

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of a Proceeding to Implement)
Lifeline Assistance Modifications as a) Case No. 05-461-TP-UNC
Result of a Federal Communications)
Commission Order.)

ENTRY

The Commission finds:

- (1) In the Matter of Lifeline and Link Up, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (*Lifeline/Link Up Report and Order*) issued by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in WC Docket No. 03-109 on April 29, 2004, the FCC required all states to establish procedures to verify customers' continued eligibility for both program and income-based criteria. While states like Ohio, which administer our own lifeline programs, were permitted to design and implement our own verification procedures to validate continued lifeline eligibility, the Commission declined to adopt an Ohio-specific requirement.
- (2) Annually, the FCC Wireline Competition Bureau releases a public notice requiring that each Eligible Telecommunication Carrier (ETC) must submit by August 31, to the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC), the *Certification of Compliance with State Lifeline Verification Procedures* affidavit, signed by an officer of the company attesting that the ETC has complied with the state verification procedures.
- (3) Accordingly, each of the Ohio ETCs shall be required to attest that it has complied with the FCC's requirements to verify customers' continued eligibility for both program and income-based criteria. Therefore, each ETC must file a completed copy of the FCC certification affidavit that is submitted to USAC, with the Ohio Commission in this proceeding, on or before August 31, 2008.

It is, therefore,

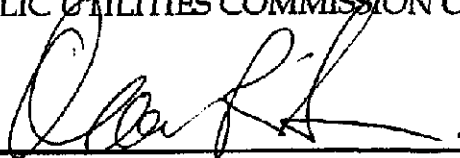
ORDERED, That, consistent with Finding 3, each Ohio ETC shall file with the Commission a completed copy of the appropriate affidavit form certifying that the ETC has complied with the FCC's requirements to validate continued lifeline eligibility no later than August 31, 2008. It is, further,

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ORDERED, That a copy of this entry be served upon all Ohio ETCs, the Office of the Consumer's Counsel, the Ohio Telecom Association and other interested persons of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO



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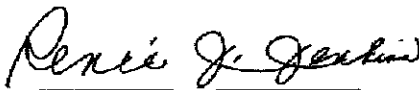
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