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### MEMORANDUM

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TO: Competitive Local Exchange Carriers, Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers, Interexchange Carriers, Resellers of Long Distance, Alternate Operator Service Providers, Institutional Telecommunication Service Providers

FROM: GPSC Telecommunications Unit Staff

DATE: March 2, 2023

RE: Universal Access Fund Contribution Factor and Revenue Threshold

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On February 27, 2023, the Georgia Public Service Commission issued two significant orders<sup>1</sup> related to contributions to the Universal Access Fund ("UAF"). Please review the attached orders, which are briefly summarized below:

- The first order (Document No. 193445) increases the UAF contribution factor from 3.75% to 5.25% beginning with the second quarter of 2023. This means that the increased factor will apply to revenue collected from April 1 - June 30, 2023. The first contribution using the 5.25% UAF contribution factor will be due July 30, 2023 pursuant to [GPSC Rule 515-12-1-.39\(3\)](#).
- The second order (Document No. 193446) eliminates the \$12,500 quarterly revenue threshold for contributions to the UAF. Beginning in the same quarter as the increase to the UAF factor, the requirement to contribute to the UAF will apply as well to carriers with revenues below \$12,500 in a quarter.

A new quarterly contribution form reflecting the change in the UAF factor and the elimination of the revenue threshold will be posted to the GPSC's website prior to the close of the second

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<sup>1</sup> Both orders were issued in Docket No. 32235: *Generic Proceeding to Implement House Bill 168*.

quarter of 2023. The web address where the most current UAF contribution form can be downloaded is <https://psc.ga.gov/utilities/telecommunications/>.

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