

## FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND (FUSF)

The rate of the Federal Universal Service Fund (FUSF) charge equals the FUSF rate established by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), as it changes from time to time.

As of the last Guide publication date, the FUSF charge is equal to 34.435.8% of all eligible telecommunications and interconnected VoIP service charges, excluding Taxes, appearing on a Customer's invoice. Company imposes the FUSF charge to recover amounts it incurs for contributions to the FCC for the federal government's Universal Service funding programs. This is a Company charge, not a Tax or fee that the government requires Company to collect.

A Customer will not be required to pay the FUSF charge if it demonstrates to the Company's reasonable satisfaction that it is acquiring the Company's services for resale, *i.e.*, not for its own internal use, and is contributing directly into the federal government's Universal Service funding programs.