

FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE FEE

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 requires Marco Technologies, LLC ("Marco") to contribute to the Federal Universal Service Fund ("FUSF"). The FUSF helps to make phone service affordable and available to all Americans, including consumers with low incomes; those living in areas where the cost of providing telephone service is high; public schools and libraries; and rural healthcare providers. The Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") delegates the administration of the FUSF to the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC"). Each quarter, the FCC adopts a "contribution factor" for FUSF support. The contribution factor is a percentage of the total interstate and international end-user telecommunications and Interconnected VoIP ("I-VoIP") revenue that each carrier is responsible for contributing to the FUSF. As permitted by FCC regulations, Marco has opted to bill the FUSF surcharge as a separate line item to end-user customers. Consistent with such regulations, Marco only bills FUSF line item charges in an amount equal to the quarterly contribution factor currently in effect multiplied by the invoiced amount subject to the FUSF. This is a permissible pass-through surcharge but is not a tax or charge mandated by the government.

Please visit <u>USAC's Website</u> for more information on the FUSF.

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