## Oklahoma Universal Service Fund Funding Year 2025-2026

## What's New...

• On June 25, 2024, the Commission issued a Final Order in Case No. OSF 2022-000045, Order No. 742418, Application of Brandy L. Wreath, Administrator of the Oklahoma Universal Service Fund, Seeking to Adjust the Connections-Based Assessment Factor for the Oklahoma Universal Service Fund. This Order approves a connections-based assessment of \$1.63 per connection. The OUSF assessment factor will remain the same at \$1.63 per connection for July 2024 forward, or until further notice from the Oklahoma Corporation Commission.

## Reminders...

- Beginning with the August 2024 assessment period, Stand-Alone Long Distance Providers,
  meaning those offering long distance service only and do not offer local exchange, exchange
  access, interconnected VoIP, or mobile service in conjunction with long distance service are
  no longer required to report to the OUSF. Stand-Alone Long Distance Providers may
  contact the OUSF Manager at ousf@vantagepnt.com to request inactivation of their OUSF
  account.
- 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 <u>online only</u> on Vantage Point USF Solutions website using the E-File platform <a href="https://usflogon.vantagepnt.com/">https://usflogon.vantagepnt.com/</a>. 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 <a href="mailto:ousf@vantagepnt.com">ousf@vantagepnt.com</a>.
- **OUSF Assessment Payments:** All OUSF assessment payments must be remitted directly 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.
- In its November 29, 2022 Interim Order in OSF 2022-000045, the Commission authorized an alternative data source for reporting the number of connections. Upon written notification, a dual 6-month reporting process and approval by the Administrator, Contributing Providers may be permitted to use data from their billing system in lieu of the number of connections on the last day of a reporting period in order to calculate contributions to the OUSF as long as the calculation is based on all connections that allow access to the Public Switched Telephone Network ("PSTN") in Oklahoma.