

Overview of Act 181

State Telecom Equity in Funding Act



Universal Service Fund

Part 1 – Consolidate and Cap

- Interim LEC Fund & USF will be consolidated into the new USF
- ILF + USF + Lifeline = \$41.6 million
- ILF + USF will be capped at \$40.7 million

Universal Service Fund

Part 2 – Provides for Orderly Administration

- SC Department of Revenue will collect Wireless contributions

Dual Party Relay Fund Changes

- Wireless Service providers required to contribute
- Prepaid Wireless sellers required to contribute
- VoIP providers required to contribute
- SC Department of Revenue will collect Wireless & VoIP contributions



Dual Party Relay Fund Changes

Current Cap
\$0.25

• New Cap
\$0.10

Current Rate
\$0.25

• Estimated
Rate \$0.06

Deregulation of Stand Alone Lines

- § 58-9-576(C) of the Code amended
- For LECs opting in to 576(C) pre 1/1/16 (AT&T):
 - On 90 days notice
 - If other voice service is available
 - Not price regulated

Next Steps

2 ORS Petitions to be filed

- USF changes and implementation
- DPR changes and implementation

USF ORS Reporting Requirements

- First Report to PURC – 2 Years
 - Needs of COLRs
 - Level of Support
- Every 4 years after