



*Providing a Voice for Northeast Colorado*

**SUPPORTING THE EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF  
UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

TC-2003-4

**WHEREAS**, consumers living in rural and high cost areas in Colorado should have access to advanced telecommunications services at affordable rates and

**WHEREAS**, the existing Federal Universal Support fund provides assistance to two states, receiving approximately 70% of the fund, while 42 states including Colorado receive no support, and

**WHEREAS**, the current state and federal high cost funds used to collect distribute universal service support are not sustainable in a competitive and rapidly changing technological environment and

**WHEREAS**, service support should preserve incentives for continued investment in and enhancements to the public switched network and to increase the availability of broadband services and

**WHEREAS**, maintaining predictable, sufficient and sustainable support be collected from a broad base of service providers and in a more competitively and technology neutral manner and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Progressive 15 supports the reform of the existing Federal Universal Service fund that will provide targeted support specifically to eligible telecommunications providers in high cost geographic areas to ensure that communications services and high speed broadband services are made available in a fair and equitable manner.

*Adopted this 20th day of November 2003*

*Amended this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2007*