

GOVERNMENT MANDATED CHARGES:

These charges are itemized on customers' bills every month.

The **State Universal Service Fund (USF)** charge is administered by the South Carolina Public Service Commission. This charge can appear twice on a customer's bill:*

1. A percentage of all regulated charges; and
2. A percentage of all Home Telecom intraLATA long distance and Home Local Calling usage.

The **Federal Universal Service Fund (USF)** charge is administered by the Federal Communications Commission. The charge appears as a flat charge per line, per month. These funds are used to keep the cost of providing service to rural areas low so that affordable phone service is available to all Americans.

The **Subscriber Line Charge (SLC)** is administered by the Federal Communications Commission. This charge appears as a flat charge per line, per month. In the past, long distance companies paid fees to local companies to reduce their costs. However, in order to spur long distance competition, the FCC created the SLC to shift this cost back to customer.

* For details, contact your local Home Telecom office.