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**WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU ANNOUNCES RELEASE OF REVISED FORM
498 AND ACCOMPANYING INSTRUCTIONS TO BE USED TO COLLECT
CONTACT, REMITTANCE, AND PAYMENT INFORMATION FROM SERVICE
PROVIDERS THAT RECEIVE SUPPORT FROM THE FEDERAL UNIVERSAL
SERVICE SUPPORT MECHANISMS**

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The Wireline Competition Bureau of the Federal Communications Commission announces the release of revised FCC Form 498 and associated instructions to be used by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) to collect contact, remittance, and payment information from service providers that receive support from the Federal universal service support mechanisms. The revised form and accompanying changes have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).¹

USAC will launch the new Service Provider Identification Number and Contact Information Form, FCC Form 498, on November 17, 2003. The form has been improved to ensure that all service providers participating in any of USAC's four support mechanisms may provide remittance information when receiving universal service support. Each service provider that receives Federal universal service support under any of the four support mechanisms must complete this form. In addition, service providers now have the option of completing the form online. Upon completing the online submission, the service provider must print, sign and return the forms to USAC to be officially certified. Upon receipt of the signed forms, the online submission will be processed. Service providers are strongly encouraged to take advantage of the online submission capabilities.

Please note that a letter of authorization on company letterhead must accompany all originals and revisions of FCC Form 498 submissions. If the form is a revision, the authorization letter should specify which blocks are being revised. It is incumbent upon the service provider to keep the information on this form current as it may affect the timeliness of payment. The FCC Form 498 is the official record on file with USAC related to contact and remittance information.

The new forms and instructions may be obtained at USAC's website,

¹ OMB Control No. 3060-0824 (approved July 14, 2003).

<<http://www.universalservice.org>>. The prior version of FCC Form 498 will no longer be accepted after November 16, 2003. Submissions using the prior version of FCC Form 498 with a postmark after November 16, 2003 will be rejected and returned. For further information, contact Cara Voth, Attorney Advisor, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, at (202) 418-7400; TTY (202) 418-0484.