

Federal Contributions Associated with 499-A

The following summarizes the federal contributions which are based upon revenue information reported on the FCC Form 499-A.

Universal Service Fund (USF)

- Current contribution factor: 14.9% (for second quarter 2011) (changes quarterly).
- Assessed on interstate and international end-user telecommunications revenue. Ongoing USF contributions are billed according to projected revenue reported on the Form 499-Q. The Form 499-A is used only for USF “true up” purposes.
- Billed monthly by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC).

Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS)

- Current contribution factor: 0.585% (changes annually).
- Assessed on interstate and international end-user telecommunications revenue
- Billed annually by NECA (typically beginning in July) based on revenue information reported on the Form 499-A. Monthly payment option is available if total amount due exceeds \$1,200.

North American Numbering Plan (NANP)

- Current contribution factor: 0.00181% (changes annually).
- Assessed on intrastate, interstate and international end-user telecommunications revenue.
- Billed annually by Welch LLP (typically in June/July) based on revenue information reported on the Form 499-A.



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Local Number Portability (LNP)

- Contribution factor: may vary monthly by region (each contributing carrier pays a proportionate share of the LNP costs in each region which the carrier operates or has customers).
- Proportion of contributions based upon amount of intrastate, interstate and international end-user telecommunications revenue in each region as allocated in Block 5 of the Form 499-A.
- Billed monthly by Neustar, based on revenue information reported on the Form 499-A.

FCC Regulatory Fees

- Current contribution factor: 0.349% (changes annually).
- Assessed on interstate and international end-user telecommunications revenue.
- Based on revenue information reported on the Form 499-A, and must also be reported annually on the Form 159.
- The FCC does not send invoices. Each carrier must independently file online and payment is typically due in September. An automatic 25% penalty applies for late payments.

