

## BEFORE

## THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of a Proceeding to Implement     )  
 Lifeline Assistance Modifications as a     )  
 Result of a Federal Communications     ) Case No. 05-461-TP-UNC  
 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 for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (ETCs) to verify Lifeline customers' continued eligibility for both program and income-based criteria. Such verification of Lifeline customers' eligibility could include random beneficiary audits, periodic submission of documents, annual self-certification or state agency verification of participation in qualifying program(s). Ohio elected to allow ETCs to verify Lifeline customers' continued eligibility by using any of the verification procedures that the FCC required. Additionally all Ohio ETCs are required to annually submit to the Ohio Commission, an affidavit attesting to compliance with the FCC's eligibility verification requirements.
- (2) Annually, the FCC's Wireline Competition Bureau releases a public notice requiring that by August 31, all ETCs must submit to the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) an affidavit, signed by an officer of the company attesting that the ETC has complied with the 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. On or before August 31, 2007, each ETC shall file in this proceeding a copy of the attached, completed, notarized FCC certification affidavit, that is submitted to USAC.

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It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That, consistent with Finding (3), each Ohio ETC shall file with the Commission, no later than August 31, 2007, a completed and notarized copy of the attached affidavit form certifying that the ETC has complied with the FCC's requirements to validate continued lifeline eligibility. It is, further,

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

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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## Certification of Compliance with State Lifeline Verification Procedures

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

To: Vice President - High Cost and Low Income Division  
Universal Service Administrative Company  
2000 L Street, NW, Suite 200  
Washington, DC 20036

This letter is to certify that (company name) \_\_\_\_\_ is in compliance with the Lifeline and Link Up verification procedures in place in the states listed below.

To the extent any Lifeline customer qualifies based on its income, I certify that my company has income certification procedures in place and that, to the best of my knowledge, the Lifeline consumer has presented corroborating income documentation.

I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the Study Area(s) listed below.

Company Name	Company SAC	State

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[Signature of Officer]

\_\_\_\_\_  
[Printed Name of Officer]

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[Title of Officer]

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[Company Address]

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