



**Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554**

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**DA 08-602**

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Dear Mr. Barash:

This letter directs the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) to hold in abeyance for 90 days its decision concerning the universal service fund (USF) contribution obligations of InterCall, Inc. (InterCall) dated January 15, 2008. USAC's decision was based, among other things, on a determination that the stand-alone audio bridging services provided by InterCall are toll conferencing services, and are therefore telecommunications services subject to direct USF contribution obligations. Accordingly, USAC directed InterCall to file all past and present FCC Form 499s by March 17, 2008.

On February 1, 2008, InterCall filed a Request for Review of USAC's decision, and on February 5, 2008, InterCall requested that the Commission stay the same decision. InterCall's Request for Review raises questions regarding USF contribution obligation policies for stand-alone audio bridging service providers, as well as unique questions concerning the scope of USAC's authority in making its decision. In light of the questions raised in this proceeding, we instruct USAC to hold in abeyance for 90 days its decision against InterCall, pending further Commission action.

This request should not be interpreted as direction to alter, or even a waiver of, USAC's general "pay and dispute" policy, which ensures the sufficiency of the USF by requiring contributors to pay disputed invoices. In addition, this letter does not alter the contribution obligations of toll teleconferencing providers, nor does it entitle any toll teleconferencing provider to dispute its USF invoicing or otherwise alter its contributions to USF. This instruction to hold in abeyance is limited to USAC's January 15, 2008 decision, pending Commission review of InterCall's Request for Review of such USAC decision.

Sincerely,

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