Making a Splash into Data Collections

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Agenda

- Why so many data collections?
- NECA data collection
- Locating NECA data collections

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Why so many data collections?

- Ratemaking
- Settlement statements
- Support payments
  - CAF BLS
  - CAF ICC
  - HCLS
- Average schedule formula development
- Caps/limits
- Provide information to USAC, FCC and industry groups

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Why so many data collections?
Who's involved – NECA staff

- Proven source of reliable industry data analysis
- We work with the FCC, rural telecom associations, members and their consultants to ensure successful implementation of reforms
- We provide the industry and the FCC with data, analysis and expertise on open regulatory proceedings and industry questions

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Why so many data collections?
Who's involved – NECA staff

- NECA staff specialize in each set of data collected
  - Subject matter experts in each of the data sets
  - Analyze data for anomalies
  - Identify trends
  - File data with FCC, USAC, etc.



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Why so many data collections?
Who's involved – NECA staff

- Most importantly you, our members
- Your support system
  - NECA staff
  - Consultants
  - Billing vendors
  - Auditors
  - Engineers
  - CO techs



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Why so many data collections?
Member data is important

- All filings require hard data
- All decisions must be fact based and data driven
- Telling our story with data
  - Narratives and storytelling are nice
  - But must also be fact based and data driven for maximum impact

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Why so many data collections?
Member data is important

- Tariff filings
  - Annual
    - Filed in mid-June for an effective date typically July 1
      - Encompasses all items listed in NECA Tariff FCC No. 5
  - Monthly
    - Updates can be filed between annual filings to reflect changes to certain rates and participation in optional plans, including, but not limited to
      - CBOL rates, quarterly FUSC rate changes, CL and ARC rates for model companies
      - Special access discount plans, RBBD, ETS ERO and ETS RHC-RO and other optional plans
    - Filings are not made during the tariff blackout period every April and May

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Why so many data collections?
Member data is important

- Settlements data
  - Required from all CL and/or TS pool members, both legacy and model
  - Used to calculate monthly settlement disbursements
  - Monthly data is entered into NECA settlement system
    - EC1050 (cost companies)
    - AS1000 (average schedule companies)

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Why so many data collections?
Member data is important

- Average schedule data
  - Required for the development of average schedule formulas and settlements
  - Settlement formulas are filed each December for payments the following July to June
  - The data is also required for the average schedule USF high-cost loop support formula
    - August filing for following January to December payments

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Why so many data collections?
Member data is important

- Ensures ongoing USF support
  - NECA data collections assist companies with many FCC and USAC data submission requirements



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NECA data collections
Calendars

- Calendar of Submissions available on neca.org homepage (member login required)
- Each company has a unique set of requirements based on tariff elections and USF support type
  - Company-specific calendars and instructions are available on the NECA Data Collections and Tools page (member login required)

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NECA data collections
Three-year cost forecasts

- Purpose
  - Supports NECA's annual access tariff filing with the FCC, as well as the filing of both CAF BLS voice, CAF BLS broadband-only data with USAC
  - Year end (Dec. 31) cost data for three years
- Required participation
  - Cost companies in CL pool
  - Model (non-BDS) cost companies in TS pool
  - AS companies planning to convert to cost this year
- Timeline
  - Due to NECA mid-February

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NECA data collections
Three-year cost forecasts

Who	Cost companies in CL pool and/or TS pool* AS companies planning to convert to cost this year
What	Year-end Dec. 31 cost data for three years (prior, current and next)
Where	NECA file upload site or email to your NECA member service manager
When	Due to NECA: Early to mid-February
Why	Supports NECA's annual access tariff filing with the FCC, as well as the filing of both CAF BLS voice and CAF BLS broadband-only data with USAC

* BDS companies in the switched-only portion of the TS pool are not required to submit cost forecasts

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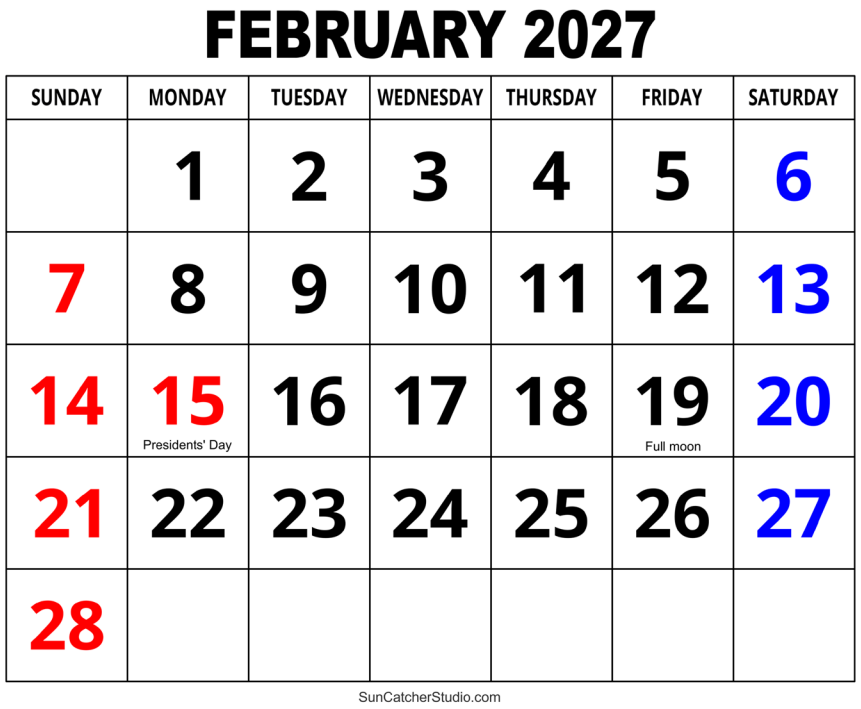
NECA data collections
Annual forecast line counts

- Purpose
  - NECA will use to set rates for the July 1 through June 30 test period
  - Collect study area level line counts
  - End user revenue projections for the test period will be sent to USAC to compute test period CAF BLS
  - Automated data validation will produce exception reports in real time
  - The request is for historical and projected lines for three successive years
    - Dec. 31 of prior year
    - Dec. 31 of current year
    - Dec. 31 of future year

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NECA data collections
Annual forecast line counts

- Required participation
  - All CL pool members
- Timeline
  - Due to NECA late February



FEBRUARY 2027

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Presidents' Day	16	17	18	19 Full moon	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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NECA data collections
Annual forecast line counts

Who	All CL pool members
What	Year-end Dec. 31 historical and projected study area level line counts for three years (prior, current, future)
Where	NECA data collection website
When	Due to NECA: Late February
Why	NECA will use to set rates for upcoming annual TP AND End user revenue projections for the test period will be sent to USAC to compute test period CAF BLS AND Initialize mandatory annual FCC Form 507

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NECA data collections
FCC Form 507 – CAF line counts

- Purpose
  - Collects actual line counts and certifications for USAC filing
- Required participation
  - Incumbent RoR LECs not affiliated with a price cap company
    - Legacy companies in CL pool provide data to NECA
      - NECA submits data to USAC on their behalf
    - Model companies may submit data via NECA or directly to USAC

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NECA data collections
FCC Form 507 – CAF line counts

- Timeline
  - Legacy companies in CL pool
    - Due to NECA late March
  - Model companies have two options
    - Submit data to NECA mid-May
      - NECA will file with USAC on their behalf
    - File directly with USAC by July 1

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NECA data collections
FCC Form 507 – CAF line counts

Who	Legacy CL pool members not affiliated with price cap company
What	Year-end Dec. 31 actual line counts of preceding year
Where	NECA data collection website
When	Due to NECA: Mid-March Filed: March 31
Why	Used to monitor and analyze high-cost universal service programs

Who	Model companies*
What	Year-end Dec. 31 actual line counts of preceding year
Where	NECA data collection website
When	Due to NECA: Mid-May Filed: July 1
Why	Used to monitor and analyze high-cost universal service programs

* Required to submit data. Fee applies for companies not participating in the switched access portion of NECA's TS pool and/or incentive-based NECA Tariff FCC No. 6

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NECA data collections
Form 508 – CAF BLS projected cost and revenue

- Purpose
  - Projected support for period of July through June filed with USAC
  - Includes data for voice and broadband-only support
- Required participation
  - CL pool companies receiving CAF BLS support
- Timeline
  - Review and certification due to NECA late March
  - Projected support will be paid July through June

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NECA data collections
Form 508 – CAF BLS projected cost and revenue

Settlement Processing Month	(A) 3/31/2025 Initial Projection **2025/2026** Test Period		(C) 3/31/2026 Initial Projection **2026/2027** Test Period
January 2026	1/26		
February 2026	2/26		
March 2026	3/26		
April 2026	4/26		
May 2026	5/26		
June 2026	6/26		
July 2026			7/26
August 2026			8/26
September 2026			9/26
October 2026			10/26
November 2026			11/26
December 2026			12/26
January 2027			1/27
February 2027			2/27
March 2027			3/27
April 2027			4/27
May 2027			5/27
June 2027			6/27

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NECA data collections
Form 508 – CAF BLS projected cost and revenue

Who	CL pool members
What	Projected voice and broadband-only data for July through June TP
Where	NECA data collection website
When	Due to NECA: Mid-to-late March Filed: March 31
Why	Calculates projected annual cost and revenue data for determining the amount of support, if any, that each reporting carrier is eligible to receive from the CAF BLS mechanism

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NECA data collections
Advanced services demand data

- Purpose
  - Support annual tariff filing
  - Integral to developing special access rates
- Requested participation
  - Random sample of TS pool members
  - Provide detailed demand data for services such as DSL, ETS, high-capacity special access and IP gateway

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NECA data collections
Advanced services demand data

- Since 2023: revenue comparison
  - Calculated revenues versus latest revenues reported to settlements for each service entered in data collection
  - 2023 and 2024 year-end amounts
  - Differences over 25% will prompt the user to review the inputs
- Timeline
  - Due to NECA March 31

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NECA data collections
Advanced services demand data

Who	Random sample of TS pool members
What	Year-end Dec. 31 of prior two years
Where	NECA data collection website
When	Due to NECA: March 31
Why	Supports annual tariff filing Integral to developing special access rates

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NECA data collections
CAF ICC

- Purpose
  - Data supports CAF ICC calculation of support
  - NECA provides data to USAC
  - Data filed in conjunction with annual tariff filing
  - Includes rate data for tariff (SWA and ARC)
    - Annual data collection of terminating intrastate and interstate SWA revenues, rates, demand, reciprocal compensation, double recovery and access lines
  - Consists of
    - Historical data (or prior year submitted data if it is only for one prior year)
    - Projected data for the upcoming test period (July 1 to June 30)

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NECA data collections
CAF ICC

- Required participation
  - Every study area for all TS pool members – both model and legacy
  - BDS electors who also elect to participate in NECA's traffic sensitive switched access pool
- Timeline
  - System opens mid-March
  - First view due to NECA mid-April
  - Second view (final) due to NECA mid-May
  - Certifications due to NECA late May

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NECA data collections
CAF ICC – website

Study Area Interstate Data

Study Area Interstate Revenues, RRQ & Eligible Recovery

Study Area Intrastate Data

Study Area Intrastate Rates & Demand Data (TRP) at Rate Element Level

Study Area Intrastate Revenues (FCC TRP) Output

Study Area Intrastate Revenues, RRQ & Eligible Recovery

Study Area Fee Increments Data Input (Cost Companies only)

Reciprocal Compensation Data

Reciprocal Compensation Data (CMRS & Non-CMRS)

Study Area Access Recovery Charge (ARC)

Study Area Residential Lines, Local Rates and Business Lines

Study Area Business Lines (SLB & MLB)

Study Area Broadband-Only Lines

Administration Section

Update True-Ups (Admin Only)

Test-Year 2024-2025 True-Ups

Study Area TY 2024-2025 ARC Revenues True-Up

Study Area TY 2024-2025 True-Ups

Study Area Eligible Recovery, ARC and CAF Output

Access Recovery Charge Output (Pre True-Up & Post True-Up)

Study Area Eligible Recovery, CAF ICC Support (Pre True-Up & Post True-Up)

Revised CAF ICC Support with Imputed ARC Revenue for Broadband-Only Lines

Test Year 2026-2027 Summary Report

Historic Reports

USAC Reports

Historic Summary Reports (View By Study Area ID)

Historic Intrastate Rates and Demand Data (TRP)

Historic Local Rates

Historic ARC Rates

Historic Toll Free Demand and Rates Report

Historic Certification

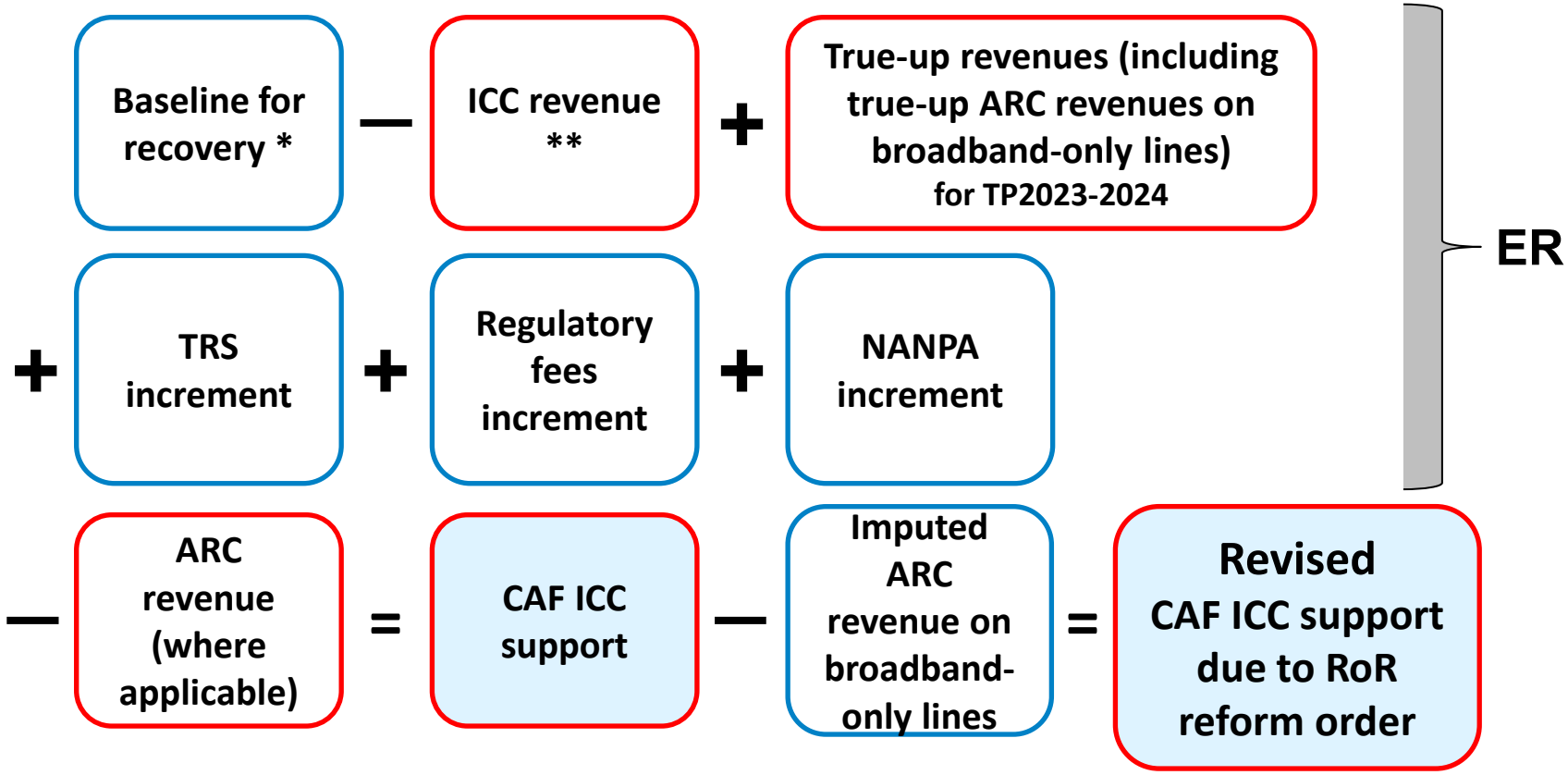
Certification

Electronic Certifications

Study Area Certification Status

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NECA data collections
CAF ICC – calculation



TP2026-2027: test period July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027

∗ Baseline for recovery will decline by 5% per year

∗∗ All ICC revenue from rate elements capped or reduced by the order using forecasted demand
Interstate LSS for price cap affiliates is frozen and reduced by 5%

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NECA data collections
CAF ICC processing schedule

2026/2027 CAF ICC Processing Schedule		
Process Month	**2023/2024 True Up Adjs. OW**	**2024/2025 True Up Adjs. IW**
July 2026	1/2024	7/2024
August 2026	1/2024	8/2024
September 2026	2/2024	9/2024
October 2026	2/2024	10/2024
November 2026	3/2024	11/2024
December 2026	3/2024	12/2024
January 2027	4/2024	1/2025
February 2027	4/2024	2/2025
March 2027	5/2024	3/2025
April 2027	5/2024	4/2025
May 2027	6/2024	5/2025
June 2027	6/2024	6/2025

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NECA data collections
CAF ICC

Who	All TS pool members
What	Includes data from prior years and inputs are for upcoming July 1 through June 30 projections pertaining to rate data for tariff (SWA and ARC): terminating intrastate and interstate SWA revenues, rates, demand, reciprocal compensation, double recovery and access lines
Where	NECA data collection website
When	Due to NECA: Beginning in mid-March with intermittent due dates through late May Filed: Mid-June
Why	Basis of access recovery charges calculations AND Data supports CAF ICC forecast as required by the FCC's USF/ICC Transformation Order

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NECA data collections
High-Cost Loop Support submission

- Known as the USF data submission
- Purpose
  - Collects high-cost loop support cost and expense data NECA is required to file with the FCC and USAC each year
  - Supports NECA's annual filing on Oct. 1 for payments commencing the following January
    - NECA estimates payments but USAC is responsible for calculating actual payments
  - HCLS is received by legacy companies only
    - Model companies receive support based on their accepted A-CAM or Alaska Plan offers

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NECA data collections
High-Cost Loop Support submission

- Required participation
  - Legacy and non-BDS model cost companies
  - Pool and nonpool participants
  - Companies that convert from average schedule to cost should contact their NECA region member service team
- Not required from
  - Model companies that elected BDS option
  - RoR affiliates of price cap companies

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NECA data collections
High-Cost Loop Support submission

- Timeline
  - Annual HCL submissions (required)
    - Data and certification due to NECA July 31
    - Represents 12-month data as of Dec. 31 of prior year
  - AS companies – no additional data required as NECA files HCL data using company reported access lines and NECA-developed AS HCL formulas

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NECA data collections
High-Cost Loop Support submission

Who	Legacy cost companies Model (non-BDS) cost companies AS companies *
What	Year-end Dec. 31 of prior year high-cost loop support cost and expense data
Where	NECA file upload site or email to NECA member service manager
When	Due to NECA: July 31 Filed: Oct. 1
Why	Supports USF HCL support payments

* No additional data required as NECA files HCL data using company reported access lines and NECA developed AS HCL formulas

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NECA data collections
Cost study

- Purpose
  - Year-end data reflecting 12 months of actual costs
  - Required to calculate final revenue requirements and cost pool settlements
- Required participation
  - All pooling (non-BDS) cost companies
  - Submissions must include certification, trial balance in Excel format, audited financials and other supporting documentation*

*Other supporting documentation referenced in Sections 3.2.8, 6.1 and 6.2 of cost company pool procedures and listed on Attachment C

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NECA data collections
Cost study

- Timeline
  - Prior year cost studies due July 31
  - Studies and supporting documentation may be submitted via NECA file upload site or emailed to your NECA member service manager

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NECA data collections
Cost study

Who	Pooling (non-BDS) cost companies
What	Prior year-end Dec. 31 actual cost data
Where	NECA file upload site or email to NECA member service manager
When	Due to NECA: July 31
Why	Required to calculate final revenue requirements and cost pool settlements and supports NECA Tariff FCC No. 5 development

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NECA data collections
Average schedule data collection

- Purpose
  - Collects year-end cost data for prior two years
  - Data supports annual studies that update average schedule formulas
- Required participation
  - Randomly selected average schedule companies
- Timeline
  - Due to NECA in November

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NECA data collections
Average schedule data collection

Who	Randomly selected average schedule companies
What	Year-end cost data ending Dec. 31 for prior two years
Where	NECA file upload site or email to NECA member service manager
When	Due to NECA: Mid-November
Why	Supports average schedule formula development

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NECA data collections
Form 509 – CAF BLS actual

- Purpose
  - Review and certification of actual cost and revenue data filed with USAC
  - Prior year true-ups for voice and broadband-only support
- Required participation
  - CL pool companies eligible for CAF BLS support
- Timeline
  - Due to NECA mid-December
  - Support paid during following July through June test period

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NECA data collections
Form 509 – CAF BLS actual

Settlement Processing Month	(A) 3/31/2025 Initial Projection **2025/2026** Test Period	(B) 12/31/2024 Final True-Up **2023***	(C) 3/31/2026 Initial Projection **2026/2027** Test Period	(D) 12/31/2025 Final True-Up **2024***
January 2026	1/26	7/23		
February 2026	2/26	8/23		
March 2026	3/26	9/23		
April 2026	4/26	10/23		
May 2026	5/26	11/23		
June 2026	6/26	12/23		
July 2026			7/26	1/24
August 2026			8/26	2/24
September 2026			9/26	3/24
October 2026			10/26	4/24
November 2026			11/26	5/24
December 2026			12/26	6/24
January 2027			1/27	7/24
February 2027			2/27	8/24
March 2027			3/27	9/24
April 2027			4/27	10/24
May 2027			5/27	11/24
June 2027			6/27	12/24

*All Extended Window Processing

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NECA data collections
Form 509 – CAF BLS actual

Who	CL pool members
What	Actual cost and revenue data from prior year ending Dec. 31
Where	NECA data collection website
When	Due to NECA: Mid-December Filed: Dec. 31
Why	Used to calculate and adjust the amount of support, if any, that each reporting carrier is eligible to receive from the CAF BLS mechanism

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NECA data collections
BDS annual filing

- Purpose
  - Low speed services
    - Sets pricing model to proposed BDS rates and ensures compliance with BDS rules
    - Collects demand for rate elements, revenue from Form 499-A and low speed services rates
  - High speed services – voluntary
    - Previously made rate adjustments for service categories tariffed
    - NEW – companies must confirm a detariff election for July 2027

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NECA data collections
BDS annual filing for participants in NECA Tariff FCC No. 6

- Required participation
  - Low speed services – All BDS companies
  - High speed services – All BDS companies unless previously detariffed
    - Must detariff by July 2027
- Timeline
  - Low speed services
    - Due to NECA mid-May
  - High speed services
    - Voluntary changes due to NECA mid-May

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NECA data collections
BDS annual filing – low speed services

Who	All model companies that elected BDS
What	Collects demand for rate elements, revenue from Form 499-A and low speed services rates
Where*	NECA data collection website
When*	Due to NECA: Mid-May Filed: Mid-June
Why	Set pricing model to proposed BDS rates and ensures compliance with BDS rules

* Time frame and location for data collection applies to companies that participate in NECA Tariff FCC No. 6

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NECA data collections
BDS annual filing – high speed services

Who	Voluntary for BDS companies participating in NECA Tariff FCC No. 6
What	Previously done: Certify rates for the high-speed service categories that remain tariffed For upcoming filing, all BDS companies must confirm a detariff election**
Where*	NECA data collection website
When*	Due to NECA: Mid-May Filed: Mid-June
Why	Make rate adjustments for service categories tariffed in NECA Tariff FCC No. 6 (packet-based services and TDM services with bandwidth greater than DS3)

* Time frame and location for data collection applies to companies that participate in NECA Tariff FCC No. 6
** Detariff notice refer to Part 63.71 rules

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NECA data collections
BDS exogenous cost filing

- Purpose
  - Low speed services
    - Set pricing model to proposed BDS rates and ensures compliance with BDS rules
    - Companies adjust rates to reflect exogenous costs using
      - Newly published exogenous factors and
      - Previously collected data for the annual filing

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NECA data collections
BDS exogenous cost filing for participants in NECA Tariff FCC No. 6

- Required participation
  - Low speed services – BDS companies who had changes in PCI limits due to exogenous costs
- Timeline
  - Low speed services
    - Due to NECA mid-September

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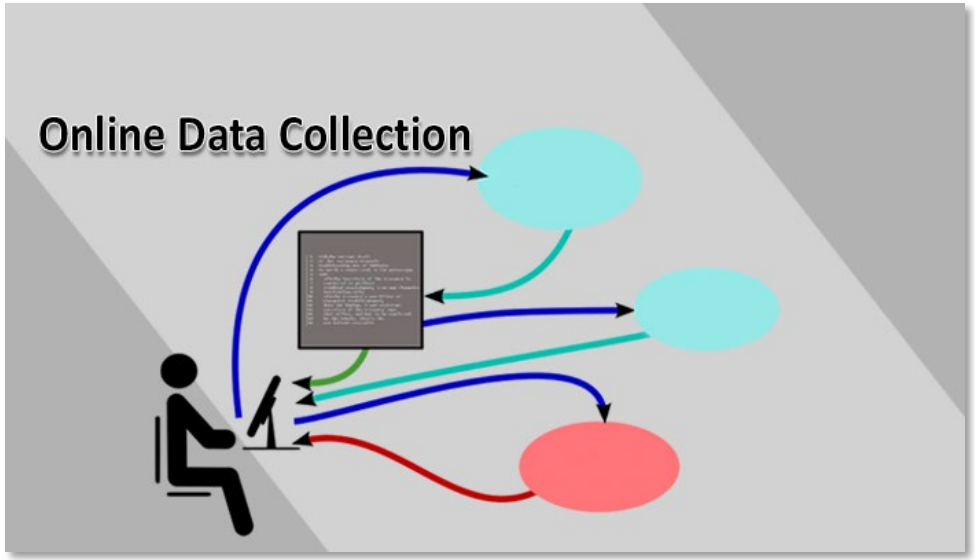
NECA data collections
BDS exogenous cost filing – low speed services

Who	Model companies that elected BDS, participate in NECA Tariff No. 6 and have changes due to PCI limits
What	Collects demand for rate elements, revenue from Form 499-A and low speed services rates
Where	NECA data collection website
When	Due to NECA: Mid-September Filed: Oct. 1
Why	Set pricing model to proposed BDS rates and ensures compliance with BDS rules

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Locating NECA data collections

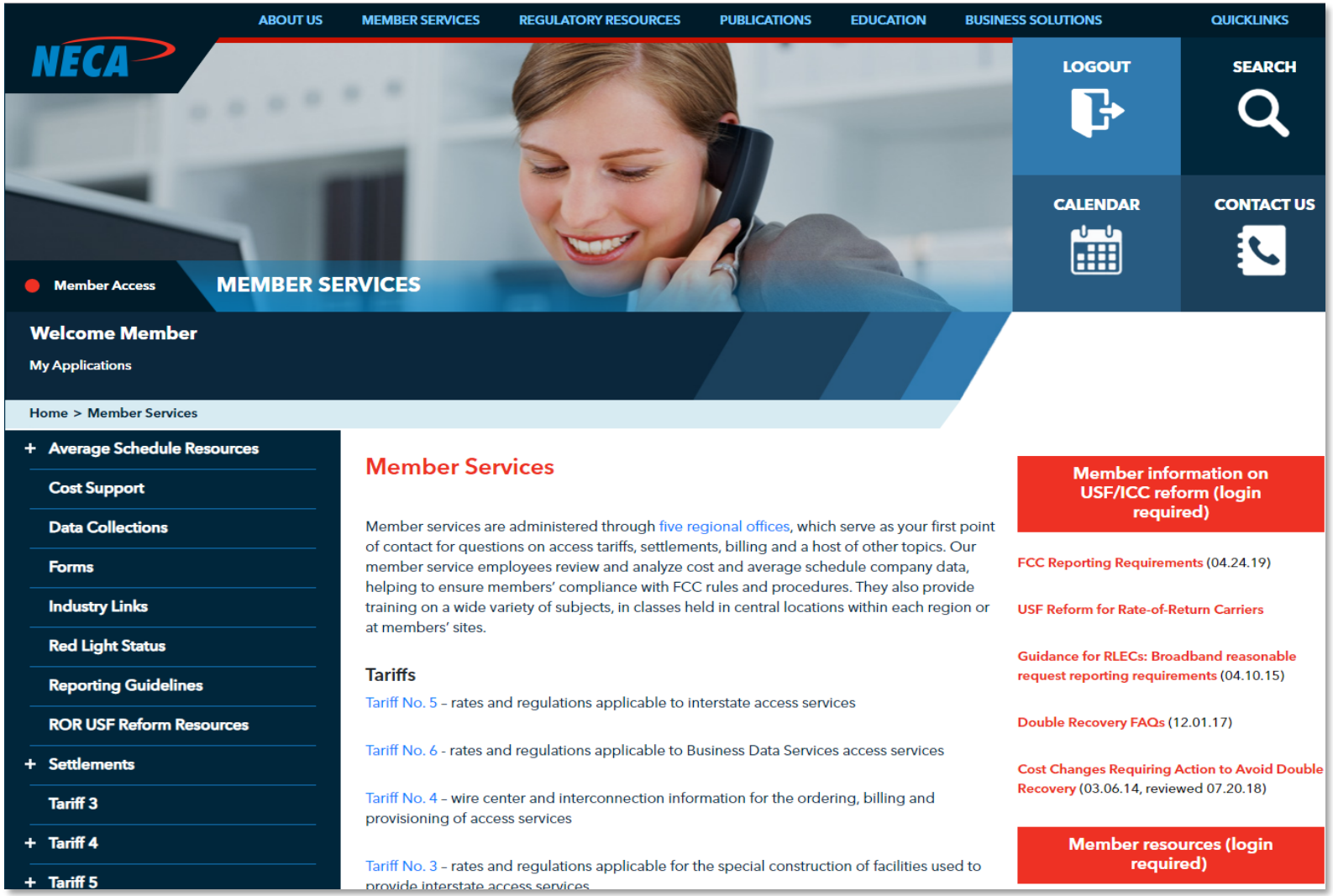
- Navigating our website
  - Navigation of various sections of neca.org related to data collections
  - High level overview of many data submissions throughout the year



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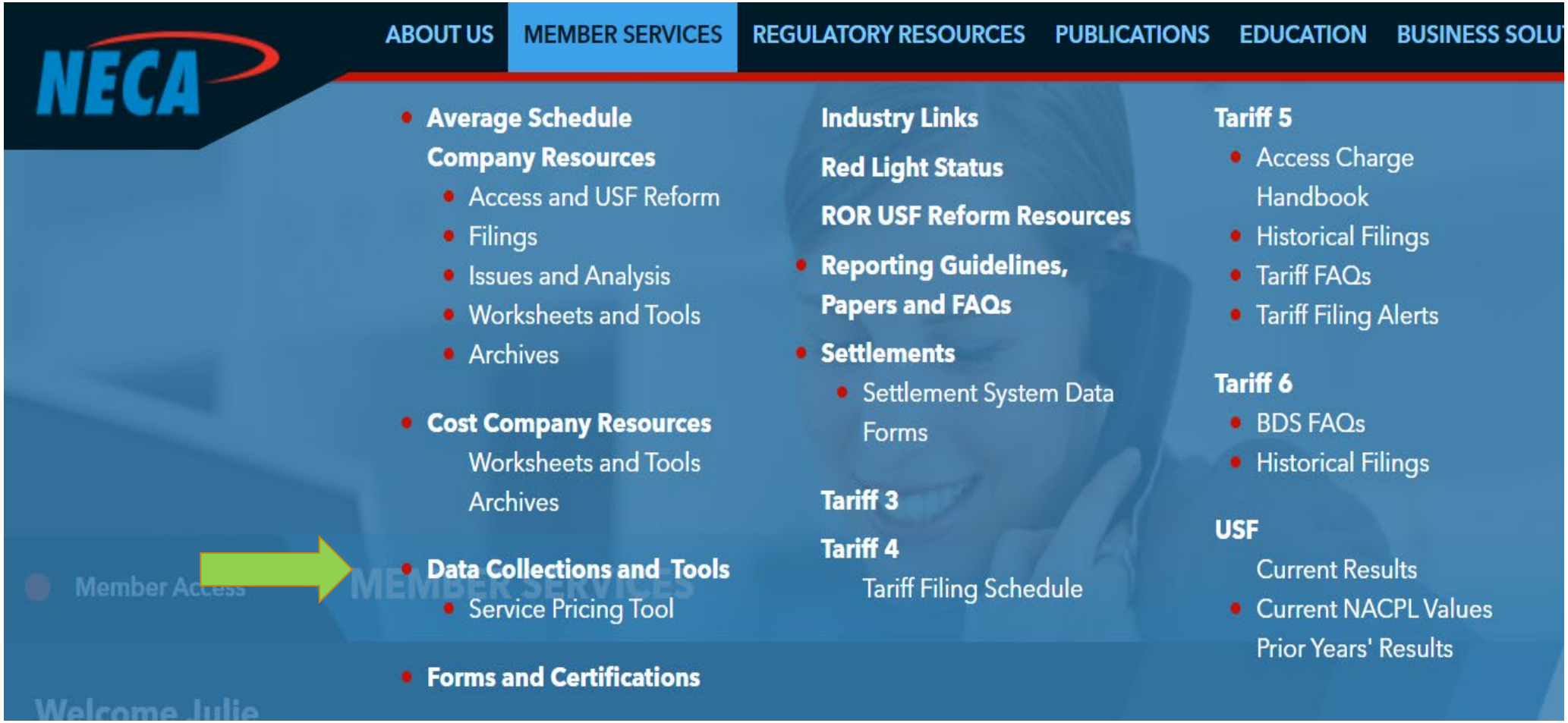
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Member services



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Locating NECA data collections
Data collections and tools



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Data collections and tools

Home > Member Services > Data Collections and Tools

- + Average Schedule Company Resources
- + Cost Company Resources
- − Data Collections and Tools
  - Service Pricing Tool
  - Forms and Certifications
  - Industry Links
  - Informational Papers and FAQs
  - Red Light Status
  - Reporting Guidelines
  - ROR USF Reform Resources
- + Settlements
- Tariff 3
- + Tariff 4
- + Tariff 5
- + Tariff 6

Data Collections and Tools

Our data collection sites are used by members to provide their demand, cost and revenue data, which is used to meet FCC requirements and forms the basis of our quantitative analysis and statistical models. Members use the reporting sites below to view their status, options and industry comparisons. Our data tools support members in their analysis of rate and pricing options across complex scenarios and help them feel secure in the knowledge their pricing is correct.

Current/upcoming collections			
Data collection	Date open	Date close	Who needs to complete
None currently			

Advanced Services Demand Data Collection – provides current and projected demand data for NECA Tariff No. 5 services.

Business Data Services - required for all Tariff No. 6 participants (ex ante and non-ex ante) to adjust their rates and certify.

CAF ICC Data Collection – required for all traffic sensitive pool members and used to calculate

Tools

Business data services tool

Rate band buy down revenue adjustment estimating tools

Special access rates flexibility tool

Service pricing tool

Banded rates reports

Archives

Local rate floor

Related links

Forms and certifications

Calendar of submissions

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Locating NECA data collections
Data collections via My Applications



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Locating NECA data collections
Data collections

NECA Data Collections

Welcome to NECA's new Online Data Request Facility.

This site is designed to simplify your NECA data submissions. These submissions support our annual interstate access tariff revisions, average schedule filings and data submissions required by the FCC and USAC.

Getting started
Go to the link below to access NECA data submission information for all study area(s) associated with your login ID, password and authorization level.

What's on this site?
Once inside the facility, you'll see your company-specific report which lists data submissions due this year. It includes due dates, what data is needed and related materials such as forms and instructions.

Who is required to submit data?
Depending on the data's purpose, we may ask all or selected member companies to provide data.

Updates
Your report reflects your company status and your current data requirements. We'll notify you when your data requirements change and NECA will update this facility accordingly.

NECA's data request philosophy

NECA will:

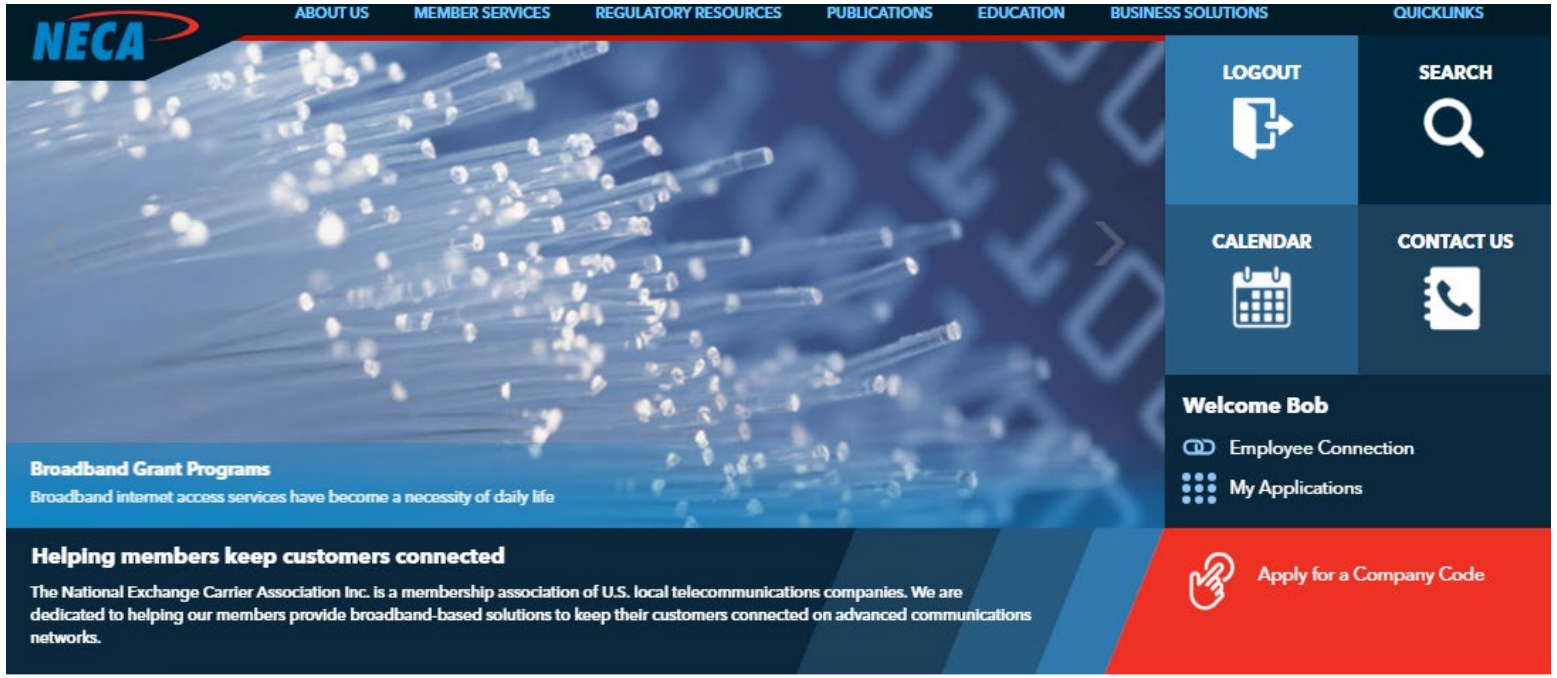
- Collect only the data that is needed to support its functions.
- Provide data forms and instructions that are clear and easy to use.
- Quickly resolve questions.
- Protect the security of your data.
- Uphold its confidentiality within limits allowed by the FCC.

Continue

[Proceed to select company]

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Calendar of submissions



INDUSTRY NEWS

01.15.25 - Washington Watch
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01.13.25 - REGScan
MORE | SUBSCRIBE

ACCESS ARTICLES

09.24.24 - EXPO 2024 returns to Las Vegas in November

08.21.24 - NECA files comments in support of separations freeze extension

EVENTS

JAN 19-22
Alaska Telecom Association Winter Conference

JAN 22
Wyoming Telecommunications Association Winter Meeting

FEB 23-26
National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners Winter Policy Summit

MAR 10-12
Minnesota Telecom Alliance Annual Convention

MEMBER REMINDERS

JAN 31
FCC Form 555 (annual) due to USAC

FEB 1
FCC Form 499-Q due to USAC

FEB 1
FCC Form 502 due to NANPA

FEB 7
Three-year forecast due to NECA

FEB 8
LCS (monthly) due to USAC

MORE REMINDERS

MEMBER RESOURCES

FCC reporting requirements (login required)

Keep track of important due dates with our calendar of submissions

FCC operating expense limitation: worksheet | notes | FAQs

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Locating NECA data collections
Calendar of submissions

Calendar of Submissions for Rate-of-Return Carriers

January 2026
01/08/26 LCS (monthly) due to USAC
01/31/26 FCC Form 555 (annual) due to USAC

February 2026
02/01/26 FCC Form 502 due to NANPA
02/01/26 FCC Form 499Q due to USAC
02/06/26 Three-year Forecast due to NECA
02/08/26 LCS (monthly) due to USAC
02/26/26 Forecast Line Count Data Collection due to NECA

March 2026
03/03/26 HUBB Filing due to USAC
03/01/26 Broadband Data Collection (including FCC Form 477 data) due to FCC
03/08/26 LCS (monthly) due to USAC
03/26/26 FCC Form 507 (Annual-Mandatory for CAF BLS) Line Count Data Collection and Certification due to NECA
03/26/26 FCC Form 508 (CAF BLS) due to NECA

03/31/26 Advanced Services Demand Data Request due to NECA
03/31/26 FCC Form 507 (Annual – CAF BLS companies) due to USAC
03/31/26 FCC Form 492 due to FCC
03/31/26 Form 508 CAF BLS Projection Data and Certifications due to USAC

April 2026
04/01/26 FCC Form 499A due to USAC
04/08/26 LCS (monthly) due to USAC
04/17/26 CAF ICC data collection due to NECA for TS Pool members (1st view)

May 2026
05/01/26 FCC Form 499Q due to USAC
05/08/26 LCS (monthly) due to USAC
05/16/26 CAF ICC data collection due to NECA for TS Pool members (2nd view)
05/30/26 CAF ICC Certifications due to NECA for TS Pool members

June 2026
06/08/26 LCS (monthly) due to USAC
06/16/26 NECA Tariff 5 Annual Tariff Filing including CAF ICC data and certifications with FCC and USAC
06/16/26 Non TS Pool Members must file CAF ICC data and certifications with FCC and USAC
06/16/26 NECA Tariff 6 BDS Annual Tariff Filing
06/26/26 FCC Form 507 (Annual-Mandatory for Model Co) Line Count Data Collection and Certification due to NECA

DTBD = Date to be determined.
All information subject to further modification pending FCC clarifications.
Updated: 12/26/2025

Calendar of Submissions for Rate-of-Return Carriers

July 2026
07/01/26 FCC Form 507 (Annual-Mandatory for Model Co) due to USAC
07/01/26 FCC Form 481 Annual Report for *ALL* ETCs Federal or State Designated as noted in 54.313 due to FCC
07/08/26 LCS (monthly) due to USAC
07/31/26 Annual High Cost Loop Data (2026-1) and Certifications (USF) due to NECA
07/31/26 2025 Cost Study due to NECA

August 2026
DTBD FCC Form 502 due to NANPA
08/01/26 FCC Form 499Q due to USAC
08/08/26 LCS (monthly) due to USAC
DTBD 2025 Cost Studies Pooled (Cost lock)

September 2026
09/01/26 Broadband Data Collection (including FCC Form 477 data) due to FCC
09/08/26 LCS (monthly) due to USAC
09/16/26 NECA Tariff 6 Exogenous Cost filing
09/30/26 FCC Form 492 due to FCC

October 2026
10/08/26 LCS (monthly) due to USAC
DTBD NANP Payment due NANP Administrator

November 2026
11/01/26 FCC Form 499Q due to USAC
11/08/26 LCS (monthly) due to USAC
DTBD Average Schedule Data Collection due to NECA

December 2026
12/08/26 LCS (monthly) due to USAC
12/17/26 NECA Tariff 6 BDS High-Speed Tariff Filing (if necessary)
12/23/26 FCC Form 509 (CAF BLS) Certification due to NECA
12/31/26 Form 509 CAF BLS True Up Data and Certification Form due to USAC via NECA for CL Pool Members

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Summary

- We are here to help collect, organize, analyze and support the distribution of data
- Members have a tremendous amount of data that needs to be distributed to several entities
- Reach out to your member service team with any questions or concerns

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Acronyms

- A-CAM — Alternative Connect America Cost Model
- ARC — Access Recovery Charge
- AS — Average Schedule
- ASEC — Area Specific Exchange Carrier
- BDS — Business Data Services
- CAF BLS — Connect America Fund Broadband Loop Support
- CAF ICC — Connect America Fund Intercarrier Compensation
- CBOL — Consumer Broadband Only Loop
- CL — Common Line
- CO — Central Office
- DSL — Digital Subscriber Line
- EC — Exchange Carrier

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Acronyms

- ETS — Ethernet Transport Service
- FCC — Federal Communications Commission
- FUSC — Federal Universal Service Charge
- HCL — High-Cost Loop
- HCLS — High-Cost Loop Support
- ICLS — Interstate Common Line Service
- L — Latest View
- LEC — Local Exchange Carrier
- MOU — Minutes of Use
- NECA — National Exchange Carrier Association
- O — Original View

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Acronyms

- OW — Out of Window
- PPNA — Prior Period Net Adjustment
- Q — Quarter
- RoR — Rate of Return
- SWA — Switched Access
- TS — Traffic Sensitive
- USAC — Universal Service Administrative Company
- USF — Universal Service Fund

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