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**ADDENDUM TO G-POINT
KEY DATES FOR FCC FORBEARANCE OF THE CONTRIBUTION ASSESSMENT ON
BROADBAND FOR RATE-OF-RETURN CARRIERS**

Yesterday GVNW announced that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) granted forbearance ([Press Release](#)) from applying the USF contribution requirements to rural LEC-provided broadband Internet access transmission services offered on a common carrier basis. This morning the FCC's Order was released to the public and can be viewed [here](#). The Order, in Paragraph 18, contains some key dates regarding the forbearance that carriers should be aware of:

“18. Forbearance will be effective for the third quarter of 2018, beginning July 3, 2018 to coincide with the effective date of the 2018 annual access charge tariff filings. We also extend the June 15, 2018 Form 499-Q revision deadline only for carriers affected by the forbearance granted in this Order. Such carriers may file revised Forms 499-Q for the third quarter until July 2, 2018, and we direct USAC to accept any late-filed Forms until that date, pursuant to the terms of this Order. Finally, we delegate authority to the Wireline Competition Bureau to waive any rules or administrative requirements as necessary to effectuate the forbearance adopted in this Order.”

Carriers should take all steps necessary relating to the forbearance and the effect of this change as of July 3, 2018, as it may relate to the annual tariff filing. In addition, carriers should take steps to file revised Form 499-Qs for the 3rd Quarter no later than July 2, 2018 to ensure timely compliance with the forbearance order. Any missed deadlines will impact a company's ability to take advantage of the forbearance relief granted by the FCC and could result in a significant delay of the relief from the contribution burden.

Please contact your GVNW Consultant or Steve Gatto (830.895.7226), sgatto@gvnw.com with any additional questions you may have about the proposed new USF Contribution Rule for Rural Rate of Return Local Exchange Carriers' Broadband Internet Access Service.