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FCC Authorizes Additional Funds for FY2010 and FY2011

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On August 22, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) issued Order <u>DA 11-1354</u>. This order directs USAC to begin making funding commitments for FY2010 Priority 2 services at the 80% discount level and to use funds from reserve accounts to fund eligible FY2010 Priority 2 requests at all discount levels.

USAC has already started the review of FY2010 Priority 2 services at the 80% discount level, and so should be able to start making commitments on approved requests as soon as possible. FY2010 Priority 2 requests at the 79% discount level and below that have been denied for insufficient funding will be returned to the PIA review process. **No additional action is required at this time on the part of applicants with funding requests below 80%. PIA reviewers will be in touch with these applicants once they begin the review of these applications.**

In addition, the FCC has directed USAC to roll over \$850 million of unused funds to FY2011. At this time, we cannot determine the exact discount level we will be able to reach for Priority 2 requests for FY2011. We will of course provide updates as we are able to do so.

Again, no special action is required on the part of FY2010 applicants for Priority 2 requests at 79% and below that have already been denied. However, these applicants should be sure to monitor the preferred mode of contact they indicated on their Forms 471 and respond promptly to PIA requests for information.

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