Washington Exchange Carrier Association

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David W. Danner, Executive Director and Secretary Washington State Utilities & Transportation Commission 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW P.O. Box 47250 Olympia, WA 98504-7250 2012 JUL 20 AM 8: 18
STATE OF WARREN
UTILL AND TRANSP.

RE:

WAC 480-120-399(a) (i) WAC 480-120-352(5)

Dear Mr. Danner;

Enclosed is a copy of our latest annual report that covers the 2010 WECA pool year. The report lists the member companies, WECA board and committee members and information related to WECA activities. This report was inadvertently omitted from our submission on June 28, 2012.

Sincerely.

Craig J. Phillips Administrator Enclosures

Washington Exchange Carrier Association 2010 Annual Report

FOREWORD

The Washington Exchange Carrier Association (WECA), a non-profit corporation, was formed May 28, 1987. For 2010, WECA's membership consists of 24 Local Exchange Telecommunications Companies (LECs) operating within the state of Washington. WECA is involved in the development and filing of intrastate carrier common line and universal service fund access tariffs, pooling the revenues which are derived from those tariffs, and distributing those revenues to the member companies.

Effective May 27, 1992 the Washington Utilities & Transportation Committee approved rules of procedure allowing WECA to operate as a tariff bureau. Pursuant to these rules of procedure WECA provides an open forum for member companies and other interested parties to discuss and consider proposals affecting Washington intrastate telecommunications services.

On October 1, 1996 WECA became responsible for the administration of the Data Distribution Center (DDC) in the state of Washington. The DDC receives intralata originating access records from participating companies and produces and distributes intralata terminating access records to all LECs. These records are used to bill terminating access to certain intralata carriers. Prior to the implementation of the DDC, intralata terminating access was billed based upon terminating to originating minute ratios. With the advent of the DDC, terminating access is now billed based upon actual usage.

WECA MEMBER COMPANIES

Asotin Telephone Company Beaver Creek Telephone Company (1) CenturyTel of Cowiche, Inc. (2) CenturyTel of Inter-Island, Inc. (2) CenturyTel of Washington, Inc. (2) Computers 5*, Inc. d/b/a LocalTel Communications Ellensburg Telephone Company Hat Island Telephone Company Hood Canal Telephone Co. Inc. Inland Telephone Company Kalama Telephone Company Lewis River Telephone Company, Inc. Mashell Telecom, Inc. McDaniel Telephone Company Pend Oreille Telephone Company Pioneer Telephone Company Skyline Telecom, Inc. (1) St. John Telephone Company Tenino Telephone Company The Toledo Telephone Co., Inc. Western Wahkiakum County Telephone Company Westgate Communications, LLC Whidbey Telephone Company YCOM Networks. Inc.

- (1) Beaver Creek Telephone Company and Skyline Telecom, Inc. were merged on July 1, 2011 with the surviving corporation becoming Skyline Telecom, Inc.
- (2) As of May 29, 2011 the CenturyTel companies no longer participate in the WECA Interim USF Pool or the WECA CCL Pool. However, these companies still participate in the Traditional USF Pool.

2010-2011 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors shall determine the number of Directors, up to ten, that will be elected at the next annual membership meeting. Each member of the Board of Directors shall be an employee of a member or of a commonly controlled corporation providing substantial management or operating assistance to a member, or an individual providing substantial management or operating assistance to a member. Each Director shall be elected for a term of one year and until his or her successor is duly elected and qualified. The following nine individuals were elected to Board positions at the May 19, 2010 annual membership meeting:

INDIVIDUAL	<u>AFFILIATION</u>
STEVE APPELO	WESTERN WAHKIAKUM COUNTY TELEPHONE COMPANY
JAMES BROOKS	INLAND TELEPHONE COMPANY
RICHARD BUECHEL	HOOD CANAL TELEPHONE CO. INC.
STEVE HANSON (WECA SECRETARY/TREASURER)	TENINO TELEPHONE COMPANY
GAIL LONG	LEWIS RIVER TELEPHONE CO., INC
JANA MANTEROLA	ELLENSBURG TELEPHONE COMPANY
JACKIE PHILLIPS (1)	CENTURYTEL OF WASHINGTON, INC.
BOB SMITH (WECA PRESIDENT)	KALAMA TELEPHONE COMPANY
ROB SNYDER (WECA VICE-PRESIDENT)	WHIDBEY TELEPHONE COMPANY

⁽¹⁾ Jackie Phillips resigned from the Board effective April 29, 2011. Her Board position remained vacant until elections were held at the June 8, 2011 annual membership meeting.

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JANA MANTEROLA	ELLENSBURG TELEPHONE COMPANY
DALE MERTEN	THE TOLEDO TELEPHONE CO. INC.
BOB SMITH (WECA PRESIDENT)	KALAMA TELEPHONE COMPANY
ROB SNYDER (WECA VICE-PRESIDENT)	WHIDBEY TELEPHONE COMPANY

UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND AND NON-TRAFFIC SENSITIVE FUND COMMITTEES:

Committee members for the pool year ended December 31, 2010 were:

Bob Smith, Chairman Steve Appelo James Brooks Richard Buechel Steve Hanson Gail Long Jana Manterola Jackie Phillips Rob Snyder

The USF and the NTS Committees, which meet monthly, oversee the activities of the Traditional USF, the Interim USF and the CCL Pool, respectively.

Intrastate Telecommunications Plan (1987-2000)

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC) adopted the Intrastate Telecommunications Plan (ITP) on December 30, 1986. WECA tariffs filed in accordance with the ITP became effective on April 1, 1987. The ITP established the USF and NTS Funds to provide for the pooling of revenues and expenses relating to the intrastate portion of non-traffic sensitive (NTS) costs. The NTS revenue requirements for the pools were based upon projected investment, expenses and separation factors. The revenues were collected through carrier common line and universal service fund access charges billed to long-distance carriers for access to the local network. On September 1, 2000, a new access plan, the Washington Access Carrier Plan (WCAP) was implemented.

Washington Access Carrier Plan (WCAP)

The WCAP, which replaced the ITP, was approved by the WUTC to become effective on September 1, 2000. The WCAP established three voluntary pools related to intrastate NTS costs. The first of these pools is the universal service support pool created in the ITP, which is referred to in the WCAP as the "Traditional USF." The second of these pools involves the interim universal fund element created to comply with the WUTC's terminating access rule. This pool is referred to in the WCAP as the "Interim USF." The third pool deals with revenues produced by the originating carrier common line (CCL) rates assessed by participating companies. This pool is referred to in the WCAP as the "CCL Pool."

Traditional USF

The Traditional USF pool is not open to new participants. The Traditional USF rate will remain frozen at \$.00152, except as it may be modified by the withdrawal of a participating LEC. The distributions from the Traditional USF are based upon distribution ratios calculated using the actual distributions received by participating LECs for the 1999 pool year. Distribution ratios will be adjusted to reflect the exit of any participating LEC who leaves the Traditional USF pool.

All LECs operating within the state of Washington shall assess the Traditional USF rate at \$.00152 per access minute on all intrastate originating and terminating access minutes and shall remit the resulting revenues to WECA.

Interim USF

All Washington LECs are eligible to participate in the Interim USF. The distributions from the Interim USF are based upon distribution ratios calculated using the actual distributions received by participating LECs for the prior pool year. Distribution ratios will be adjusted to reflect the entry of a new participant, or the exit of any participating LEC from the Interim USF pool. Distribution ratios are also adjusted to reflect any changes in a participant's Revenue Objective as a result of an order by the WUTC.

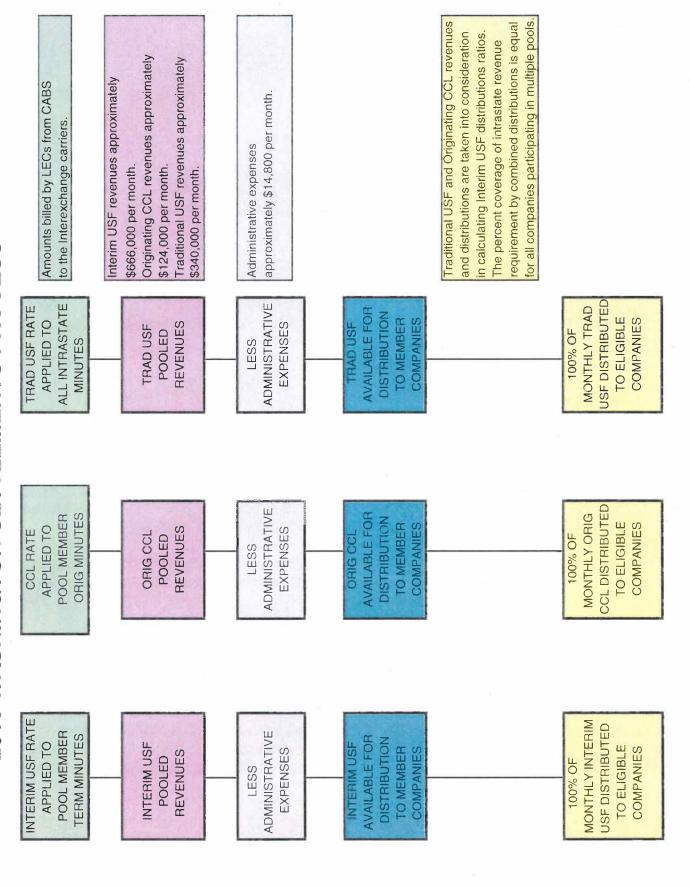
The Interim USF rate is applied to the terminating rated intrastate access minutes of pool participants. The resulting revenues are remitted to WECA and distributed to Interim USF pool participants monthly.

CCL Pool

All Washington LECs are eligible to participate in the CCL Pool. The distributions from the CCL Pool are based upon distribution ratios calculated using the actual distributions received by participating LECs for the prior pool year. Distribution ratios will be adjusted to reflect the entry of a new participant, or the exit of any participating LEC from the CCL Pool. Distribution ratios are also adjusted to reflect any changes in a participant's Revenue Objective as a result of an order by the WUTC.

The CCL Pool rate is applied to the originating rated intrastate access minutes of pool participants. The resulting revenues are remitted to WECA and distributed to CCL Pool participants monthly.

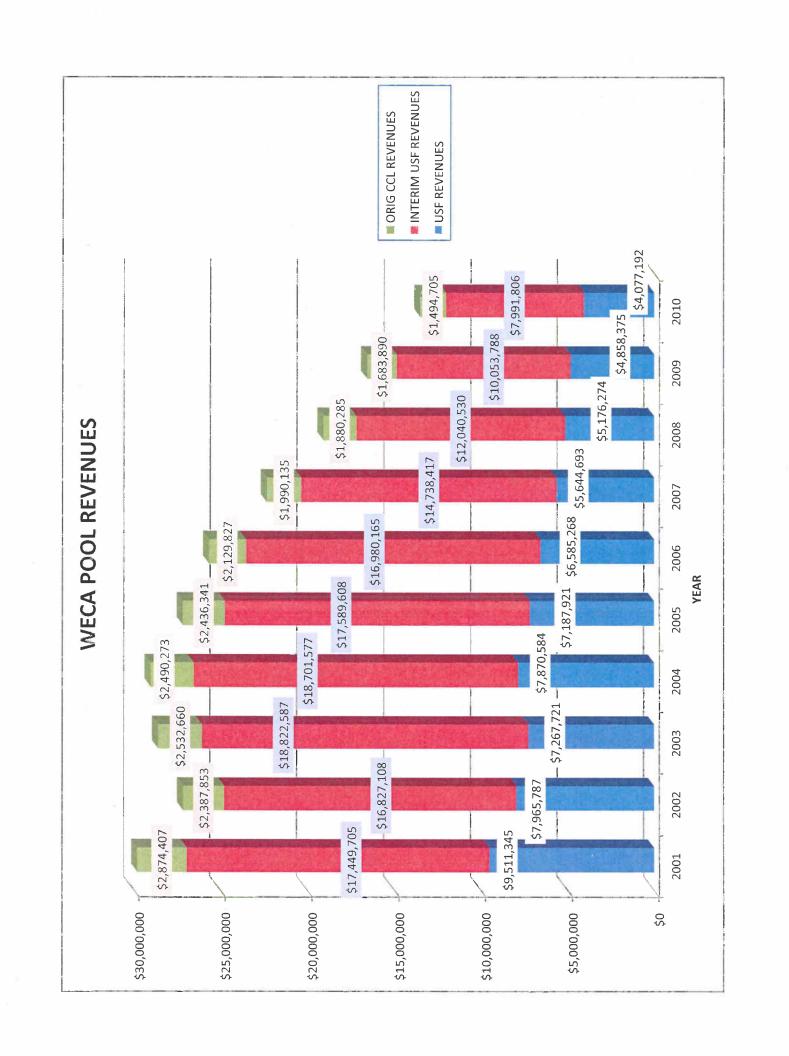
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POOL SUMMARY For Year Ended December 31, 2010

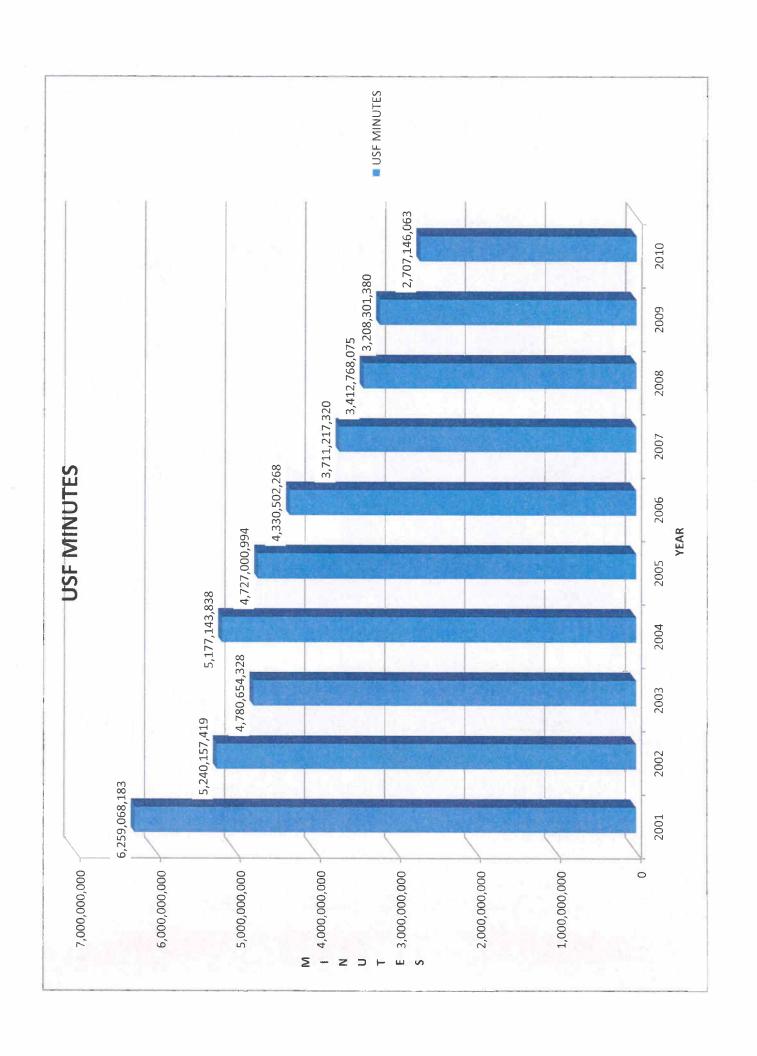
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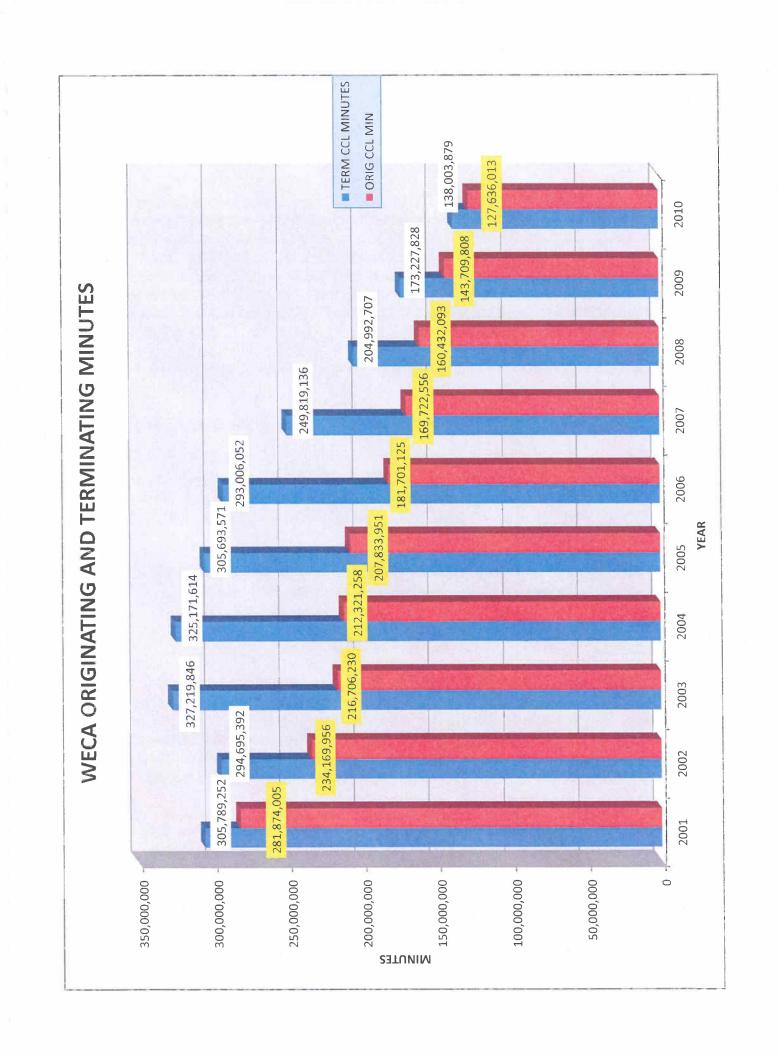
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TRADITIONAL USF POOL INTERIM USF POOL CCL POOL	\$ 4,077,192 7,991,806 <u>1,494,705</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ <u>13,563,703</u>
DISTRIBUTIONS TRADITIONAL USF DISTRIBUTIONS TO MEMBERS	\$2.067.8 <u>9</u> 7
INTERIM USF DISTRIBUTIONS TO MEMBERS CCL DISTRIBUTIONS TO MEMBERS ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	\$3,967,887 7,937,064 1,481,595
TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS	\$ <u>13,563,703</u>



WCAP MINUTE & REVENUE GROWTH

YEAR	USF MINUTES	GROWTH FROM PRIOR YEAR	USF REVENUES	GROWTH FROM PRIOR YEAR
2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010	6,259,068,183 5,240,157,419 4,780,654,328 5,177,143,838 4,727,000,994 4,330,502,268 3,711,217,320 3,412,768,075 3,208,301,380 2,707,146,063	N/A (16.28%) (8.77%) 8.29% (8.69%) (8.39%) (14.30%) (8.04%) (5.99%) (15.62%)	\$9,511,345 \$7,965,787 \$7,267,721 \$7,870,584 \$7,187,921 \$6,585,268 \$5,644,693 \$5,176,274 \$4,858,375 \$4,077,192	N/A (16.25%) (8.76%) 8.30% (8.67%) (8.38%) (14.28%) (8.30%) (6.14%) (16.08%)
2001- 2010	(3,551,922,120)	(56.75%)	(\$5,434,153)	(57.13%)
YEAR	INTERIM USF MINUTES	GROWTH FROM PRIOR YEAR	INTERIM USF REVENUES	GROWTH FROM PRIOR YEAR
2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010	305,789,252 294,695,392 327,219,846 325,171,614 305,693,571 293,006,052 249,819,136 204,992,707 173,227,828 138,003,899	N/A (3.63%) 11.04% (0.63%) (5.99%) (4.15%) (14.74%) (17.94%) (15.50%) (20.33%)	\$17,449,705 \$16,827,108 \$18,822,587 \$18,701,577 \$17,589,608 \$16,980,165 \$14,738,417 \$12,040,530 \$10,053,788 \$7,991,806	N/A (3.57%) 11.86% (0.64%) (5.95%) (3.46%) (13.20%) (18.31%) (16.50%) (20.51%)
YEAR	ORIG CCL MINUTES	GROWTH FROM PRIOR YEAR	ORIG CCL REVENUES	GROWTH FROM PRIOR YEAR
2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010	281,874,005 234,169,956 216,706,230 212,321,258 207,833,951 181,701,125 169,722,556 160,432,093 143,709,808 127,636,013	N/A (16.92%) (7.46%) (2.02%) (2.11%) (12.57%) (6.59%) (5.47%) (10.42%) (11.18%)	\$2,874,407 \$2,387,853 \$2,532,660 \$2,490,273 \$2,436,341 \$2,129,827 \$1,990,135 \$1,880,285 \$1,683,890 \$1,494,705	N/A (16.93%) 6.06% (1.67%) (2.17%) (12.58%) (6.56%) (5.52%) (10.44%) (11.23%)





TARIFF BUREAU

The WECA Tariff Bureau was formed to provide an open forum for member companies and other interested parties to jointly consider proposals for publication, amendment or cancellation of tariff schedules or related orders, rules, regulations and agreements governing Washington intrastate telecommunication services. The Tariff Bureau operates under Rules of Procedure that have been put in place by order of the WUTC. All proposals that are considered by WECA must be subject to WUTC jurisdiction. Any proposals that are approved by WECA, through its Tariff Bureau docket process, must be filed for approval by the WUTC.

The following dockets and tariff filings were addressed by WECA during 2010:

<u>Docket #92-02</u> - Implementation and Oversight of the Data Distribution Center (DDC)

Verizon initiated this Docket on July 2, 1992, to develop a plan for implementing a Primary Toll Carrier Plan (PTC) environment in the state of Washington. As a result of the meetings held in this docket, the Data Distribution Center (DDC) became operational in Washington on October 1, 1996.

This docket remains open to provide ongoing oversight of DDC operations. Meetings are held quarterly by the Technical Operations Committee.

<u>Docket #02-01</u> - Bypass of Terminating Access Charges

Docket #02-01 was initiated to investigate the bypass of terminating access charges through: (1) use of FGC termination of traffic originating from wireless and other carriers, (2) failure of interexchange carriers to modify PIUs and (3) other causes. At the docket meeting on April 29, 2002 it was determined that the docket would focus on FGC and EAS routing issues, along with wireless issues and PIUs. Docket work sessions were held during 2003, 2004 and early 2005 to address these issues.

A report and recommendation on docket issues was approved by the WECA Board at its September 27, 2005 meeting. The report and recommendation was filed with the WUTC requesting that they act on the report. No action was taken at that time.

WECA counsel has contacted WUTC Staff about reviving this docket, or opening a new docket on phantom traffic. WUTC Staff has now indicated some interest in reviewing terminating traffic issues.

WUTC Docket No. UT-100085 - WECA Tariff Filing

On January 12, 2010 WECA made a tariff filing to revise tariff language related to late payment penalty. The revised language established a late payment rate equal to the amount included in the NECA tariff, and also changed the penalty rate on a disputed payment to match the rate charged for late payments. In addition, the filing established a customer charge for notice of disconnection or notice of nonpayment where a customer incurs more than one such notice within any twelve-month period. The revisions became effective on February 15, 2010.

ADMINISTRATION

The administrative staff is responsible for managing the pooling and distribution of intrastate carrier common line and universal service fund access revenues, monitoring pool results, preparing and filing access tariffs and providing support to the Board of Directors and various WECA committees. The administrative staff also provides support for the Tariff Bureau activities of WECA, and oversees the administration of the Data Distribution Center. Administrative staff members for the pool year ended December 31, 2010 were:

Craig Phillips

Administrator

Bob Kennedy

Analyst

Duane Vollrath

DDC Coordinator

WASHINGTON EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2010

ASSETS

Cash Accounts Receivable (Note 1) Due From Administrator	\$ 0 929,148 2,400
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ <u>931,548</u>
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	
Distributions Payable To Members (Note 2) Administrative Expense Payable	\$894,914 <u>34,134</u>
Total Liabilities	929,048
Net Assets	2,500
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$ <u>931,548</u>

(UNAUDITED – FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY)
See accompanying notes

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1: Accounts Receivable at December 31, 2010 consists of the following:

Traditional USF Pooled Revenues	\$ 245,760
Interim USF Pooled Revenues	580,059
CCL Pooled Revenues	103,329

TOTAL \$929,148

Note 2: Distributions Payable To Members at December 31, 2010 consists of the following:

Traditional USF distributions payable	\$ 219,607
Interim USF distributions payable	573,238
CCL distributions payable	102,069

TOTAL \$894,914