



July 16, 2026

Secretary of the Commission
Arkansas Public Service Commission
1000 Center Street
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: Arkansas High-Cost Fund (ARHCF) Assessment Rate Change
Docket No. 97-393 A

Secretary of the Commission:

Enclosed is the announcement to all telecommunications carriers offering intrastate services in the State of Arkansas, notifying them that the assessment rate for 2026 will change. Effective September 1, 2026, the ARHCF assessment rate will increase, from 14.10% to 18.39%.

The increase in assessment rate is due to the sharp and abrupt decreases in annual support provided by material contributors to the AHCF for 2026.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Wendy M Harper'.

Wendy Harper
Vantage Point Solutions
Arkansas High-Cost Fund Administrator

Encl.



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To: All Arkansas High Cost Fund Participants

Re: Arkansas High Cost Fund – 2026 Assessment Rate Change

Effective September 1, 2026 and until further notice, the Arkansas High Cost Fund (AHCF) assessment rate will **increase from 14.10% to 18.39%.**

The increase in assessment rate is due to changes in reported revenue subject to AHCF.

This change will automatically be reflected in the VPS USF Portal, AHCF E-File system.

If you have any questions, please contact us via email at ahcf@vantagepnt.com or via phone at (217) 862-1519.

Sincerely,

Nicole Stephens

Vantage Point Solutions
AHCF Administrator