

Replies to Bidder's Queries (Batch-1)
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1	<p>Sub-article 2.05 (Facilities Access & Sharing) of Article 2 of USF Services and Subsidy Agreement(SSA) states below; but infrastructure specification is not described.</p> <p>"As required pursuant to Rule 27 of the USF Rules, the USF Service Provider shall share the USF Network infrastructure and facilities with at least one requesting USF contributor, on a first come first served basis and at cost based rates and at rates based on reasonable cost."</p>	<p>Clasue 16.3 of RFA & Rule 27 of USF Rules</p>	<p>As per clause 16.3 of RFA,USF Service Providers shall share infrastructure and essential facilities developed using USF Subsidy funding in accordance with the USF Rules and the USF Services and Subsidy Agreement(SSA).Whereas in rule 27 (1) of USF Rules 2006 amended in 2007,it is stated that "Every Contractor shall share the infrastructure and essential facilities developed through USF funding with at least one requesting USF contributor on a first come first served basis at rates based on reasonable cost.For greater certainty, the obligation to share infrastructure shall include access to network elements and associated facilities which may involve the connection of equipment, access to the local loop and facilities and services necessary to provide services over the local loop, and access to physical structures including buildings, ducts, masts, equipment enclosures and similar facilities".</p> <p>Moreover, As per rule 27 (2) USF Rules 2006 amended in 2007, "The Contractor shall not refuse to share the infrastructure and essential facilities developed through USF funding unless such sharing is not technically feasible."</p>