

### **Annual Form Training**

Block 3 – Wholesale Revenue

March 20, 2025



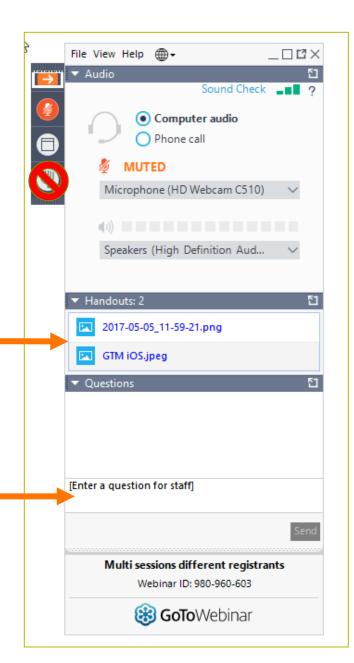
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- The audience will remain on mute.
- If your audio or slides freeze, restart the webinar.
- A copy of the presentation is in the 'Handouts' section of webinar panel.

• Enter questions at any time using the 'Questions' panel.



### **Webinar Recordings**

Please be aware that this webinar is being recorded.

A copy of the recorded webinar, along with a copy of the presentation will be available on the Service Provider's 'Webinars' webpage within two days.

Future webinars are also posted on the webpage as well as their registration link. At the beginning of each quarter, all webinars scheduled for that quarter will be posted.

#### **Meet Our Presenter**

#### **Amy Kavelman**

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### **Agenda**

- Webinar Format
- Annual Form Block 3, Wholesale Revenue
- Questions
- Assistance Resources

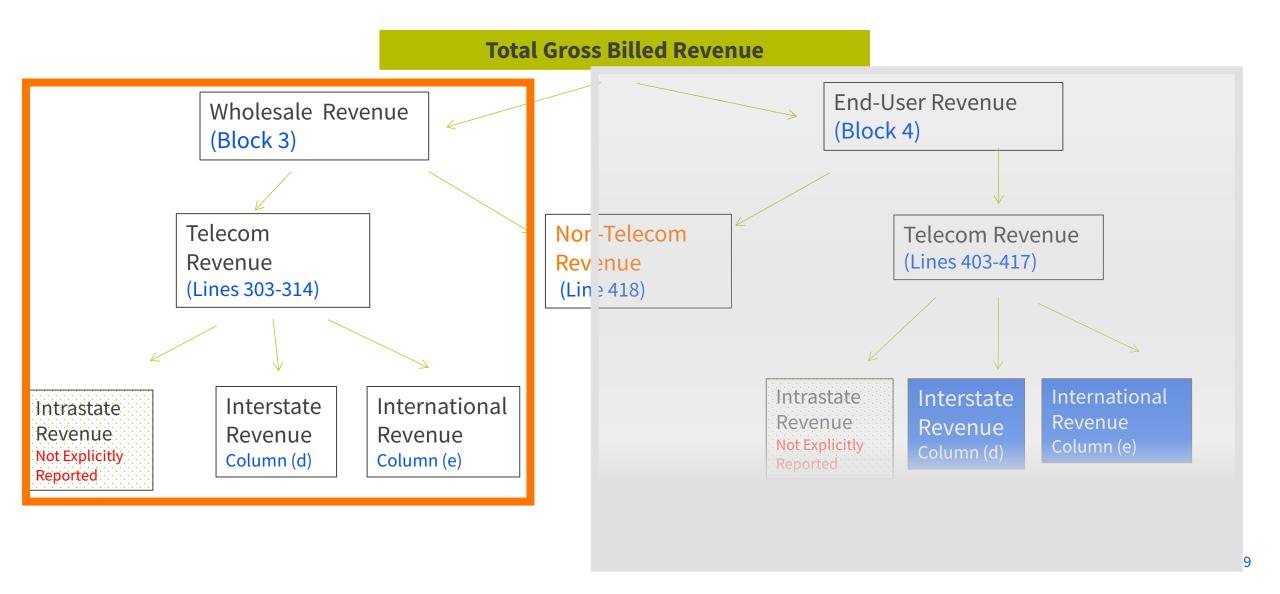
### "Office Hours" Webinar Format

- Office Hours are held monthly.
- Brief presentation of a common topic at the beginning
- Open the floor to questions from attendees
  - Attendees type their question in the 'Questions' box in the GoToWebinar panel
  - USAC staff will repeat the question so everyone can hear
  - USAC staff will answer the question, keeping identify of the asker private
  - If question contains specific company information, USAC staff will follow-up with an email, keeping the question private.

## **Annual Form Filing**

Block 3 – Wholesale Revenue Reporting

### **FCC Form 499-A Revenue Reporting**



#### **Block 3: Carrier's Carrier Revenue Information**

Filers may report revenues from contributing resellers (i.e., universal service contributors) on Lines 303 through 314 and must report all other revenues on Lines 403 through 418.

In many cases, the line-item categories from Block 3 are duplicated in Block 4. These are outlined in the instructions and an example is below.

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Line 305 (Carrier's Carrier) Local Private Line and Business Data Service Line 406 (End User)

#### **Block 3 vs Block 4**

#### **Block 3: Carrier's Carrier Revenue Information**

Revenue from sale of services to contributing service providers.

#### **Block 4: End User and Non-Telecommunications Revenue Information**

Revenue that does not qualify for Block 3 is reported in Block 4.

- End users are the final consumer of the service.
- Reseller revenue with de minimis amounts of interstate and international end user revenues. (These companies are not direct contributors).
- All other revenues, non-telecommunications in nature.

#### **Definition of a Reseller**

Any filer reporting revenue in Block 3 of the FCC Form 499-A must demonstrate that the reseller meets both parts of the reseller definition.

- 1. Purchasing service(s) for resale, at least in part, and incorporating the purchased services into its own offerings which are, at least in part, assessable U.S. telecommunications or interconnected VoIP service; and
- 2. Either directly contributing or have a reasonable expectation that another entity in the downstream chain of resellers directly contributes to the federal universal service support mechanisms on the assessable portion of revenue from offerings that incorporate the purchased services.

Last year, the instructions were clarified that the reseller's 499 Filer ID must be active.

Resellers attest to this definition by signing a Reseller Certificate. Certificates must be submitted annually. It is the responsibility of the wholesale carrier to request and collect these certificates.

#### **Block 3 Line Numbers**

This is a screenshot of the .pdf of the annual form, Block 3.

You can see the list of the line numbers as well as the services associated with that line.

It's important to realize that each line number represents a type of service. Rarely, will a service provider sell every one of these services.

This means that there will be many line numbers that will contain \$0 in revenue.

Refer to the annual for instructions for important definitions and explanations for the individual line numbers.

See instructions regarding percent interstate and international.

#### Revenues from Services Provided for Resale as Telecommunications by Other Contributors to Federal Universal Service Support Mechanisms

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|---|---|--|
|   | Monthly service, local calling, connection charges, vertical features,  |  |
|   | and other local exchange service including subscriber line and  |  |
| 303.1   | PICC charges to IXCs  |  |
|   | Provided as unbundled network elements (UNEs)   |  |
| 303.2   | Provided under other arrangements   |  |
|   | Per-minute charges for originating or terminating calls   |  |
| 304.1   | Provided under state or federal access tariff   |  |
| 304.2   | Provided as unbundled network elements or other contract arrangement  |  |
|   | Local private line & business data service  |  |
| 305.1   | Provided to other contributors for resale as telecommunications   |  |
| 305.2   | Provided to other contributors for resale as interconnected VoIP  |  |
| 306   | Payphone compensation from toll carriers  |  |
| 307   | Other local telecommunications service revenues   |  |
| 308   | Support revenues received from Federal or state sources   |  |
| Mobile services (i.e., wireless telephony, paging, and other mobile services) |   |  |
| 309   | Monthly, activation, and message charges except toll  |  |
| Toll ser  | vices   |  |
| 310   | Operator and toll calls with alternative billing arrangements (credit card, collect, international call-back, etc.) |  |
| 311   | Ordinary long distance(direct-dialed MTS, customer toll-free (800/888   |  |
|   | etc.) service, "10-10" calls, associated monthly account maintenance,   |  |
|   | PICC pass-through, and other switched services not reported above)  |  |
| 312   | Long distance private line services   |  |
| 313   | Satellite services  |  |
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| 314   | All other long distance services  |  |

#### **Certificate Exemptions**

*Intercarrier compensation and universal service support:* The following categories of revenues are not end-user revenue and are reported in Block 3. For these revenue items, the filer is not required to retain Filer 499 ID information or verify that the customer is a reseller

| Category of Revenue  | 499-A Line # |
|--|--------------|
| Per-minute switched access charges and reciprocal compensation   | Line 304     |
| Revenues received from carriers as payphone compensation for originating toll calls                    | Line 306     |
| Charges for physical collocation of equipment pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 251(c)(6)                        | Line 307     |
| Revenues that filers receive as universal service support from either states or the federal government | Line 308     |
| Revenues received from another U.S. carrier for roaming service provided to customers of that carrier  | Line 309     |

### **Certificate Template**

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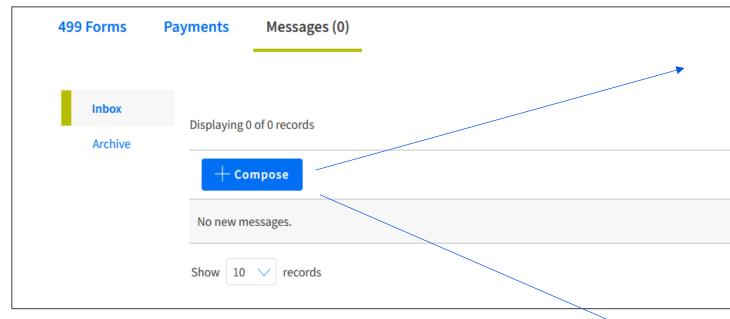
#### Annual Form Webinar Schedule All are recorded and posted on our Webinar webpage

- March 11 Revenue Reporting for VoIP Resellers
- March 13 Live Walkthrough of Completing an FCC Form 499-A
- March 18 Updating Registration Information
- March 20 Reporting Wholesale Revenue (Block 3)

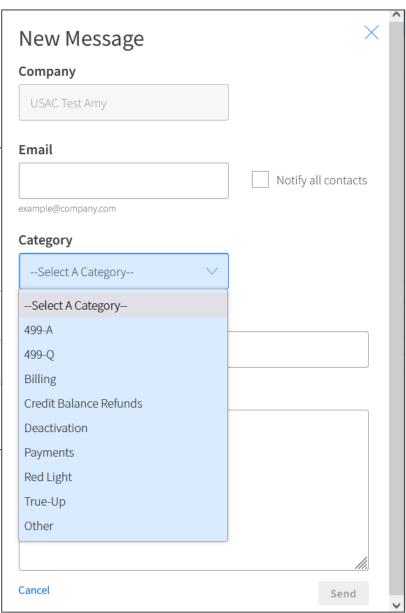
#### **Remaining Webinars**

- March 25 Reporting End User Revenue (Block 4)
- March 27 Reporting Regional Percentages and Certification of Form

### **E-File Message Portal**



Send a message to the Service Provider team directly through the Message Portal in E-File



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Monday – Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET



**Email:** CustomerSupport@usac.org

- Include in your email
  - 498 ID/Service Provider ID Number (SPIN)
  - 499 Filer ID

Contact the CSC for issues relating to login, error messages and other technical problems.

