



### **FCC Form 481**

A reminder that the FCC Form 481 is due July 2, 2018. All ETCs participating in the High Cost and/or Lifeline programs (except Mobility Fund Phase I participants) must file the Form 481 annually. Updated instructions are now available and ETCs are able to log into the USAC E-File portal and access the 481. The certification function for the form is disabled pending the form receiving OMB approval but functionality will be restored once the form has been approved. On a brighter note, the 481 is not near as complex this filing period due to the July 7, 2017 Order that alleviated several of the reporting requirements.

In addition, you will recall, **CAF-BLS support recipients with no set deployment obligations** are now required to report deployment information via the Form 481. For the July 2, 2018 481 filing, carriers should report all newly deployed or upgraded locations that occurred between May 25, 2016 and December 31, 2017. Although this is an additional reporting requirement, the good news is that these locations will be reported in aggregate format instead of individual location format. The deployment information will be reporting on rows 3008 as follows:

- Number of newly built locations with access to broadband speeds of at least 10/1 Mbps but less than 25/3 Mbps
- Number of newly built locations with access to broadband speeds of 25/3 Mbps or higher
- Estimated percentage of deployment across the entire study area (approximate number of residential and small business locations to which you have deployed, divided by the total approximate number of residential and small business locations in the study area)

If you have questions or would like assistance with your FCC Form 481 filing, please contact your GVNW consultant or Steve Gatto (830.895.7246, [sgatto@gvnw.com](mailto:sgatto@gvnw.com)).