

UNDERSTANDING THE CHARGES ON YOUR PHONE BILL

- **Alaska Universal Fund (AUSF) – 14.2%**
 - Provides support for three different programs: Lifeline & Link Up, DEM Weighting and Public Interest Pay Telephone.
 - Lifeline helps reduce the local monthly charge for low-income customers.
 - DEM Weighting provides support to certain small local exchange companies with high switching costs. (Dial Equipment Minutes – A measure of switch usage)
 - The PIPT supports the cost of pay telephones where they are needed for health, safety and public welfare. (Public Interest Pay Telephone)
- **Universal Access Surcharge - \$0.09 Residential/Single Business, \$0.18 Multi Business**
 - Is for Telecommunications Relay Service centers that transmit and translate calls between hearing individuals and individuals who are hearing or speech impaired.
- **Federal Excise Tax – 3%**
 - Mandated by the federal government.
- **City Sales Tax – 4%**
 - City of Adak local tax collected and sent to the city.
- **Regulatory Cost Charges – 1.921%**
 - Charge to fund the Regulatory Commission of Alaska.
- **Network Access Fee - \$5.75**
 - All local telephone service providers must charge the NAF. Recovers a portion of the cost of the “local loop” (i.e. the wires and associated local network facilities that connect a customer to a local telephone service providers central office switch)
- **Subscriber Line Charge - \$6.50 Res/Single Business, \$9.20 Multi Business**
 - Authorized by the FCC, this flat monthly charge allows local telephone service providers to be compensated for a portion of the costs associated with the installation and maintenance of the telephone wires, poles and other facilities that link homes to the telephone network.
- **Access Recovery Charge - \$3.00 Single Business, \$3.00 Multi Business**
 - Enables the telephone company to recover from end user customers a limited portion of revenues lost due to FCC mandated reductions in intercarrier payments.
- **Local Monthly Service**
 - This is a flat monthly charge which customers pay for local telephone service.
 - \$40.60 Residential
 - \$53.60 Single Business/Multi Business
 - \$28.60 Business Data Line