

**Public Service Commission of Wisconsin**  
**Assessment of Telecommunications Providers**

**B. What telecommunications providers are subject to the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin’s (Commission) direct and remainder, intrastate telephone relay, and intrastate universal service fund (USF) assessments?**

The table below depicts assessments as applied to telecommunications providers by the Commission. If a provider is certified or registered in more than one category, the provider is assessed if any category is assessable.

<b>Entity Type (&amp; Wisconsin statutory reference)</b>	<b>Direct Assessment 196.85(1)</b>	<b>Remainder Assessment 196.85(2)</b>	<b>Telephone Relay Assessment 196.858</b>	<b>USF Assessments 196.218(3)<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Police and Fire Protection Assessment 196.025</b>	<b>Telecommunications Trade Practices Assessment 196.859</b>
ILECs <sup>2</sup> (other than Cooperatives) and CLEC's .	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable
ILEC Cooperatives	Applicable	Not Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable
ATU-Resellers <sup>3</sup>	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable
Commercial Mobile Radio Service (CMRS) Providers <sup>4</sup>	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable
Telecommunications Carriers (Interexchange Carriers)	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Non-provider retailers offering pre-paid telecommunications plans.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Applicable	Not Applicable

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Interconnected Voice over Internet Providers	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable
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**1** As provided in Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 160, Wisconsin telecommunications providers with intrastate gross telecommunications revenues of less than \$200,000 during a previous calendar year are exempt from assessment for USF purposes.

**2** Including companies which have been recertified by the Commission as alternative telecommunications utilities under Wis. Stat. §196.50(2)(j)1.a., or telecommunications utilities under Wis. Stat. § 196.50(2)(j)1.b.

**3** Assessments apply to resellers with \$200,000 or more of annual assessable revenues, as set forth in Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 168. For resellers with less than \$200,000 annual revenue, those entities are currently subject to an annual fee. The current annual fee is \$100.

### Contacts

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Specific questions concerning a USF assessment bill that you have received should be directed to Michael Tamburino, PMP Manager, Client Relations, of SOMOS at: (973) 581-6714 or by e-mail at: [Michael.TAMBURINO@solixinc.com](mailto:Michael.TAMBURINO@solixinc.com).