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- (a)
- (b)
- (c)
- (d)
- (e)

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- (b)

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- (a)
- (b)
- (c)



- (d)
- (e)
- (f)

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- (a)
- (b)
- (c)
- (d)
- (e)
- (f)
- (g)

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- (c) Access.
- (d) Other.
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- (a)
- (b)
- (c)
- (d)
- (e)

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- (a)
- (b)
- (c)
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- (b) Application.
- (c) Definitions.
- (d) Service to be supported by the THCUSP.
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- (c) Definitions.
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- (e) Criteria for determining amount of support under Small and Rural ILEC Universal Service Plan.
- (f) Small and Rural ILEC Universal Service Plan support payments to ETPs.
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- (f) Proceeding to Determine Financial Need and Amount of Support.
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- (i) Additional Financial Assistance.
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- (b) Applicability.
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  - (c) Service areas.
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- (f) Responding to notice of completeness.
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- (k) Submission of actual costs.
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- (a)
- (b)
- (c)

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