

NetworkIP Regulatory Resources:

Regulatory Fees Assessed Based on 499-A Filing

A company which properly files its Form 499-A with the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) will be invoiced by several different federal agencies which assess various fees. As stated on the Form 499-A and further detailed in the instructions, revenues reported are subject to Regulatory Fees other than just Universal Service Fund (USF). In an effort to further define what a customer should expect regarding these invoiced amounts, below is detailed information about what is billed and how the billing is calculated.

- USAC bills monthly for USF fees based on the revenues reported on the 499-Qs. The bill gives detailed information on how they determine your contribution as well as whether you are Limited International Revenue Exemption (LIRE) eligible and De Minimis eligible.
- NECA bills annually for the Telecommunication Relay Service (TRS) usually in July. If your contribution requirement is more than \$1,200 then you can opt to have it billed monthly. Information on the Interstate TRS Fund billing process is available at www.neca.org. If you have questions regarding the calculation of your contribution, or need additional information you can contact Marina Aparicio at 973-884-8334 or maparic@neca.org.
- NeuStar bills monthly for Local Number Portability and Statement of Work (LNP/SOW) fees. This invoice is based on the revenue reported on the 499-A. You can view your invoice and instructions on "How to Read Your Invoice" through NeuStar's password protected website at <http://billing.neustar.com>.
- The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) bills annually, usually in the August-September timeframe, for a Federal Regulatory Fee based on revenues reported on the 499-A. To find out how this regulatory fee is determined for your company, refer to the industry appropriate section under the heading "Who Owes Fees & What is My Fee" at <http://www.fcc.gov/fees/regfees.html>.
- Information on all of these fees can be found in the 499-A instruction manual on pages 34-36. The latest version is available at <http://www.usac.org/fund-administration/forms/>.

