

Decision No. C08-0801

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

DOCKET NO. 08M-333T

IN THE MATTER OF FILING THE SEMI-ANNUAL COLORADO HIGH COST SUPPORT MECHANISM WORKSHEET OR THE DECLARATION OF DE MINIMIS FORM IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULES 4 CCR 723-2-2846 BY ALL TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES PROVIDERS IN COLORADO.

**ORDER CONCERNING MOTION FOR AN
EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE THE
SEPTEMBER 1, 2008 SEMI-ANNUAL HIGH COST
SUPPORT MECHANISM REPORT BY
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE PROVIDERS**

Mailed Date: August 1, 2008

Adopted Date: July 30, 2008

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 (CCR) 723-2, each telecommunications services provider shall provide to the 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. According to Rule 2846(b)(I)(B), the *de minimis* exemption applies to those telecommunications service providers, whose contribution to the CHCSM is less than \$5,000 for the first six months of calendar year 2008. 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 services provider is required to file the CHCSM Worksheet or the Declaration of De Minimis Form (CHCSM Reporting Forms) pursuant to Commission Rules on or before September 1, 2008, for the reporting period of January 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. 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, 2008, deadline.

4. This order specifies the CHCSM Reporting Forms to be filed by telecommunications service providers for the September 1, 2008 reporting period in accordance with the requirements listed on Appendix A to this Order. The reporting forms 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 high cost support mechanism worksheet or Declaration of De Minimis Form in accordance with Rule 2846(b)(I) on or before September 1, 2008.

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 on its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
July 30, 2008.**

(SEAL)



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

RONALD J. BINZ

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Commissioners

TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROVIDERS

2008 SEMI-ANNUAL CHCSM REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND INSTRUCTIONS

On or before September 1, 2008, each telecommunication service provider must file the prescribed Colorado High Cost Support Mechanism (CHCSM) report forms for retail revenues generated from intrastate operations for the first six months of calendar year 2008. The prescribed September 2008 CHCSM report forms for telecommunication providers are as follows:

1. All telecommunication service providers with Colorado High Cost Support Mechanism contributions above \$5,000 for the first six months of calendar year 2008 are to file the form entitled "Colorado High Cost Support Mechanism Worksheet" located on the Commission's web site at: www.dora.state.co.us/puc.
 - a. On the Commission's Home Page, go to "Regulated Utilities" and select "Telecommunications". Select "Forms" and then under Colorado High Cost Fund click on "Worksheet and instructions".
 - b. On the "Forms for Complying with the High Cost Support Mechanism Rules" page, you will see "Compliance – CHCSM Worksheet Filings Due" under the header Colorado High Cost Fund Worksheet for filing that is due September 1, 2008. You will see the September 2008 CHCSM Form and the instructions.
 - c. Download both the Instructions and the CHCSM Worksheet. **PLEASE** read the instructions before completing the CHCSM Worksheet.
 - d. E-mail the completed CHCSM Worksheet to susan.travis@dora.state.co.us
 - e. In order to complete your CHCSM reporting requirement, a signed paper copy of the Worksheet must be sent to the following address.

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- f. 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.
2. All telecommunication providers that generate contributions below \$5,000 for the first six months of calendar year 2008 are required to file the form entitled "Declaration of De Minimis Form" located on the Commission's web site at: www.dora.state.co.us/puc. These telecommunications service providers qualify for the de minimis exemption pursuant to Commission rules.
 - a. On the Commission's Home Page, go to "Regulated Utilities" and select "Telecommunications". Select "Forms" and then under Colorado High Cost Fund click on "Worksheet and instructions".
 - b. On the "Forms for Complying with the High Cost Support Mechanism Rules" page, you will see "Compliance – CHCSM Worksheet Filings Due" under the header Colorado High Cost Fund Worksheet for filing that is due September 1, 2008. You will see the September 2008 CHCSM De Minimis Declaration Form and instructions.
 - c. Download both the Instructions and the HCSM De Minimis Form. **PLEASE** read the Instructions before completing the Declaration of De Minimis Form.
 - d. E-mail the completed Declaration of De Minimis Form is to: susan.travis@dora.state.co.us
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