

Decision No. C14-0244

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 98M-236T

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE COLORADO HIGH COST
SUPPORT MECHANISM.

**DECISION ADVISING TELECOMMUNICATIONS
SERVICE PROVIDERS OF NOTIFICATION
OF ANNUAL CUSTOMER EDUCATION**

Mailed Date: March 12, 2014

Adopted Date: March 5, 2014

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement and Findings of Fact

1. Pursuant to 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-2-2846(e), Rules Regulating Telecommunications Providers, Services, and Products, each rate-jurisdictional provider collecting the Colorado High Cost Support Mechanism (CHCSM) rate element (also known as the “Colorado Universal Service Charge”) is to provide its customers certain education material as ordered by the Commission. The inclusion of the customer education material shall commence with the first billing cycle of the third quarter of 2014. Each provider shall make the CHCSM customer education material ordered by the Commission available to each of its customers by a message directly printed on the bill, by bill insert, or by separate first class mail, or any combination of these alternatives. The language for the customer notification message for the first billing cycle of the third quarter of 2014 is attached as Attachment A to this Decision.

2. The effective date of this Decision will allow telecommunications providers sufficient time to implement the continuing customer CHCSM education material within the first billing cycle of the third quarter of 2014.

II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

1. Pursuant to 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-2-2846(e), all telecommunications service providers required to contribute to the Colorado High Cost Support Mechanism shall provide their customers with the customer education information describing the “Colorado Universal Service Charge” rate element using the language as provided in Attachment A.

2. For calendar year 2014, providers shall complete the required continuing customer Colorado High Cost Support Mechanism education notification in the first billing cycle of the third quarter of 2014.

3. The 20-day time period provided for by § 40-6-114(1), C.R.S., to file applications for rehearing, reargument, or reconsideration begins on the first day after the mailing of this Decision.

4. This Decision is effective on its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
March 5, 2014.**

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY



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