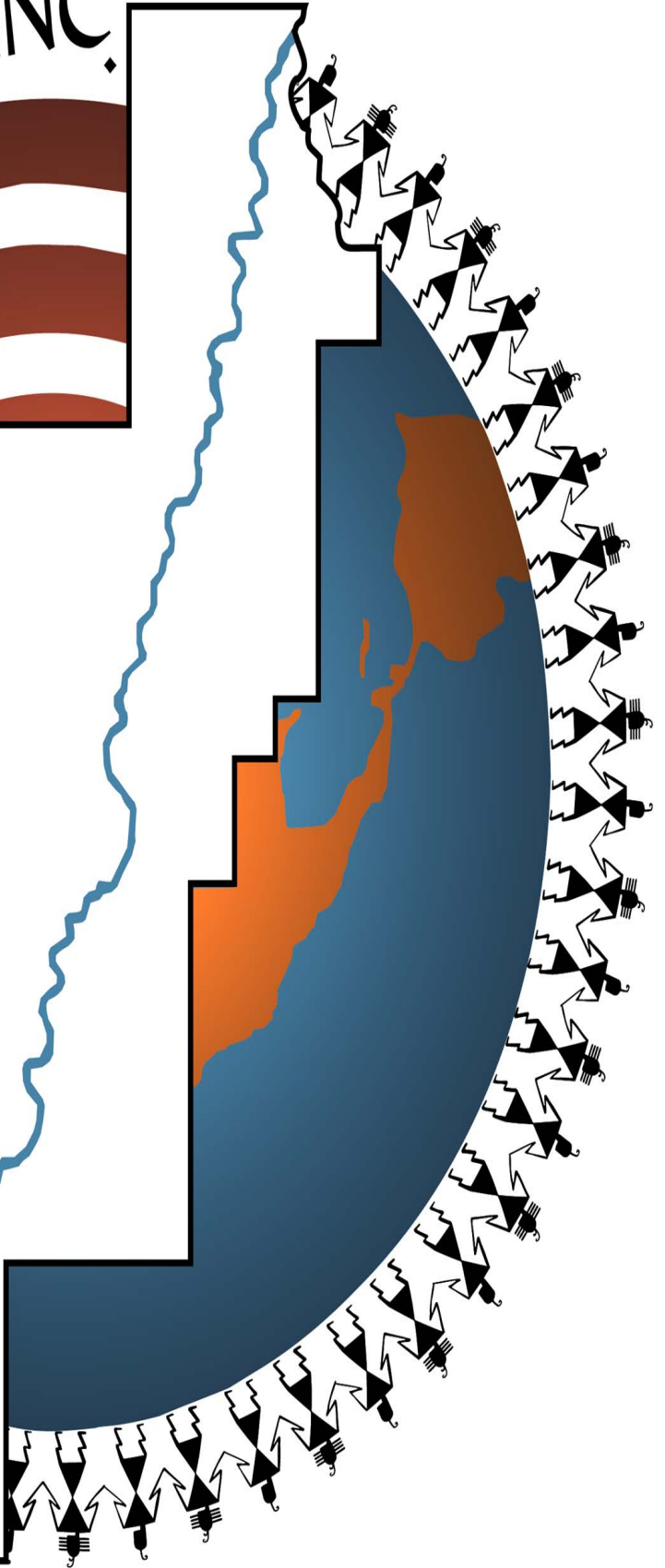


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UNIVERSAL SERVICE

- 1934 Communications Act definition:
 - ◆ The ability for all people to receive *affordable* phone service anywhere in the United States regardless of where they lived.



Universal Service 1996

- The 1996 Telecommunications Further defines Universal Service:
 - ◆ access to advanced telecommunications and information service...in all regions of the Nation, including low-income consumers and those in rural, insular, and high cost areas...reasonably comparable to those services ...and those rates...for similar services in urban areas

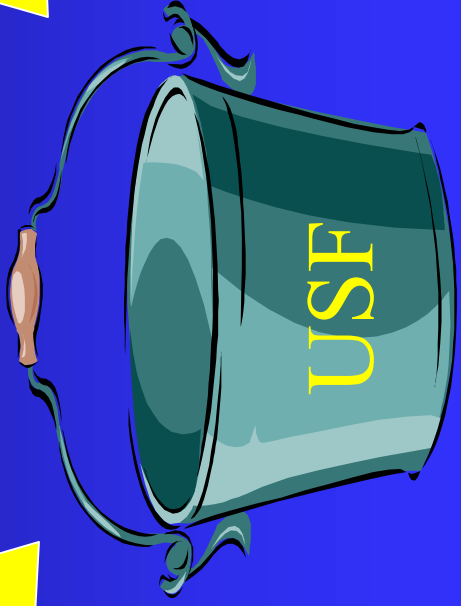


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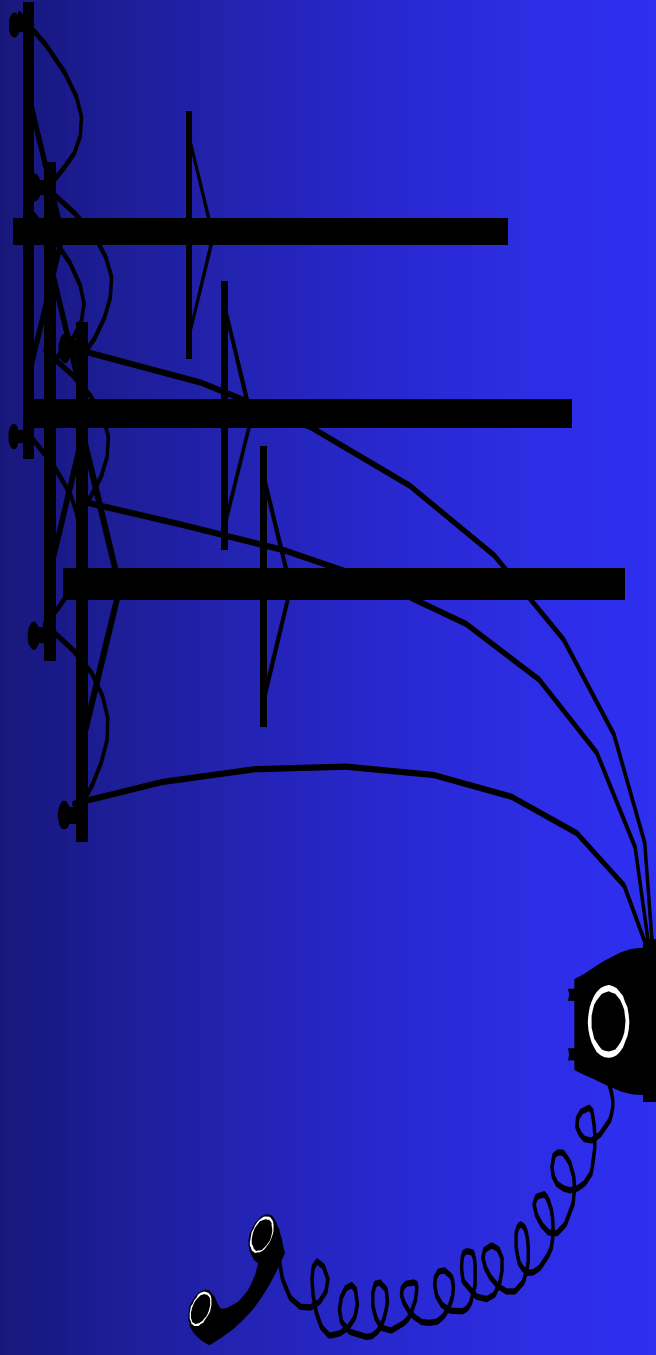
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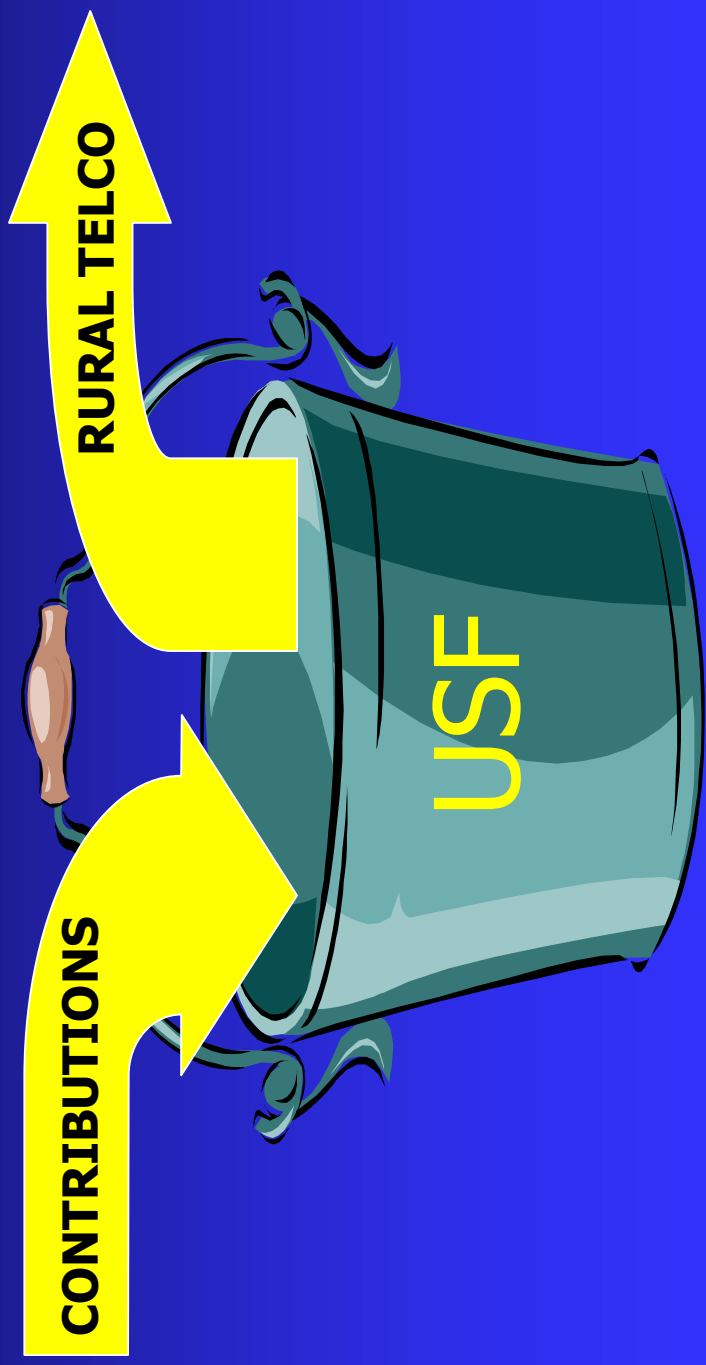
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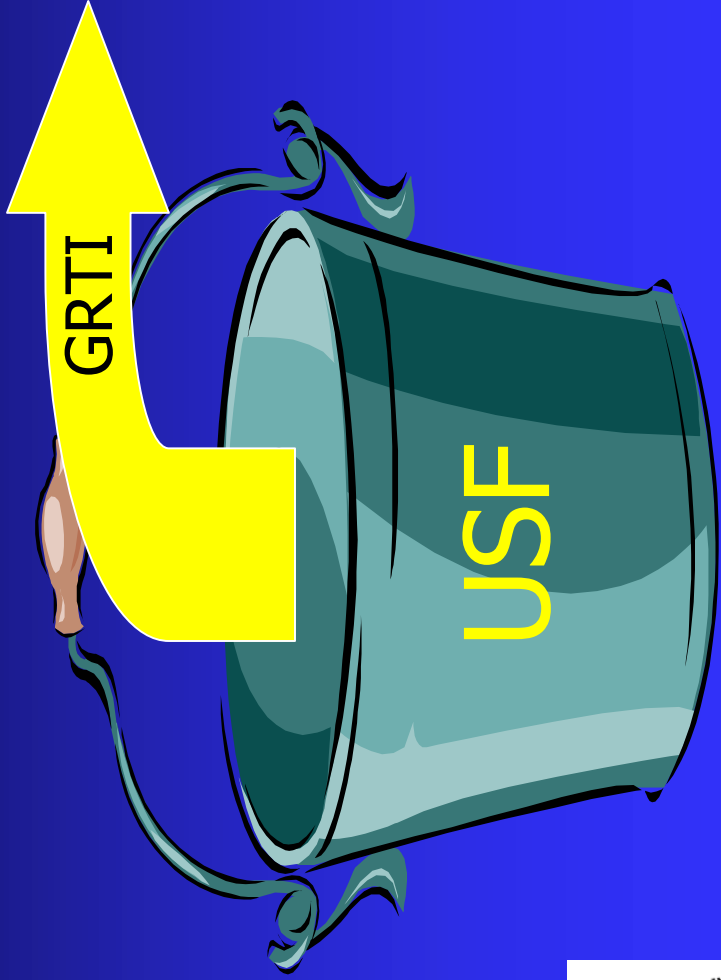
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