

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 in each subsequent year through September 1, 2024~~ 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~~ 100 percent 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;
 - (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 2024, d~~Distributions of HCSM shall not be based on effective competition determinations as defined by rule 2205 or § 40-15-207, C.R.S.