a transition period to transition existing USF to broadband fund. The details of the broadband fund are left to the Commission to determine
- Limits the ability to designate ETCs to one wireline and one wireless per area can decide not to designate any carrier for a particular area

As we stated at the Workshop, the OTA Draft Legislation may, and probably will, change before it is finally submitted. However, the above are the major points in the existing draft.

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