

## Universal Service Charges

### (1) Universal Service Cost Recovery Charge

Applies to Business and Residential Customers

**Rate:** 12.3% of customers' total net:

- A. Interstate long distance charges (after the application of any discounts and credits)
- B. International long distance charges (after the application of any discounts and credits)
- C. Private Line and Frame Relay charges (after the application of any discounts and credits)

### (2) Waiver of Universal Cost Recovery Charge and Universal Service Funding Charge

- (a) Upon written request by the Customer, Customers are eligible for a waiver of the Universal Cost Recovery Charge and the Universal Service Funding Charge with respect to specifically identified account numbers, provided the Customer can demonstrate to the Company's satisfaction that it has met all applicable requirements as stated below:

#### (i) Waiver Requirements

1. The Customer must request waiver for charges within fifteen days prior to the bill date for such charges (e.g., if the bill date is July 1, 1998, the waiver must be requested between June 16 and June 30, 1998).
2. The Customer has filed a Universal Service Worksheet with the Universal Service Administrator, which includes the Customer's revenue information twelve months prior to the month for which the Customer is requesting the waiver (e.g., to be eligible for a waiver in July 1998, the Customer must have filed a Universal Service Worksheet with the Universal Service Administrator covering July 1997).
3. If the charges to be waived are associated with services purchased by the Customer for resale and the Customer has not filed a Universal Service Worksheet with the Universal Service Administrator for the month during which such services are furnished by the Company, the Customer shall file such Worksheet with the Universal Service Administrator within thirty days of the bill date of the bill in question. The Universal Service Worksheet shall include all billing revenues associated with the Customer's resale of services purchased from the Company during the

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period of time the Company provided the services to be considered for waiver.

- (b) The Universal Cost Recovery Charge will not be waived with respect to any of the following:
  - (i) Charges for services purchased by the Customer for their own use as an end user.
  - (ii) Charges for services resold by the Customer, if the Customer is not subject to direct Universal Service contribution requirements by the FCC.

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