

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

<p>Utah Administrative Code R746-8, Proposing to Repeal R746-360, R746-341, and R746-343</p> <p>Utah Administrative Code R746-341-4(B), Annual Eligibility Verification</p>	<p><u>DOCKET NO. 17-R008-01</u></p> <p><u>DOCKET NO. 17-R341-01</u></p> <p><u>NOTICE OF TECHNICAL CONFERENCE</u></p>
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ISSUED: May 17, 2018

The Universal Service Administration Company (USAC) and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) previously announced that an initial group of six states, including Utah, would be able to begin using the National Verifier system to check customer eligibility for Lifeline participation in December 2017 (soft launch), with mandatory use starting in March 2018 (hard launch). USAC subsequently announced the schedule for both the soft and hard launches was on hold due to difficulties in completing requirements related to the Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA). USAC has not provided a revised schedule for National Verifier availability.

In the past, the Utah Public Service Commission (PSC) has relied on the Department of Workforce Services (DWS) to provide evaluations of eligibility for wireline Lifeline customers receiving the Utah Lifeline benefit. The PSC has allowed the customers of ETCs that provide only the Federal benefit to use a self-certification process controlled by FCC/USAC rules. After June 30, 2018, DWS will no longer provide Lifeline eligibility verification. As a result, all ETC customers, receiving either the Utah or Federal benefit, will need to be certified using the FCC/USAC's self-certification process.

The PSC has been in contact with the FCC and USAC and explained the difficulties putting the soft and hard launch schedules on hold has, and will, cause Utah Lifeline customers

and ETCs. If USAC is able to complete the FISMA requirements and implements the National Verifier program prior to June 30, 2018, the PSC will notify all Utah certified ETCs of the program's availability.

NOTICE OF TECHNICAL CONFERENCE

A technical conference will be held in these dockets on **Wednesday, June 13, 2018, beginning at 2:00 p.m.** The technical conference will be held in the **Fourth Floor Room 401, Heber M. Wells Building, 160 East 300 South, Salt Lake City, Utah.** The subject of the technical conference will be the self-certification procedures required for Lifeline customers to continue to receive Lifeline benefits.

Individuals wishing to participate in the technical conference by telephone should contact the PSC two days in advance by calling (801) 530-6716 or (toll-free) 1-866-PSC-UTAH (1-866-772-8824) to receive a bridge number and participant passcode. Participants attending by telephone should then call the bridge number five minutes before the conference, entering the passcode followed by the # sign to ensure participation.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals needing special accommodations (including auxiliary communicative aids and services) during the conference should notify the PSC at 160 East 300 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111, (801) 530- 6716, at least three working days prior to the conference.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, May 17, 2018.

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