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### *E-Rate for FY 2023:*

USAC issued Wave 18 for FY 2023 on Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, for \$69.0 million including \$933 thousand for three North Carolina applicants. Total funding is now \$2.01 billion including \$79.0 million for North Carolina. At this point, USAC has already funded 92.1% of the originally submitted applications representing 68.9% of the dollars requested.

### *ECF for 2021-2023:*

Wave 32 for Window 3 was [issued](#) on Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, for \$68.0 including \$213 thousand for seven North Carolina applicants. Window 3 funding is now being committed down to the 40% discount level. Total commitments for all three ECF windows are now \$6.93 billion including \$193 million for North Carolina. USAC has funded 94.1% of the ECF applications representing 68.5% of the requested funding.

## Updates and Reminders

### *Upcoming Dates:*

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| September 8  | End of the summer deferral period for FY 2023 PIA reviews.   |
| September 25 | Due date for comments on the FCC's Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking portion of <a href="#">(FCC 23-56)</a> regarding additional rule changes to simplify E-rate (see the second half of the article in our <a href="#">newsletter of July 3<sup>rd</sup></a> ). Reply comments are due October 23 <sup>rd</sup> . |
| September 25 | Due date for comments on the FCC's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking <a href="#">(FCC 23-65)</a> on cybersecurity labeling for internet devices (see our <a href="#">newsletter of August 14<sup>th</sup></a> ).   |
| October 2    | Last day to receive service or to submit a Service Delivery Deadline request for FY 2022 non-recurring services. (Note: September 30 <sup>th</sup> , the normal Service Delivery Deadline, falls on a Saturday this year.)   |
| October 24   | Nominations are due for six positions, including one school representative, on the USAC Board of Directors (see <a href="#">DA 23-753</a> and article below).  |

- October 30 E-rate invoice deadline for FY 2022 recurring services.
- October 30 ECF invoice deadline for most Window 1 and Window 2 committed FRNs with service delivery deadlines of June 30, 2023. For details on other upcoming invoice deadlines, see USAC's [Emergency Connectivity Fund Invoice Deadline Tool](#).
- October 30 The first Form 486 deadline for FY 2023, for FCDLs issued on or before July 1<sup>st</sup> (i.e., Waves 1-9).

*FCC Seeks USAC Board Nominations:*

As it does every year, on a three-year cycle, the FCC has requested nominations for six members of the USAC Board of Directors ([DA 23-753](#)). The USAC Board has nineteen members made up of USAC's CEO, Radha Sekar, and eighteen others representing the interests of the programs administered by USAC. The 18 representatives serve three-year terms, normally with one-third of the slots open for nominations (or renominations) each year.

From an E-rate perspective, the four most important board slots are held by school and library representatives, currently:

- School Dr. Dan Domenech, former Executive Director of the American Association of School Administrators  
Julie Tritt Shell, Pennsylvania State E-Rate Coordinator  
Dr. Joan H. Wade, Executive Director, Association of Educational Service Agencies
- Library Amber Gregory, Manager of E-rate Services, Arkansas State Library

This year, one school board slot, currently held by Dr. Wade, is up for renewal. Nominations for all or any of the six positions, with terms expiring at the end of this year, must be filed by October 24<sup>th</sup>.

Additionally, as the result of newly adopted E-rate rules, the FCC will add a Tribal representative to the USAC Board (see [FCC 23-56](#) and our [newsletter of July 24<sup>th</sup>](#)). Nominations for that position will be solicited in a separate notice after the new Tribal rules become effective in mid-September.

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