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RE: Docket No. 32235: Generic Proceeding to Implement House Bill 168

ORDER MODIFYING UAF CONTRIBUTION FACTOR

O.C.G.A. § 46-5-167 directs the Georgia Public Service Commission ("Commission") to administer the Universal Access Fund ("UAF") and requires all telecommunications companies holding a certificate of authority issued by the Commission to contribute quarterly to the fund. In its November 23, 2010 Order Implementing House Bill 168, the Commission found that it "is reasonable to base calculations for contributions to the UAF on gross intrastate revenues." *Order Implementing House Bill 168, p.8.*

The percentage applied to carriers' gross interstate revenues is known as the UAF contribution factor. The factor was last changed on May 17, 2017 and is currently set at 4.9%. The Commission Staff determined that the current factor will be insufficient to meet the required funding for disbursements that will be made at the end of the first quarter in 2021. While the Staff tries to maintain a minimum balance of \$1,000,000 in the accounts from which the money is disbursed, the disbursements will likely exceed the minimum balance plus the anticipated contributions in that quarter. Therefore, the factor must be increased to meet this demand. The Staff recommended that the Commission increase the UAF factor to 6.0% on intrastate revenues beginning January 1, 2021.

The Commission, having had the opportunity to review and consider the recommendation of Staff set forth above, hereby adopts the Staff's recommendation.

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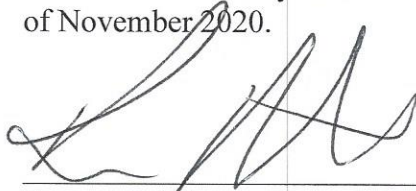
WHEREFORE, it is

ORDERED, that the UAF contribution factor is hereby increased to 6.0%.

ORDERED FURTHER, that a motion for reconsideration, rehearing, oral argument, or any other motion shall not stay the effective date of this Order, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

ORDERED FURTHER, that jurisdiction over this matter is expressly retained for the purpose of entering such further Order(s) as this Commission may deem just and proper.

The above by action of the Commission in Administrative Session on the 17th day of November 2020.



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Executive Secretary

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