

Oklahoma Universal Service Fund

Fiscal Year 2021/2022

What's New...

- The OUSF Interim Contribution Factor is set at a rate of **6.28%** for the **July 2021 through September 2021 revenue data periods**, as approved by Commission Order in Cause No. OSF 201900036 and in Cause No. OSF 2019000316, Order No. 719918.
- On August 5, 2021, the Commission issued an Interim Order in Cause No. 2019000316, Order No. 719918, *Application of Brandy L. Wreath, Administrator of the Oklahoma Universal Service Fund, Seeking to Establish an Assessment Factor for the Oklahoma Universal Service Fund and Determine a New Assessment Methodology*. This Order approves, on an interim basis, a **connections-based contribution methodology, beginning November 1, 2021**. The initial connections-based assessment is set at **\$1.14 per connection**.
- **For the initial transition month**: The number of connections at **September 30, 2021**, for the **October 2021 assessment period**, will be reported and the assessment paid on or by **November 15, 2021**. The revenue-based assessment payments under Interim Order No. 695781 will continue through October 31, 2021, and cease on November 1, 2021. Although two different reporting metrics will be used for the month of September: September revenue-based reporting due by October 31, 2021 and the number of connections at September 30, 2021 for the October 2021 assessment period due by November 15, 2021, no Contributing Provider will pay more than twelve (12) monthly assessments during the calendar year 2021.
- The Reporting and Payment Schedule **will change** with the new reporting methodology effective November 1, 2021. Please refer to Attachment A- OUSF Reporting and Payment Schedule, for the full schedule of worksheet submission and payment due dates.
- **The Annual filing option will be eliminated with the new reporting methodology effective November 1, 2021**. Contributing Providers will be required to report and pay on Monthly basis, or if authorized by the OUSF Administrator, on a calendar quarter. Due to the Annual filing option being eliminated effective November 1, 2021, **all Annual filers are required to submit a Revised Annual worksheet to report actual revenue for the July 1, 2021 – September 30, 2021 revenue data period on or by November 15, 2021**.

Reminders...

- **Annual Revision/True-Up**: **All Annual filers are required to submit an Annual revised worksheet, to report actual revenues for the July 2020 – June 2021 period, by August 31, 2021**. Report actual revised revenue amounts, not the difference between the original filing and the Revision.
- **Late Payment Interest**: Providers failing to submit OUSF worksheets and payments in a timely manner are subject to one and one-half percent per month (1.5%) late payment interest fee (18% APR)for each payment received and processed by the bank after the due date. Neither the OUSF Administrator nor the OUSF Manager have the authority to waive interest accrued on late payments.
- **Online Contributing Provider Remittance Worksheet Submissions**: Contributing Provider Remittance Worksheets are to be submitted online only on Vantage Point USF Solutions website using the E-File platform <http://usf.vantagepnt.com>.
- **To access OUSF E-File**, you must register a User I.D. and Password. For new Contributing Providers, please complete and submit an OUSF Registration (Attachment D) form to Vantage Point, via email to ousf@vantagepnt.com.
- **OUSF Assessment Payment Submission**: All OUSF assessment payments must be remitted to First Fidelity Bank, N.A. in Oklahoma City, OK. Please refer to the OUSF Payment and Worksheet Submission Information (Attachment B) for more information. Remit payment electronically (via ACH) to ensure timely receipt and processing of the payment and avoid Late Assessment Payment Interest. Paper checks may be made payable to: (1) Oklahoma Universal Service Fund, (2) OK USF, or (3) OUSF.