

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Annual Filing)
Requirements for 2014 Pertaining to the) Case No. 14-1116-TP-COI
Provisioning of Lifeline Universal)
Service.)

ENTRY

The Commission finds:


- (1) On February 6, 2012, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) released a Report and Order in *In the Matter of Lifeline and Link-Up Reform and Modernization, Lifeline and Link-Up, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Advancing Broadband Availability Through Digital Literacy Training*, WC Docket No. 11-42, WC Docket No. 03-109, CC Docket No. 96-45, WC Docket No. 12-23 (*Lifeline Reform Order*), adopting reforms that address waste, fraud, and abuse with regard to the federal Universal Service Fund (USF).
- (2) Included within the FCC's *Lifeline Reform Order* was a directive for all eligible telecommunications carriers (ETCs) to annually recertify their entire customer base no later than December 31, and to submit aggregated recertification data to the FCC and the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) by January 31. Additionally, the FCC required ETCs to provide such recertification data to the relevant state commission, where the carrier is subject to state jurisdiction. (*Lifeline Reform Order* at ¶148.) The FCC's directive is now codified at 47 C.F.R. 54.416.
- (3) Ohio is one of those states where ETCs are subject to state jurisdiction. Therefore, in accordance 47 C.F.R. 54.416, all designated Ohio Lifeline ETCs are reminded of the deadlines for recertifying their customer bases and providing the aggregated recertification data to the FCC, USAC, and this Commission by January 31, 2015. Such aggregated recertification data should be electronically submitted to the Commission at: LLReCert@puc.state.oh.us.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That all Ohio-designated ETCs comply with Finding (3). It is, further,

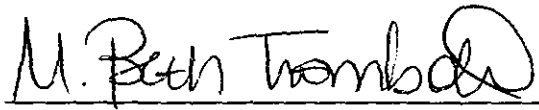
ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all Ohio-designated ETCs and any other interested parties of record in this case.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO


Thomas W. Johnson, Chairman


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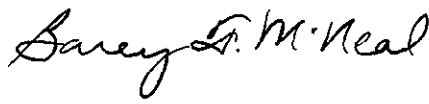
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