

PARITY OF TAXES, FEES AND SURCHARGES
(Under the IPUC jurisdiction)

Current monthly surcharges per line:¹

	<u>Residential Line</u>	<u>Business Line</u>	<u>Wireless Line</u>	<u>VoIP Line²</u>
USF	\$.12	\$.20	\$.00	\$.00
ITSAP	\$.01	\$.01	\$.01	\$.00
TRS ³	<u>\$.02</u>	<u>\$.02</u>	<u>\$.00</u>	<u>\$.00</u>
TOTAL	\$.15	\$.23	\$.01	\$.00

Possible Alternative: Providers will be allowed to combine the various surcharges into one surcharge and could bill it on the monthly customer bill. This combined surcharge would include the assessment for regulatory fees as outlined in Attachment D. The per Minute-of-Use Toll – MTS/WATS USF and TRS surcharges would be eliminated. Business lines would have the same per month per line surcharge as residential lines.

2016 Expenses/disbursements or collected revenues:⁴

USF	\$1,698,610
ITSAP	\$491,398
TRS	\$124,566
Regulatory Fee	<u>\$1,200,000⁵</u>
TOTAL	\$3,514,574

New combined per month per line surcharge:

\$3,514,574 divided by 12 months = \$292,881.17 per month.

\$292,881.17 / 1,963,000 million voice lines⁶ = **\$.15 per month per line⁷**

In comparison the current local 911 surcharge is \$1.00 monthly per line.

¹ For the USF and TRS, a surcharge is also assessed on per Minute-of-Use basis for Toll- MTS/WATs.

² Some VoIP providers pay the various surcharges, even though they currently are not required to pay.

³ Providers currently do not pass this on to customers through a per month per line surcharge on the bill.

⁴ Amount needed by the IPUC for the various programs. To be collected from all voice service providers.

⁵ Estimated Regulatory Fee necessary to support voice services as shown on Attachment D.

⁶ Total Idaho voice lines - calculated from the FCC's report: **Voice Telephone Services as of 06/30/15**. Released 08/16.

<https://www.fcc.gov/wireline-competition/voice-telephone-services-report>

(Click on the State Level Subscriptions to get an Excel spreadsheet with the state information.)

⁷ Each voice service provider would be assessed by the IPUC \$.15 per month per line and have the option to pass this along to customers as a surcharge on the bill.