# **Annual Form Training**

**Regional Percentages and Certification** 

March 28, 2025



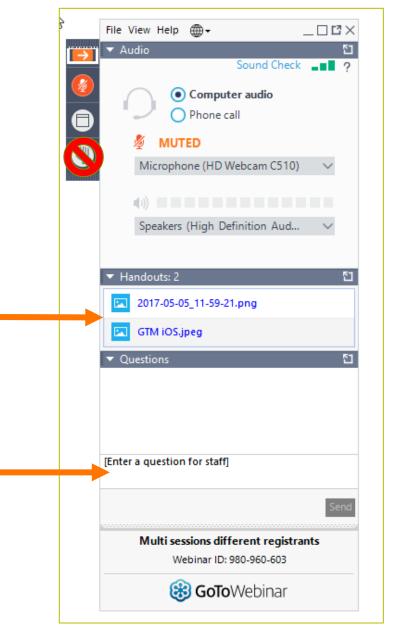
## DISCLAIMER

To accommodate all attendees, real-time closed captions will be present during this presentation. We apologize in advance for any transcription errors or distractions. Thank you for your support.

## Housekeeping

- 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.

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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
- Regional Percentage Completion
- Certify and Submit
- 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**

**Regional Percentages** 

### **Regional Percentages**

All VoIP providers are required to report on the regions where their customers are. The system will not let you complete the form until this is done.

<b>Carrier's Carrier</b> - (Form 499-A Lines 303-315) This section is for reporting revenues received from (1) carriers that contributed to the federal universal service fund (USF); OR (2) USAC state sources for universal service support.	Edit_ C or
End-User - (Form 499-A Lines 403-417) This section is for reporting revenues received from end-users, or carriers that did not contribute to the federal USF, for providing telecommunications or interconnected VoIP services.	Edit
Non-Telecommunications - (Form 499-A Lines 418.1-418.3) This section is for reporting revenues received for providing non-telecommunications services.	Edit
Non-Interconnected VoIP - (Form 499-A Line 418.4) This section is for reporting revenues received for providing non-interconnected VoIP services.	Edit
Excluded Reseller Revenue - (Form 499-A Line 511) This section is for reporting revenues from carriers that did not contribute to USF that you would like to exclude from other contribution b (e.g., NANPA, TRS, LNP).	Edit
Uncollectible Revenue or Bad Debt - (Form 499-A Lines 421-422) This section is for reporting any uncollectible revenue or had debt	Edit
<b>Regional Percentages</b> - (Form 499-A Lines 503-510) This section is required for carriers and providers of interconnected VoIP with revenue to indicate regional billing data.	Edit
Certifying Officer Information This section you will need to fill out the filer's Certifying officer information.	Edit

## **LNP Regional Percentages**

		Carrier's Carrier Revenue Regions	End User Revenue Regions
503 Southeast:	Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, and U.S. Virgin Islands	0 %	0 %
504 Western:	Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming	0 %	50 %
605 West Coast:	California, Hawaii, Nevada, American Samoa, Guam, Johnston Atoll, Midway Atoll, Northern Mariana Islands, and Wake Island	0 %	50 %
506 Mid-Atlantic:	Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia	0 %	0 %
507 Mid-West:	Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin	0 %	0 %
508 Northeast:	Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont	0 %	0 %
509 Southwest:	Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas	0 %	0 %
510 Total:		0 %	100 %

Enter your best estimate of the regions where your end-users are located.

Make sure that the total on Line 510 = 100%

## **Annual Form Filing**

**Review and Certification** 

### **Review, Certify and Submit the Form**

The section for certifying officer, starts with this screen. The information contained in this section carries over from the previous annual form. If you have entered anything in the explanation box, ensure that it's current. All revenue contained on this form is considered confidential whether you select the option or not.

CERTIFYING OFFICER INFORMATION				
In this section please review the information and the certification statement that you will be required to certify following your review of the form in the next step. The information in this section is from your 499 User Profile updating any information in this section will also update your 499 User Profile once you have saved your updates. Once the form has been submitted this information will be locked.				
Exempt from contributing to <b>2</b>	Universal Service TRS NANPA LNP			
Explanation	Please provide explanation			
Type of Reporting Entity 2	State or Local Government Entity I.R.C. § 501 or State Tax Exempt			
I certify that the revenue data contained herein are privileged and confidential and that public disclosure of such information would likely cause substantial harm to the competitive position of the company. I request nondisclosure of the revenue information contained herein pursuant to sections 0.459, 52.17, 54.711 and 64.604 of the Commission's rules.				

### **Certifying Officer Details**

The details of the registered Company Officer that certified the last annual form is pre-populated.

In order for a Company Officer to certify, they must have an E-File username and password.

If you need to change the Certifying Officer, contact us via the E-File Message Portal.

#### **Certifying Officer Information**

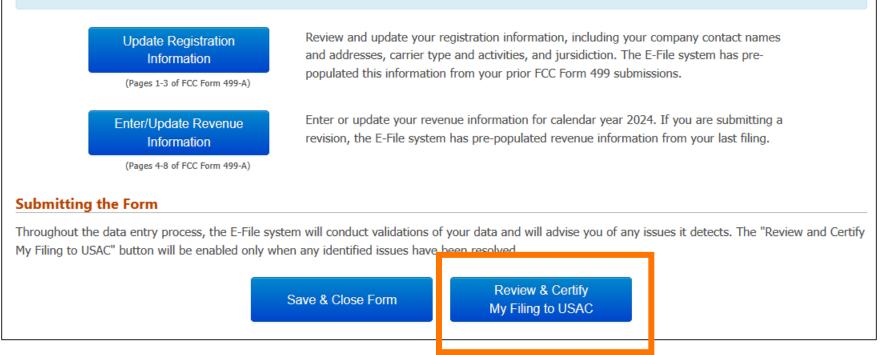
I certify that I am an officer of the above-named filer as defined in the instructions, that I have examined the foregoing report and, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, all statements of fact contained in this Worksheet are true and that said Worksheet is an accurate statement of the affairs of the above-named company for the previous calendar year. In addition, I swear, under penalty of perjury, that all requested identification registration information has been provided and is accurate. If the above-named filer is filing on a consolidated basis, I certify that this filing incorporates all of the revenues for the consolidated entities for the entire year and that the filer adhered to and continues to meet the conditions set forth in section III-B of the instructions.

Name	Θ	Amy     MI     Officer
Position with reporting entity	Θ	СО
Phone Number	Θ	202-776-0200 ext
Email Address	Θ	AmyOfficer@test.com
Officer Signature Date	Θ	3/28/2025
Filling Type	Θ	<ul> <li>Original April 1 filing for year</li> <li>New filer, registration only</li> <li>Revised filing with updated registration</li> <li>Revised filing with updated revenue data</li> </ul>
This is the last section of revenue i	nformation. Clic	king "Save & Continue" will return you to the Revenue Information Summary.
Save & Return to Summary	Save & Cor	Expand All Save & Close

### **Review and Certify**

#### MAIN PAGE: 2025 FCC FORM 499-A (REPORTING ACTUAL REVENUES FROM CALENDAR YEAR 2024)

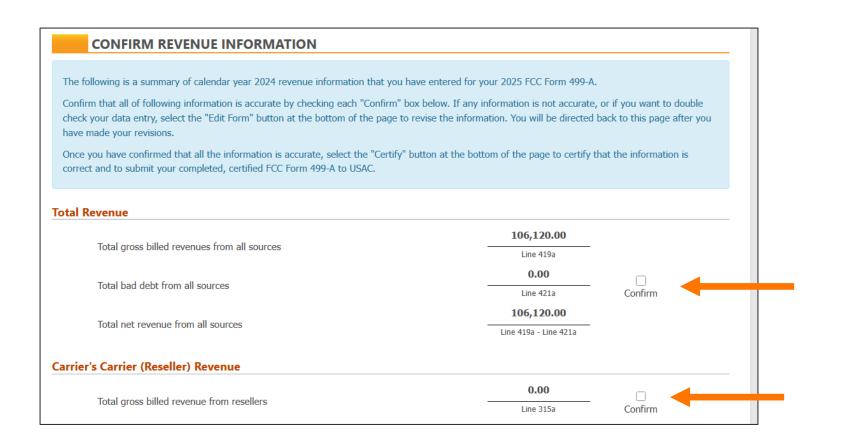
Thank you for choosing to electronically file your FCC Form 499-A. Use this E-File system to update your registration information and to report your actual revenues from calendar year 2024. As you enter your data, be sure that you understand the requirements as indicated in the 2025 FCC Form 499-A Instructions..



#### Note! Preparers can access this section, but only Company Officers can submit the form.

### **Confirm Revenue Info – Summary Page**

This section requires review of the revenues reported, in total form for each of the revenue sections. You must place a check mark in each Confirm box in order for the certification to proceed.



### **Confirm Revenue - continued**

Sections showing total revenue for the End-User Revenue and Alert messages (if any)

		100,120.00	
	Total gross billed revenue from end-users	Line 420a	
		35,150.00	
	Total gross billed local/intrastate long distance revenue from end-users	Line 420a – Line 420d –	
		Line 420e	
		64,970.00	Confirm
	Total gross billed interstate long distance revenue from end-users	Line 420d	
		0.00	
	Total gross billed international long distance revenue from end-users	Line 420e	
lerts			
	Confirm that you have reviewed all your ALERT Messages		
	1 Alert Messages Click to review your alert message(s)		Confirm

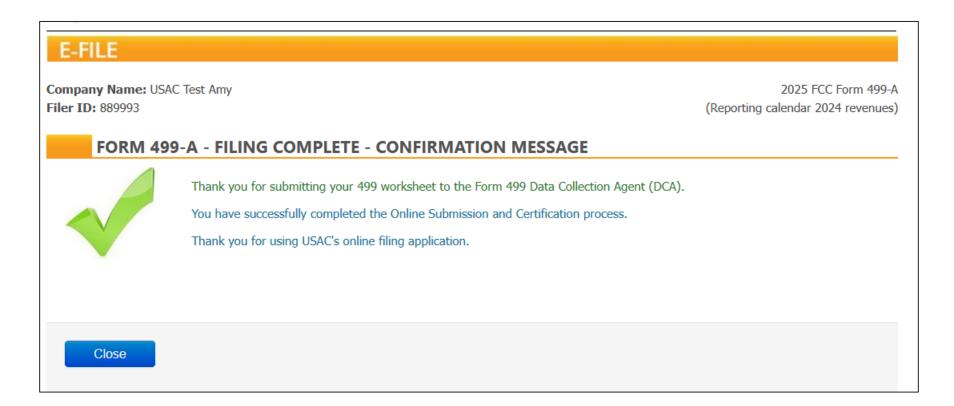
### **Confirm Revenue – Then Certify**

Preparers can access this section, but only the Company Officer can certify for the form. If the 'Certify' button is not highlighted, like below, that means you have not checked off the above 'Confirm' boxes.

as well as the fund administrators for TRS, LNP, and NA	NPA, who will use it to determi	ne your contribution obligations.
	64,970.00	0.00
Universal Service contribution base revenue	Interstate 423d	International 423e
		100,120.00
LNP and NANPA contribution base revenue		Total (420a + 412a - 511a)
		64,970.00
TRS contribution base revenue		Interstate + International
		(514b)

### **Officer Certification**

Once the officer certifies, they will receive this screen as well as a confirmation email.



## **Questions?**

## **Additional Help**

## Webinars: Upcoming and Recorded

### A list of webinars can be found on our website - www.usac.org

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Previous Trainings		
Filter by Topic         All Topics		
Annual Form Training: Registration Questions Annual Form Training – Registration Section	March 18, 2025   25:28 minutes	Watch
Live Walkthrough of Completing an FCC Form 499-A	March 13, 2025   58:09 minutes	Watch
Revenue Reporting for VoIP Resellers March Revenue Reporting for VoIP Resellers	March 11, 2025   1:00 hour	Watch
Office Hours: Access to E-File March 2025 Contributor Office Hours 🖃	March 06, 2025   31:07 minutes	Watch
New 499 Filer ID Basics 2025 March – New 499 Filer ID Basics 🖻	March 04, 2025   44:31 minutes	Watch

### Webinars

Join us to learn about topics relevant to service providers participating in universal service programs, as well as guidance for upcoming filings and stakeholder support. Topics include quarterly FCC Form 499-Q training, office hour sessions, FCC Form 499 basic training, and more.

### **Upcoming Trainings**

Annual Form Training: Wholesale Revenue (Block 4)

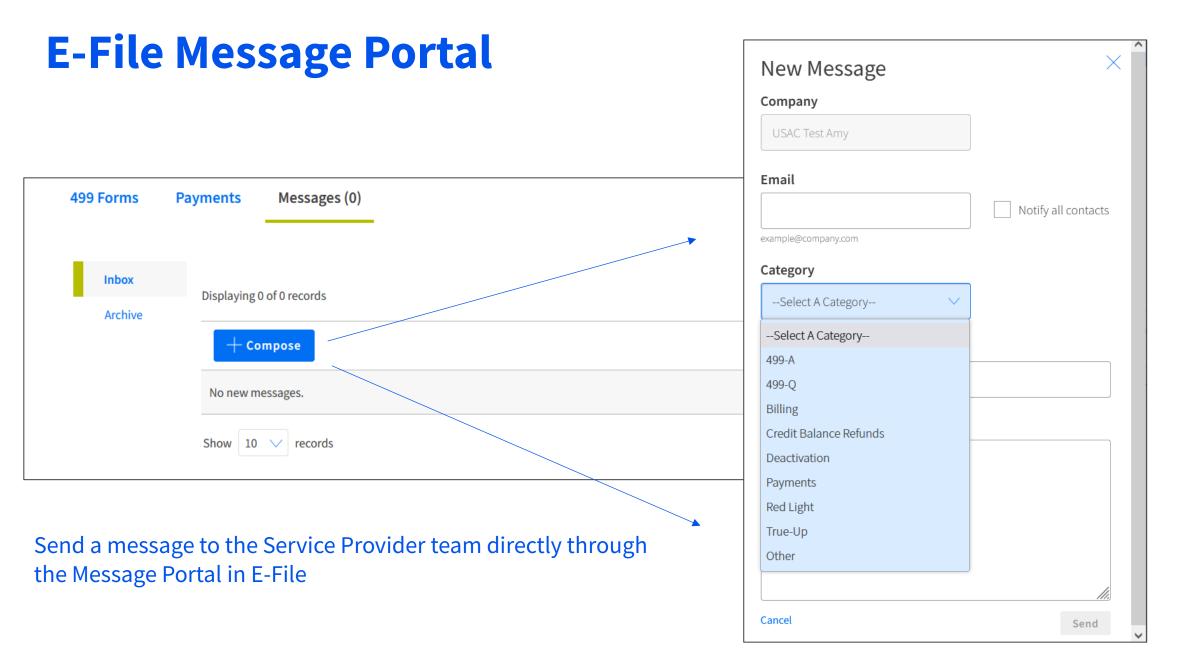
Date: Tuesday, March 25, 2025 Time: 02:00 pm ET – 03:00 pm ET

Register

Annual Form Training: Regional Percentages and Certify

Date: Thursday, March 27, 2025 Time: 02:00 pm ET – 03:00 pm ET

Register



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- **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.

