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Kunkel, Mark

From: Worzala, David
Sent: Sunday, May 02, 1999 6:47 PM
To: Kunkel, Mark
Subject: JFC PSC action

Hi Mark

I am finally getting around to sending you the budget drafts we need to implement what the JFC decided on PSC. The following are the changes to the Governor's budget that were approved. Any supplemental materials I mention, such as motions, I have faxed to you.

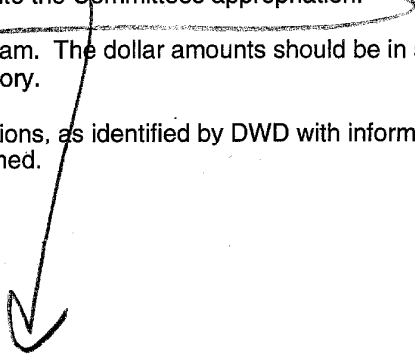
USF Part 1

1. ~~Assistance to institutions.~~ Option 2 was selected. This option deletes everything from LRB draft 1950/4 except section 3 that repeats 196.218(5)(a)3. Note the amendments below.
2. ~~Motion 608~~ - by Rep. Huber passed and requires a statutory enumeration for a new program for nonprofit medical clinics and public health agencies. Note the dollar cap at \$500,000 annually. I will also send you an April 19 letter to the committee that may give you additional context.

USF Part 2 - Choose current law but locked up year two funding into the Committees appropriation.

3. ~~Motion 191~~ - Enumerate the Newsline program as a USF program. The dollar amounts should be in session law but the eligibility of Newsline to be funded from the USF is to be statutory.
4. ~~Motion 187~~ - Require PSC to annually provide all W2 organizations, as identified by DWD with information on the existence of the PSC programs and how assistance can be obtained.

If you have any questions, let me know. Thanks DW 6-9915.



per Dave W.
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- A.3
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April 27, 1999

Joint Committee on Finance

Paper #811

Budgeting for USF Programs (Public Service Commission -- Universal Service Fund)

CURRENT LAW

The Public Service Commission currently operates eight programs that are funded out of the Universal Service Fund (USF). In 1997-98 and 1998-99, \$8,000,000 SEG annually was appropriated in PSC's universal telecommunications service appropriation (USF appropriation) to fund these programs. Actual expenditures for these programs (plus administrative costs) totaled \$2,795,600 SEG in 1997-98 and estimated 1998-99 expenditures are \$3,105,000 SEG.

GOVERNOR

Eliminate the assistance to institutions program, one of the eight PSC programs currently funded from the USF, and reduce funding by \$1,700,000 SEG in 1999-00 and \$2,000,000 SEG in 2000-01.

DISCUSSION POINTS

1. A separate paper (LFB Paper #810) addresses the issue of the level of funding in the USF appropriation for the assistance to institutions program that is recommended for elimination by the Governor. This paper addresses the broader issue of how the remaining current and any new or modified existing PSC programs to be funded from the USF should be budgeted for within the total funding established for the USF appropriation. Specifically, this paper reviews how the individual budgets for existing programs have been established, how the PSC sets budgets for these programs in connection with the biennial budget process and whether an adjustment to the appropriation level relative to these other PSC programs funded from the USF might be considered at this time.

Background

2. The USF was established under 1993 Wisconsin Act 496 to ensure that all state residents receive essential telecommunications services and have access to advanced telecommunications capabilities such as the internet. The focus of Act 496 was to: (a) deregulate the telecommunications utilities in Wisconsin; (b) increase competition among telecommunications companies; and (c) as part of the agreement on deregulation of telecommunication providers, provide universal service to Wisconsin residents by establishing the USF to fund programs for this purpose.

3. The statutory uses of the USF for PSC-related programs are to: (a) assist customers in areas of this state that have relatively high costs of telecommunications services, low-income customers and disabled customers in obtaining affordable access to a basic set of essential telecommunications services; (b) assist in the deployment of advanced service capabilities of a modern telecommunications infrastructure throughout the state; (c) promote affordable access throughout this state to high quality education, library and health care information services; and (d) pay for the costs of administering the fund.

4. To implement the legislative directive to provide universal service, the PSC was authorized to promulgate, by administrative rule, the programs to be funded from the USF. To ensure both consumer and telecommunications provider input into this process, Act 496 authorized the PSC to appoint a USF Council to advise the Commission on the creation and implementation of PSC programs to be funded from the USF. The USF Council consists of representatives of the telecommunications providers and consumers of telecommunications services and the statutes require that a majority of the members be representatives of telecommunications consumers. As part of its responsibilities, the Council is to make recommendations to the PSC on the administration of the USF statute and the content of rules promulgated by the PSC under that statute.

5. To fund expenditures from the USF appropriation, the PSC assesses telecommunication utilities that have gross intrastate telecommunications revenues of greater than \$200,000. Act 496 authorized the PSC to set the level of assessments sufficient to fund the PSC programs. Assessments are made monthly; however, assessments for the PSC programs were suspended in January of 1998 because of a surplus in the USF relative to actual expenditure levels.

6. The PSC was authorized to develop programs to be funded from the USF by administrative rule. In May of 1996, the PSC first promulgated rules that formally established the programs as recommended by the USF Council and approved by the PSC. In general, the programs were designed to ensure telecommunications access for low-income residents, provide assistance to disabled residents, provide safeguards against fluctuations in rates, and provide grants to institutions for advanced telecommunication services. A brief description of each of the current programs and 1997-99 budgeted and expended levels for these programs are provided in the attachment to this paper.

7. Since 1996, when the first USF programs were established, expenditures under the USF appropriation have never been close to \$8 million budgeted for expenditures from the fund. Prior to 1997-99 budget, the fund was actually operated off-budget. Prior to being brought on budget in 1997-98, calendar year expenditures totaled \$2,769,600 SEG in CY 1996 and \$2,816,600 SEG in CY 1997. Act 27, the 1997-99 budget bill, brought the USF on-budget, established a state appropriation for expenditures from the fund and provided expenditure authority of \$8,000,000 SEG annually. Actual expenditures from the new appropriation in 1997-98 totaled \$2,795,600 SEG and estimated expenditures for 1998-99 total \$3,105,000 SEG (see the table in the attachment for details).

Current Budget Setting Process

8. In developing its 1999-01 biennial budget request, no review of the base level of the appropriation was apparently undertaken by the PSC. Rather, the \$8,000,000 SEG level that had been appropriated each year for the 1997-99 biennium was simply carried forward.

9. Under the rules for the USF, the PSC is to at least annually set the budget for the programs funded from the USF. The Commission is to provide notice of such proposed budget for the fund and any proposed changes to the USF Council and other interested parties. While the PSC has in the past set an annual budget as required, these budgets have been set on a calendar year rather than fiscal year basis. Further, these budgets have never had a total budget amount nor a budget by program different than the same programmatic distribution of the \$8 million appropriation that was set when the state appropriation was first created.

10. The agenda papers prepared for the Commission's 1996 budget setting (for a CY 1997 budget) noted that "if expenditures for the itemized uses [individual amounts budgeted by program] on the attachment vary substantially from the current estimates, budget modifications and potential assessment rate changes can be considered as the needs arise." However, neither in CY 1997 or nor in CY 1998 has the PSC taken any action to adjust the budgets for the individual programs. Rather, the Commission has continued budgeting a total of \$8 million for the various programs. However, because actual total program expenditures have been considerably below the budgeted level, the PSC has suspended assessment of telecommunication providers as of July 1, 1998. Further, the Commission indicates that no annual budget was set under this process for CY 1999.

11. As a part of creating the USF under 1993 Act 496, the Legislature anticipated the need for there to be a periodic review of the status of universal service in the state. That Act required the PSC to annually submit a report to the Legislature's Joint Committee on Information Policy regarding the USF. The statute requires that the report include information on all of the following: (a) the affordability of and accessibility to a basic set of essential telecommunications services and of advanced service capabilities throughout the state; (b) the affordability of and accessibility to high-quality education, library and health care information services; (c) financial assistance provided under the universal service fund; and (d) an assessment of what the successes of these USF and other investments have been.

12. Presumably, this type of report was intended to assist the Legislature, as well as the USF Council and the PSC, in assessing the success of these USF programs and reviewing these programs in the course of setting future budget levels. To date, the PSC has never submitted such a report. However, it is understood that a draft of such a report is currently under review within the PSC.

13. The Legislative Audit Bureau (LAB), at the request of the PSC, conducted a financial audit of the USF in 1998. The audit found no problems with the financial operations of the USF; however, the LAB report did note that the "PSC has not fully developed all of the programs it established to enhance telecommunication capabilities around the state." In a letter responding to the audit report, the then Chair of the Commission noted that "Recognizing, as has the Legislative Audit Bureau, that the program budget and spending levels [for USF programs] have not meshed, the Commission will certainly be examining the need for some programs, the specific nature of the programs, and budget levels on which to base future assessments." The Commission suspended assessments for the PSC programs funded from the USF in January of 1998 because of a substantial surplus in the fund. The PSC has indicated that, based on current expenditure levels, assessments will likely be re-instituted beginning in October or November of this year.

14. The Governor's budget recommendation for the PSC programs funded from the USF started from the Commission's historic appropriation level of \$8 million annually and then modified that amount only to reflect the recommended repeal of the aids to institutions program and a corresponding reduction of \$1,700,000 SEG in 1999-00 and \$2,000,000 SEG in 2000-01. The PSC indicates that a budget by program has not yet been developed for 1999-00. However, the PSC has indicated that the budgeted amounts for the remaining programs will likely be about the same as 1998-99, with the exception that the Newline funding would be eliminated because Act 27 only required funding of that program for the current biennium. The PSC anticipates that the amounts for the Newline funding would be reallocated to other program budgets such as the telecommunication equipment purchases program, which provides purchase vouchers for disabled telecommunications customers, including the blind, to purchase telecommunications equipment needed to access and use a telecommunications network.

15. Shortly after the introduction of the Governor's Budget, the PSC released proposed rules relating to the USF and USF-funded programs, including proposals for the creation of some new programs and the modification of other existing programs. The PSC is required by statute to biennially review and revise rules for the USF. These pending administrative rules represent the first proposed revision of the rules since they initially became effective on May 1, 1996. A public hearing was held on these proposed rules on April 6, 1999, but due to the number of people appearing to speak, that hearing will be continued on May 11, 1999. Given the interest expressed in the proposed rules, the PSC anticipates that the revised rules will likely not be finalized until this fall (well after the start of the 1999-00 fiscal year).

16. The changes proposed in the rule would modify many of the current USF programs and would also create some new programs. For example, the existing Lifeline and Link-up rates would be modified as would the equipment voucher amounts for the disabled. In addition, the

credit formulas for the high rate assistance program and the rate-shock mitigation program would also be adjusted. Proposed new programs include the expansion of the uses of the USF to include reimbursements for urban and rural telephone access rate differences and the creation of a program to fund non-profit organization programs to further universal service goals. In addition, expenditures for publicizing the USF programs would be specified as an eligible expense.

17. The PSC does not yet have any fiscal estimate for the anticipated funding impact of these changes. However, the proposed rule does indicate that the outreach program would be capped at a maximum of \$250,000 per year and the non-profit organizations program would be capped at \$500,000 annually.

18. Typically in any budget, appropriations are set based on established program activities, expected program growth, experienced expenditure levels and any approved program modifications. The total expenditure experience in this program reflects expenditures substantially below the total appropriated levels. The PSC's budget submittal provided no indication of program specific future spending levels and gave no indication that any new programs were planned. Rather, the request simply continued as a base funding request the historic \$8 million appropriation level. As of this writing, the PSC has provided no projections by program as to what level of expenditures it expects for 1999-01.

19. Given recent history and the recently announced proposal from the PSC for several modifications to existing programs and the creation of new programs, the Committee could consider making modifications to: (a) the USF appropriation level as recommended by the Governor; and (b) the process by which the specific programs to be funded from the USF are identified so that fiscal year appropriation levels can be set as a part of the biennial budget process.

Appropriation Level

20. One alternative would be for the Committee to set the appropriation amount at the level of expenditures estimated to be incurred in fiscal year 1998-99, excluding consideration of funding for assistance to institutions program which is addressed in a separate budget issue paper (LFB Paper #810) and Newsline expenses of \$35,000 SEG which under 1997 Act 27 was a one-time expenditure in this biennium. That level would be \$2,865,000 SEG, as shown in the following table.

**PSC Programs Funded from the USF - Budgeted and Expended Amounts
FY 1998-99**

<u>PSC Program</u>	<u>FY 1998-99</u>	
	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Estimated Expenditures</u>
Telecommunications Equipment Purchases	\$1,200,000	\$710,000
Voice Mail for Homeless	20,000	20,000
Rate Shock Mitigation	1,059,500	15,000
High Rate Assistance Credit	1,855,000	1,495,000
Lifeline Assistance	1,000,000	280,000
Link-Up America	620,000	205,000
Fund Administrative Costs	<u>210,500</u>	<u>140,000</u>
Total	\$5,965,000	\$2,865,000

Any needed adjustments to this appropriation could then be made, upon request from the PSC, by the Committee under s.13.10 as developments (increased program demand or the establishment or modification of PSC programs by rule) warranted during the next biennium.

21. Another alternative would be to continue funding the Newsline program in 1999-01 as an enumerated USF program. If the Newsline program were included, the revised USF appropriation total would be \$2,900,000 SEG annually, an increase of \$35,000 SEG, to reflect the most recent expenditure level for that program. To establish the program as an enumerated program under the USF, a statutory language change would also be required.

22. It could be argued, however, that it is premature to lower the program budget levels for these programs because the current rulemaking is the first adjustment to the programs since their inception and it is unknown what future amounts will be necessary. Further, several components of the rulemaking, specifically the new programs and promotional spending, are designed to increase expenditures. In addition, it could be argued that the PSC report on the status of universal service should be available before total funding levels are significantly reduced. Lastly, the formula-based programs such as rate shock mitigation may result in spending spikes outside of the control of the PSC and this might then necessitate several 13.10 requests.

23. A second alternative would be to leave the appropriation at the level recommended by the Governor for these programs (excluding the assistance to institutions program), but include a session law requirement that before any funds could be expended by the PSC in 2000-01, the PSC would be required to submit to the Committee, for approval, under s. 13.10, a detailed expenditure plan which identifies each program or activity on which funds are proposed to be expended for the second year of the biennium, the basis for the estimated expenditure level and an explanation of each program or activity to be funded. This alternative would provide time for the new administrative rules to be implemented, the required PSC report to the Joint Committee on

Information Policy to be completed and submitted, and the USF Council and the PSC to reexamine the budget priorities.

USF Budget Setting Process

The Committee could also consider creating statutory language to do the following:

24. First, the Committee could change the current biennial sum certain appropriation for the program to an annual appropriation. Under an annual appropriation, an agency may only expend up to the amounts in the appropriation for that year. Any unexpended monies at the end of a fiscal year revert to the fund from which the monies were appropriated (in this case, the USF). In contrast, under a biennial appropriation, while expected expenditure levels for each fiscal year are indicated in the schedule for the appropriation, the amounts by year are not controlling. Rather, an agency may expend at any level in a given year so long as the total amount expended in the biennium does not exceed the total amount appropriated by the Legislature. Unspent monies in a biennial appropriation revert to the fund from which they were appropriated only at the end of the fiscal biennium.

25. Second, the Committee could create an express statutory requirement that as a part of the PSC's biennial budget request, the PSC would have to submit a proposed budget for each program for which the Commission proposes to expend monies from the USF, identify the proposed expenditure amount by fiscal year and include a description of each program to be funded.

ALTERNATIVES TO BASE

A. Appropriation Level

[NOTE: The following three alternatives address funding for the USF appropriation exclusive of a decision on the funding level needed with regard to the assistance to institutions program. That issue is addressed separately in LFB Paper #810.]

1. Reduce the base level for the USF appropriation by \$3,135,000 SEG in 1999-00 and in 2000-01 to reflect funding the appropriation at the level of the most recent level of expenditures for these USF programs.

Alternative 1	SEG
1999-01 FUNDING (Change to Base)	- \$6,270,000
[Change to Bill	- \$6,270,000]

2. Reduce the base level for the USF appropriation by \$3,100,000 SEG in 1999-00 and 2000-01 to reflect funding the appropriation at the level of the most recent level of funding that includes the Newline program and include statutory language to enumerate the Newline program as a USF program.

Alternative 2	SEG
1999-01 FUNDING (Change to Base)	- \$6,200,000
[Change to Bill]	\$6,200,000]

3. Maintain current law. *(This would be the same as approving the Governor's recommendation to provide funding of \$6,000,000 SEG in 1999-00 and in 2000-01 for these programs.)*

B. USF Budget Setting Process

1. Include statutory language to: (a) change the current biennial appropriation for expenditures of monies from the universal service fund for Public Service Commission (PSC) programs to an annual appropriation; and (b) provide that as a part of each biennial budget request submittal, the PSC must include a proposed budget for each individual program for which the Commission proposes to expend monies in the forthcoming biennium, including identifying the proposed expenditure amount for each program by fiscal year and including a description of each program to be funded.

2. Maintain current law.

Prepared by: David Worzala
Attachment

ATTACHMENT

USF Budget for PSC Programs. As shown in Table 1, the 1997-99 budget provided a total of \$16 million in a biennial appropriation for all the universal service fund (USF) programs administered by the PSC. This funding is distributed between eight programs and administrative costs. The PSC has the authority to shift funding between programs if customer demand warrants a shift. In terms of actual expenditures in FY 1997-98 and expenditures estimated by PSC for FY 1998-99, the table shows that all of the programs (except Newsline expenses) are estimated to be less than the budgeted amount. In total, PSC program expenditures in 1997-99 from the USF are estimated to be less than half the amount budgeted for the biennium.

TABLE 1

**PSC Programs Funded from the USF - Budgeted and Expended Amounts
1997-1999**

<u>PSC Program</u>	<u>FY 1998</u>		<u>FY 1999</u>		<u>Biennial Budget</u>	<u>Estimated Expenditures</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Estimated Expenditures</u>		
Aids to Institutions	\$2,000,000	\$284,891	\$2,000,000	\$205,000	\$4,000,000	\$569,891
Telecommunications						
Equip. Purchases	1,200,000	271,705	1,200,000	710,000	2,400,000	1,001,705
Voice Mail for						
Homeless	20,000	0	20,000	20,000	40,000	20,000
Rate Shock Mitigation	983,500	28,251	1,059,500	15,000	2,043,000	43,251
High Rate Assistance						
Credit	1,855,000	1,471,494	1,855,000	1,495,000	3,710,000	3,246,494
Lifeline Assistance	1,000,000	332,280	1,000,000	280,000	2,000,000	597,280
Link-up America	620,000	170,972	620,000	205,000	1,240,000	455,972
Newsline Expenses	111,000	111,000	35,000	35,000	146,000	146,000
Fund Administrative						
Costs	<u>210,500</u>	<u>124,970</u>	<u>210,500</u>	<u>140,000</u>	<u>421,000</u>	<u>269,970</u>
Total PSC	\$8,000,000	\$2,795,563	\$8,000,000	\$3,105,000	\$16,000,000	\$6,350,563

Description of Programs Funded from the USF. A brief description of each of the PSC programs funded from the USF is provided below.

Assistance to Institutions. This program, also referred to as the institutional discount program or the 30-20-10 program, provides partial reimbursement for new telecommunications services to eligible not-for-profit schools, private schools, charter schools, colleges and universities, technical college districts, public libraries and not-for-profit hospitals. New services eligible for reimbursement include two-way interactive video services, high-speed data transfer, toll call access to the internet, and direct internet access. Grant levels are set at the lower of 30%

of the monthly charge or \$300 per month the first year, 20% of the monthly charge or \$200 per month the second year, and 10% of the monthly charge or \$100 per month the third year. No institution may receive a grant after three years of participating in the program for a given service. Institutions are limited to one grant per site for one new service provided. However, a site may receive a second three-year grant for a different service after the initial three-year grant is completed.

Service and Equipment Pricing for Individuals with Special Needs. This program provides vouchers to disabled customers to purchase telecommunications equipment needed in their homes to access and use the telecommunications network. Vouchers are available from the PSC and the voucher amounts are established by administrative rule based upon different disabilities. Vouchers require a co-payment of \$100 by the voucher recipient at time of purchase.

Voice Mail for Homeless. In areas where the local exchange service, or its affiliate, offers voice-mail services and has available capacity on its voice-mail system, a social services agency, a job service agency, or other homeless shelter authority may receive, upon request, voice mail service to be used for the benefit of the entity's homeless clients or residents. Under this program, the local exchange service provider or its affiliate is eligible for reimbursement of the incremental cost of providing the voice-mail service from the USF.

Rate Shock Mitigation. Under this program, the PSC may provide temporary rate credits for customers of rate of return regulated telecommunications utilities to mitigate the impact of large increases in authorized rates. These credits are generally the result of rate cases before the PSC when a utility wishes to increase rates significantly. In cases where the PSC determines a rate increase is necessary, credits may be provided to customers to temporarily lessen the impact of the increase. A utility is first required to pay a portion of the credits from other available utility revenues. PSC credits, which generally are available for three years or less, are provided to the customer by the utility and the utility is reimbursed by the USF. The PSC is required to specify the individual cases where rate shock mitigation credits apply.

High Rate Assistance Credits. This program, also referred to as the rate ceiling credits program, provides credits for a portion of the local service rates when the rate charged for service exceeds levels set in administrative rule for this program. When the local access charge exceeds an amount equal to 0.75% of the median household income of a county, a credit is provided. As the local access charge increases as a percentage of the median household income, the credit increases. Local exchange service utilities issue the credits and are eligible for reimbursement from the USF for the cost of the credits provided.

Lifeline Assistance Program. Under this program, local exchange service utilities are required to provide reduced monthly service rates for certain low-income residential customers. Low-income customers include those that receive benefits from any of the following programs: (1) TANF; (2) medical assistance; (3) SSI; (4) food stamps; (5) low-income household energy assistance (LIHEAP); or (6) the Wisconsin homestead tax credit. The minimal level of service,

which must be provided at \$15 monthly, includes: (1) single party residential service including touch-tone; (2) 911 charges billed on the telephone bill; (3) the federal subscriber line charge; and (4) a maximum of 120 local monthly calls. Local exchange service utilities may receive reimbursement from the USF for 25% of the difference between the lifeline rate and the standard rate. The remaining 75% of the cost may be partially offset by federal programs, if available, or else must be absorbed by the utility.

Link-up America Program. This program provides qualified low-income residential customers with a waiver for the cost of initiating or moving line service. Low-income eligibility is based upon eligibility for the same low income programs as the lifeline assistance program discussed above. Typical charges that are waived include those for new service installations, moves from one residence to another, and reconnecting existing service. Local exchange service utilities receive reimbursement from the USF for 25% of the waived charges. Like the lifeline assistance program, the remaining 75% of the cost may be partially offset by federal programs, if available, or else must be absorbed by the utility.

Newsline Expenses. 1997 Wisconsin Act 27 included a requirement that the PSC allocate funds from the USF to support a pilot project for the provision of an electronic news service, *Newsline*, to the blind and disabled in Wisconsin. PSC was required to provide the Department of Public Instruction with funding from the USF in the amount of \$111,000 SEG in 1997-98 and \$35,000 SEG in 1998-99 to provide *Newsline* at two local service centers located in Milwaukee and Madison.



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FOR 1999-01 BUDGET — NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

LFB AMENDMENT

TO 1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 133 AND 1999 SENATE BILL 45

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2 1. Page 384, line 17: after that line insert:

3 "SECTION 226m. 20.155 (1) (q) of the statutes is amended to read:

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History: 1971 c. 125; 1973 c. 90; 1975 c. 39; 1977 c. 29; 1979 c. 34; 1981 c. 20; 1985 a. 79, 296, 297, 332; 1987 a. 27, 399; 1991 a. 39, 269; 1993 a. 16, 123; 1995 a. 27; 1997 a. 27, 140, 229; s. 13.93 (2) (c).

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