PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
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Administrative Letter No. 18

February 11, 2009

To: Carriers Serving Customers Approved for California Teleconnect Fund (CTF) Discounts

Re: Extension of Installation Charge Discount on CTF Advanced Services – Amendment to Administrative Letter No. 15 (Implementation of Public Utilities Code Section 884; issued December 1, 2006.)

Assembly Bill 1781 (Budget Act for Fiscal Year 2008 – 2009), approved by the Governor on September 23, 2008, reappropriated the balances of the $2 million appropriations set forth in Section 884 of the Public Utilities Code to include the following:

> "(b) Notwithstanding any other law or existing program of the commission, but consistent with the purposes for which those funds were appropriated from the California Teleconnect Fund Administrative Committee Fund in Item 8660-001-0493 of Section 2.00 of the Budget Act of 2003 (Chapter 157 of the Statutes of 2003), and reappropriated in Item 8660-491 of Section 2.00 of the Budget Act of 2006 (Chapter 47 of the Statutes of 2006), the commission may expend up to two million dollars ($2,000,000) of the unencumbered amount of those funds for the nonrecurring installation costs for high-speed broadband services for community organizations that are eligible for discounted rates pursuant to Section 280.
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> (c) For the purpose of this section:
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> (1) "High-speed broadband services" means a system for the digital transmission of information over the Internet at a speed of at least 384 kilobits per second.
> (2) "Nonprofit community technology program" means a community-based nonprofit organization that is exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and engages in diffusing technology into local communities and training local communities that have no access to, or have limited access to, the Internet and advanced telecommunications technologies."

The Communications Division is implementing this program by this administrative letter.

- **This program takes effect retroactive to July 1, 2008.**
- **Discounts are provided only to CTF-eligible community-based organizations.**
- **This program provides 100% discount for installation of high speed broadband services on or after July 1, 2008 through March 31, 2010, or until the funding is depleted, whichever comes first.** High speed broadband services refers to a system for the digital transmission over the Internet at a speed of at least 384 kilobits per second. Examples of this type of service are T-1, DS-3, and up to and including OC-192.

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- **The discounts can be applied to upgrades and additional lines.**
- **Claims must be segmented into discounts by calendar month**. All reimbursements provided during a calendar month must be included in the claim for that month.
- **Claims will be paid on a first-come, first-served basis.** If the funding is exhausted, CTF will be unable to reimburse those claims. The current balance/funding for this program is approximately **$1.7 million**.

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