

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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March 25, 2009

A RESPONSE TO THIS NOTICE IS DUE BY May 1, 2009

To: CHCF-B Claimants

Subject: Projected Claims from the CHCF-B Program for Fiscal Year 2010-2011

The Communications Division is required to annually develop the California High Cost Fund-B (CHCF-B) Fiscal Year (FY) budget. The next budget cycle is for FY 2010-11.

The Commission opened Order Instituting Rulemaking (R.) 06-06-028 to review the CHCF-B program. Decision (D.) 07-09-020 (as modified by D.07-11-039) made changes that increase the threshold and reduce the number of Census Block Groups eligible for claims. The decision also changed the method of calculating claims for the future. Beginning on July 1, 2009, the threshold to qualify as a high cost area is increased to \$36.00. In addition, the method of calculating the claims is changed as it is to be based on the cost less the \$36 per line threshold rather than the cost less the amount of revenue; consequently there are no calculation offsets for USF or other revenues.

So that we can develop a more accurate budget estimate, please provide a forecast of the CHCF-B claims that the carrier expects to file for FY 2010-11. Your projection of claims for FY 2010-11 should reflect the changes to the program. Attached is the form to be used for your forecast of the claims on CHCF-B fund for FY 2010-2011 (July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011). **If there will be no claims anticipated for the FY 2010-2011 then the form does not have to be filed.**

Please send the form to: CHCF-B Program, Attn: Larry Hirsch, Communications Division, California Public Utilities Commission, 505 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco CA 94102. If you have any questions about this request, the attached form, or other CHCF-B related matters, please contact Larry Hirsch at (415) 703-1575; Fax: (415) 703-4405; e-mail: lah@cpuc.ca.gov.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael C. Amato".

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Attachment