

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

Utah Administrative Code R746-8,
Proposing to Repeal R746-360, R746-341,
and R746-343

DOCKET NO. 17-R008-01
STAY OF ORDER REQUIRING
USAC VERIFICATION OF LIFELINE
ELIGIBILITY

ISSUED: December 5, 2017

On August 24, 2017, the Public Service Commission of Utah (“PSC”) issued an order in this docket directing all carriers that have been designated as eligible telecommunications carriers (“ETC”) in Utah to prepare to use the Universal Service Administrative Company’s (“USAC”) national verifier system (“NVS”) to determine customer eligibility for the Lifeline Program. The order noted USAC has been working closely with the Utah Department of Workforce Services to develop a computer interface that will allow USAC to assume the responsibility of verifying whether Utah telecommunications customers are eligible to participate in the state (and Federal) Lifeline program(s). The order directed Utah ETCs to be prepared to start using the NVS on January 1, 2018.

Recently, USAC announced that the date which carriers can begin using the system, and the date when carriers must use the system (for the Federal Lifeline Program), have been changed. USAC anticipates the NVS will be functional in early 2018 and the must use date is currently set at March 13, 2018. Therefore, we stay the order issued on August 24, 2017, and we anticipate issuing an order lifting the stay when the NVS operational date is clear. In the meantime we encourage all Utah ETCs to:

1. Participate in the training processes set up by USAC as it implements the NVS;
2. Stay updated on the required timeline; and

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3. Be prepared to implement the then current NVS procedures when USAC fully implements the NVS and requires carriers to use the NVS for the Lifeline eligibility verification process.¹

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, December 5, 2017.

/s/ Thad LeVar, Chair

/s/ David R. Clark, Commissioner

/s/ Jordan A. White, Commissioner

Attest:

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg
PSC Secretary
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¹ The PSC understands that the USAC website includes information and instructions to help ETCs use the national verifier system. The PSC encourages all Utah ETCs to make use of these resources.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I CERTIFY that on December 5, 2017, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served upon the following as indicated below:

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