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July 20, 2023

RE: In the matter of filing the annual September 1st Colorado High-Cost Support Mechanism worksheet in accordance with Rule 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-2-2845 by all telecommunication service providers in Colorado.

To: All Telecommunications Service Providers

In accordance with Rule 2845 of the Commission's Rules Regulating Telecommunications Services and Providers of Telecommunications Services, 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* (CCR) 723-2, each telecommunication service provider must provide to the Colorado High-Cost Support Fund Administrator (Administrator), a verified account of its retail revenues, and such other revenues, as the Administrator shall request. The accounting shall be submitted via the form known as the Colorado High-Cost Support Mechanism (HCSM) Worksheet. Each telecommunication service provider is required to file the HCSM Worksheet on or before September 1, 2023, for the reporting period of January 1, 2023, through June 30, 2023.

Please note that with the revised HCSM rules, there is no longer a *de minimis* exemption. The declaration of *de minimis* has been eliminated, and all providers are required to complete the attached worksheet.

Please see the attached HCSM Worksheet for the required report for each telecommunication service provider. That form and other report forms may also be found on the Commission's website at <http://dora.colorado.gov/PUC>

File electronically with the Commission's E-filings system in Proceeding No. 23M-0379T or submit a signed hard copy to:

Colorado High-Cost Support Mechanism Administrator
1560 Broadway, Suite 250
Denver, Colorado 80202-5143

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In accordance with § 40-7-106, C.R.S., every officer, agent, or employees of any public utility who violates or fails to comply with or who aids or abets any violation by any public utility of, among other things, any order, decision, or rule of this Commission, commits a Class 2 Misdemeanor and may be subject to penalties, including without limitation, penalties set forth in § 18-1.3-501, C.R.S. Companies that fail to file the required Colorado High-Cost Support Mechanism Report can be subject to a decision that levies fines or requires any other corrective or remedial action which the Commission deems appropriate.

A company may file a motion for an extension of time to file its September 1, 2023, Colorado High-Cost Support Mechanism Report with the Commission. The motion may be granted for a period not to exceed 30 days if good cause is shown why the utility is unable to comply with the September 1, 2023 deadline. Motions for an extension of time have been referred to an Administrative Law Judge for disposition.

Sincerely,

Rebecca E. White,
Director

Attachment

