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## WIRESLINE COMPETITION BUREAU ANNOUNCES CARRY-FORWARD OF UNUSED SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUNDS FOR FUNDING YEAR 2013

### CC Docket No. 02-6

Pursuant to section 54.709(a)(3) of the Commission's rules,<sup>1</sup> on May 2, 2013, the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) submitted projections of demand and administrative expenses for the federal universal service fund for the third quarter of 2013.<sup>2</sup> According to USAC's projections, \$450 million in unused funds from previous funding years is available to carry forward to increase disbursements to schools and libraries via the E-rate program, more formally known as the schools and libraries universal service program.<sup>3</sup> Section 54.507(a)(3) of the Commission's rules states that "[a]ll funds collected that are unused shall be carried forward into subsequent funding years for use in the [E-rate program] in accordance with the public interest and notwithstanding the annual cap."<sup>4</sup>

Consistent with the Commission's rules, the Wireline Competition Bureau announces that \$450 million in unused funds will be carried forward to ensure funding is available for all eligible priority one funding requests received from schools and libraries in funding year 2013 in excess of the annual cap.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 54.709(a)(3).

<sup>2</sup> See Federal Universal Service Support Mechanisms Fund Size Projections for Third Quarter 2013, available at <http://www.usac.org/about/tools/fcc/filings/2013/Q3/USAC-3Q2013-Federal-Universal-Service-Mechanism-Quarterly-Demand-Filing.pdf>.

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* at 37.

<sup>4</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 54.507(a)(3). See also *Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism*, CC Docket No. 02-6, Third Report and Order and Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 18 FCC Rcd 26912, 26933-35, paras. 52-57 (2003) (amending section 54.507(a) of the Commission's rules).

<sup>5</sup> The 2013 funding year for purposes of the schools and libraries cap is July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014. See 47 C.F.R. § 54.507(b).