

Decision No. C12-0132

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

DOCKET NO. 12M-117T

IN THE MATTER OF FILING THE ANNUAL MARCH 31ST 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 MARCH 31ST, HIGH COST
SUPPORT MECHANISM REPORT BY ALL
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE PROVIDERS**

Mailed Date: February 9, 2012
Adopted Date: February 1, 2012

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 (HCSM) Worksheet.

2. Rule 2846(b)(I)(B) states that the *de minimis* exemption applies to those telecommunications service providers whose contribution to the HCSM is less than \$5,000 for the calendar year 2011. Those telecommunications service providers falling within the

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

3. Each telecommunications service provider is required to file the HCSM Worksheet or the Declaration of De Minimis Form on or before March 31, 2012 for the reporting period of January 1, 2011 through December 31, 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 March 31, 2012 deadline.

4. This Order specifies the HCSM reporting forms to be filed by telecommunications service providers for the March 31, 2012 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 www.dora.state.co.us/puc.

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) of the Rules Regulating Telecommunications Providers, Services, and Products, 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-2 on or before March 31, 2012.

2. A telecommunications service provider 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
February 1, 2012.**

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Doug Dean".

Doug Dean,
Director

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

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Commissioners

TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROVIDERS 2012 ANNUAL
MARCH 31ST HCSM REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND INSTRUCTIONS

On or before March 31, 2012, each telecommunications service provider must file the prescribed Colorado High Cost Support Mechanism (HCSM) Report Form for retail revenues generated from intrastate operations for calendar year 2011. The prescribed March 31, 2012 HCSM Report Form for telecommunications providers is located on the Commission's webpage at: www.dora.state.co.us/puc. If you do not have access to the Commission's website, please contact the HCSM Administrator at (303) 894-2043 and a hard copy will be provided.

HCSM Worksheet

1. All telecommunications service providers with HCSM **contributions above \$5,000 for the calendar year 2011 are to check the "HCSM Worksheet" box and complete and file pages 1 and 2** on the form entitled "*HCSM 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 "*HCSM Report Form*" that is due March 31, 2012 and the corresponding "*HCSM Report Form Instructions*." Download both the form and the instructions. **Read the "HCSM Report Form Instructions"** before selecting the "*HCSM Worksheet*" box and completing the "*HCSM Report Form*."
 - c. File the completed "*HCSM Report Form*" electronically with E-Filing in Docket No. 12M-117T. If not E-Filing, submit a signed hard copy to the following address and reference Docket No. 12M-117T on the form:

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

Declaration of De Minimis Form

2. Telecommunications service providers with HCSM **contributions below \$5,000 for calendar year 2011 are to check the "Declaration of De Minimis Form" box and complete and file page 1** on the form entitled "*HCSM Report Form*." These telecommunications service providers must qualify for the de minimis exemption pursuant to all appropriate Commission rules.
 - 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 "*HCSM Report Form*" that is due March 31, 2012 and the corresponding "*HCSM Report Form Instructions*." Download both the form and the instructions. **Read the "HCSM Report Form Instructions"** before selecting the "*Declaration of De Minimis Form*" box and completing the "*HCSM Report Form*."
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