Decision No. C11-0745

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

DOCKET NO. 11M-595T

IN THE MATTER OF FILING THE ANNUAL SEPTEMBER 1ST COLORADO HIGH COST SUPPORT MECHANISM WORKSHEET OR THE DECLARATION OF DE MINIMIS FORM IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 4 CCR 723-2-2846 BY ALL TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE PROVIDERS IN COLORADO.

**ORDER CONCERNING FILING OF THE
ANNUAL SEPTEMBER 1ST HIGH COST
SUPPORT MECHANISM REPORT BY ALL
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE PROVIDERS**

Mailed Date: July 12, 2011
Adopted Date: July 6, 2011

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement

1. In accordance with Rule 2846 of the *Rules Regulating Telecommunications Providers, Services, and Products*, 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-2, each telecommunications service provider must provide to the Colorado High Cost Support Fund administrator, a verified accounting of its retail revenues, and such other revenues, as the administrator shall request for purposes of determining contributions and disbursements under these rules. The accounting shall be submitted via the form known as the Colorado High Cost Support Mechanism (CHCSM) Worksheet.

2. Rule 2846(b)(I)(B) states that the *de minimis* exemption applies to those telecommunications service providers, whose contribution to the CHCSM is less than $10,000 for the calendar year 2010. Those telecommunications service providers falling within the

de minimis exemption are required to file with the administrator only that portion of the CHCSM Worksheet that certifies their *de minimis* status, the "Declaration of De Minimis Form."

3.   Each telecommunications service provider is required to file the CHCSM Worksheet or the Declaration of De Minimis Form on or before September 1, 2011, for the reporting period of January 1, 2011 through June 30, 2011. A telecommunications service provider in Colorado may file a motion for a reasonable extension of time in this docket if it cannot meet the September 1, 2011 deadline.

4.   This Order specifies the CHCSM Reporting Forms to be filed by telecommunications service providers for the September 1, 2011 reporting period in accordance with the requirements listed on Appendix A to this Order. The reporting forms and instructions may be found on the Commission's website at:

http://www.dora.state.co.us/puc/telecom/hcsm/FormsHCSM.htm

II.   ORDER

A.   The Commission Orders That:

1.   Each telecommunications service provider shall file the annual Colorado High Cost Support Mechanism Worksheet or Declaration of De Minimis Form in accordance with Rule 2846(b)(I) on or before September 1, 2011.

2.   Telecommunications service providers may file for a reasonable extension of time in this docket if it cannot meet the filing deadline.

3.   This Order is effective upon its Mailed Date.

B. **ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING**
July 6, 2011.

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

Doug Dean,
Director

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROVIDERS

2011 ANNUAL SEPTEMBER 1st CHCSM REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND INSTRUCTIONS

On or before September 1, 2011, each telecommunications service provider must file the prescribed Colorado High Cost Support Mechanism (CHCSM) Report Form for retail revenues generated from intrastate operations for the first six months of calendar year 2011. The prescribed September 1, 2011, CHCSM Report Form for telecommunications providers is located on the Commission's webpage at:

http://www.dora.state.co.us/puc/telecom/hcsm/FormsHCSM.htm. If you do not have access to the PUC website, please contact the CHCSM Administrator at (303) 894-2043 and a hard copy will be provided.

HCSM Worksheet

1.   All telecommunications service providers with CHCSM **contributions above $10,000 for the calendar year 2010 ($5,000 for the first six months 2011) are to check the "HCSM Worksheet" box and complete and file pages 1 and 2** on the form entitled *"CHCSM Report Form"*.

   a.   On the Commission's webpage, select "Telecommunications" down the left column. On the next page select "Direct Service Programs" and then on the next page select "HCSM – High Cost Support".

   b.   On the "Forms for Complying with HCSM Rules" page is the *"CHCSM Report Form"* that is due September 1, 2011, and the corresponding *"CHCSM Report Form Instructions"*. Download both the form and the instructions. **Read the *"CHCSM Report Form Instructions"*** before completing the *"HCSM Worksheet"*.

   c.   File the completed *"HCSM Worksheet"* electronically with e-filing in Docket No. 11M-595T. If not E-Filing, submit a signed hard copy to the following address and refer to Docket No. 11M-595T on the form:

CHCSM Administrator
Colorado Public Utilities Commission
1560 Broadway, Suite 250
Denver, CO 80202-5143

Declaration of De Minimis Form

2.   Telecommunications service providers with CHCSM **contributions below $10,000 for calendar year 2010 ($5,000 for the first six months 2011) are to check the "Declaration of De Minimis Form" box and complete and file page 1** on the form entitled *"CHCSM Report Form"*. These telecommunications service providers must qualify for the de minimis exemption pursuant to all appropriate Commission rules.

   d.   On the Commission's webpage, select "Telecommunications" down the left column. On the next page select "Direct Service Programs" and then on the next page select "HCSM – High Cost Support".

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