



Taxes and Surcharges on your UUI Invoice

UUI (United-KUC, Yukon Telephone, Supervision) is responsible for collecting various taxes, fees and surcharges that appear on your monthly billing statement.

If you have further questions or would like more information about the purpose of specific regulatory fees or surcharges, you can contact the following organizations:

Intrastate

Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA)
Consumer Protection Division
276-6222

Interstate

Federal Communications Commission (FCC)
Public Service Division
1-888-225-5322
www.fcc.gov

Access Recovery Charge (ARC)

Purpose: Subsidize local networks. As permitted under FCC rules, the ARC enables local phone companies to recover from end user customers a limited portion of revenues lost due to FCC mandated reductions in inter-carrier payments.

Applies to: Residential (United-KUC only) and Business Customers (Local, per line or trunk)

Jurisdiction: Federal

Rate: \$2.00 Residential; \$3.00 Business, per access line per month

AUSF - Alaska Universal Service Fund Surcharge

Purpose: State program created to

- Subsidize the state “Lifeline Program” (to help qualified low income customers get basic local service.)
- Subsidize switching costs to provide small LEC’s with financial assistance to reduce local service rates.

Applies to: Residential and Business Customers (Local and Intrastate services)

Jurisdiction: State (Local and Intrastate)

Rate: changes annually

E-911 (Enhanced 911) Emergency System Surcharge

Purpose: Supports the provision of an enhanced system for emergency services

Applies to: Bethel Residential and Business Customers (Local, per line or trunk, max 100)

Jurisdiction: State (Local)

Rate: \$2.00 per access line per month

End User Carrier Line Charge (EUCL)/Subscriber Line Charge (SLC)

Purpose: This charge was established by the FCC to recover a portion of the loop costs that is not covered through basic local rates.

Applies to: Residential and Business Customers (Local, per line or trunk)

Effective Sept. 1, 2004, the FCC changed the number of Subscriber Line Charges (SLC) that a business can be charged for a Digital Subscriber Service and PRIs. The maximum of 5 SLCs can be assessed. With the reduction of the SLC charges, a port surcharge was allowed

Jurisdiction: Federal

Rate:

- Residential, per line or trunk: \$6.50 per month
- Single-line Business, per line or trunk: \$6.50 per month
- Multi-line Business, per line, trunk: \$9.20 per month

Federal Excise Tax:

Purpose: UUI is required to collect Federal Excise Tax on all telecommunications services provided to customers

Applies to: Residential and Business Customers (Local)

Jurisdiction: Federal

Rate: 3.0%

Federal Universal Service Cost Recovery Charge (FUSC)/ Universal Connectivity Charge (UCC)

Purpose: USF is a federal program to subsidize discounted telecommunications services for schools, libraries, rural health care providers and low-income consumers.

Subsidizes local service in rural high cost telephone exchanges. Specifically, a subsidy for local switching cost and local loop (phone wire) cost. Additionally, this funds the “Link-up America” program (subsidizes installation costs of phone service for qualified low-income families), and the federal “Lifeline Assistance” program (subsidizes the federal Subscriber Line Charges for qualified low-income families). These subsidies are intended to make phone service affordable and available to all consumers.

Applies to: Residential and Business Customers (Interstate services)

Jurisdiction: Federal

Rate: changes quarterly

Local Sales Tax:

Purpose: UUI is required to collect local taxes on behalf of local governments.

Applies to: Residential and Business Customers (Local and Long Distance)

Jurisdiction: State (Local and Intrastate)

Rate: Varies depending on location

NAF - Network Access Fee

Purpose: The Regulatory Commission of Alaska has made changes to the intrastate interexchange access charge regulations. One of those changes was to institute a Network Access Fee (NAF) as a mandated way of paying for local network services.

Applies to: Residential and Business Customers (Local, per line or trunk)

Jurisdiction: State (Local)

Rate: \$5.75 per month

RCC - Regulatory Cost Charge

Purpose: To cover the Regulatory Commission of Alaska's budget. Each phone company pays the same percentage rate, which is set by the RCA (formally known as APUC – Alaska Public Utilities Commission), per Alaska Statutes AS 42.05.253-3 AS 42.06.285 and the RCA regulations 3 AAC 47.010 – 3 AAC 47.999. This is not an optional charge and consumers are not exempt.

Applies to: Residential and Business Customers (Local and Intrastate)

Jurisdiction: State (Local and Intrastate)

Rate: changes annually

UAS - Universal Access Surcharge

Purpose: To fund Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) for the hearing and speech impaired, as prescribed by Alaska Statute AS 42.05.296 and the Regulatory Commission of Alaska's regulations 3 AAC 51.100, et seq., requiring that TRS is funded by a monthly surcharge on all local phone bills.

Applies to: Residential and Business Customers (Local, per line or trunk)

Jurisdiction: State (Local and Intrastate)

Rate:

- Residential, per line or trunk: \$0.09 per month
- Single-line Business, per line or trunk: \$0.09 per month
- Multi-line Business, per line or trunk: \$0.18 per month