

Supplemental Decision Options and Recommendations

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VI. COMMISSION OPTIONS

(Revised Option A)

- A. Certify that all of the petitioning ETCs listed in Trade Secret Attachment 1 (as amended on September 13, 2013) plus the price cap companies have used Federal High Cost Universal Service Support received in 2016 and the first half of 2017, and will use Federal High Cost Universal Service Support received in the coming year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.
- B. Find that some or all of the petitioning ETCs have failed to provide sufficient information to certify that the high cost support provided to the petitioning ETC(s) in 2016 and the first half of 2017, and will be used in 2018 only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. Deny some or all of the ETCs' petitions for certification.

(Revised Option C)

- C. Require that any company whose 2018 filing contains financial information indicating corporate expenses are 50 percent or more of operating revenues shall file additional information in sufficient detail to support the amount of corporate expense in that filing.

(New Option D)

- D. The Commission delegates to the Executive Secretary the authority to amend the annual list of Certified ETCs provided to the FCC so as to timely correct for errors and/or omissions which become known after the Commission's annual approval and before that year's Federal deadline for certification to the FCC.

VII. RECOMMENDATION

Commission Staff recommends Options A, C (revised) and D (added).