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E-Rate for FY 2023:

USAC issued Wave 9 for FY 2023 on Thursday, June 22nd, for \$58.9 million including \$1.57 million for twelve North Carolina applicants. Total funding is now \$1.48 billion including \$45.3 million for North Carolina. At this point, USAC has already funded 81.7% of the originally submitted applications representing 49.7% of the dollars requested.

ECF for 2021-2023:

Total commitments for all three ECF windows are \$6.72 billion including \$191 million for North Carolina. USAC has funded approximately 89% of the ECF applications representing 69% of the requested funding.

Window 3 applications are being funded down to the 60% urban band but could go lower if more funding becomes available. We encourage all applicants, that have been funded beyond their actual needs, to file Post-Commitment Requests (“PCRs”) to reduce their funding commitments and free up dollars for other needy ECF applicants.

Updates and Reminders

Upcoming Dates:

June 27	USAC will host a Beginning E-Rate Services Webinar (register).
June 30	The Form 486 deadline for FY 2022 Wave 46. More generally, the Form 486 deadline is 120 days from the FCDL date or from the service start date (typically July 1 st), whichever is later. Upcoming Form 486 deadlines are:
	Wave 47 07/07/2023
	Wave 48 07/14/2023
	Wave 49 07/21/2023
	Wave 50 07/28/2023

Form 486s for FY 2023, for services to start in July 2023, can be filed now by checking the early filing certification (the first of the Form 486

certifications). The first Form 486 deadline for FY 2023, for FCDLs issued on or before July 1st, normally October 29th (which is a Sunday this year), will be Monday, October 30, 2023.

June 30

The last day to:

- Receive all recurring services for FY 2022 (including BMIC maintenance services, even if filed as one-time charges).
- Light fiber (or request a service delivery deadline extension) for FY 2022 special construction projects.
- Use the early filing certification on the Form 486 for FY 2023.
- Enroll in (or renew enrollment, if needed) for the Community Eligibility Provision (“CEP”) program for the 2023-2024 school year.

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Additional North Carolina specific E-rate information is available through our Web site — <http://www.e-ratecentral.com/us/stateInformation.asp?state=NC>. Note that this site provides easy access to formatted North Carolina applicant E-rate histories via the Billed Entity Number (“BEN”) search mechanism in the upper left-hand corner. Detailed information can be obtained by “drilling down” using the links for specific funding years and individual FRNs.

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