COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY AGENCIES
Public Utilities Commission

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PART 2

RULES REGULATING TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES AND PROVIDERS OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

2846. Support through the HCSM.

(a) The Commission shall, by order, establish geographic areas throughout the state. Such geographic areas may be revised at the discretion of the Commission.

(b) Through December 31, 2018, HCSM support amounts shall be provided consistent with prior Commission orders. Beginning on January 1, 2019, support shall be allocated and provided on a quarterly basis and by the end of the month following the previous quarter.

(I) Each rural telecommunications provider, both wireline and wireless, that received support as of January 1, 2017, will continue to receive the same level of support on a quarterly basis for the period of January 1, 2019 through ~~December~~ September 1, 202~~3~~4 by averaging the payments received for calendar years 2015 and 2016, consistent with § 40-15-208(4), C.R.S.

(II) The Commission shall allocate to the broadband deployment account the following percentages of the total amount of HCSM money collected minus the Commission's administrative costs and distributions to rural telecommunications providers, both wireline and wireless, consistent with § 40-15-208(2)(a)(IV), C.R.S. and subparagraph 2846(b)(I):

(A) in 2019 – 60 percent;

(B) in 2020 – 70 percent;

(C) in 2021 – 80 percent;

(D) in 2022 – 90 percent;~~ and~~

(E) in 2023 – 100 percent; and

(F) in 2024 – 100 percent (through September 1, 2024).

(III) The non-rural incumbent local exchange carrier will receive the balance of the remaining quarterly collections after distributions required by § 40-15-208(2)(a)(IV) and (4), C.R.S.

(c) The Administrator will arrange payments to be made within 30 days of the last day of each quarter.

(d) For years 2019 through 202~~3~~4, distributions of HCSM shall not be based on effective competition determinations as defined by rule 2205 or § 40-15-207, C.R.S.