

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

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Utah Administrative Code R746-8-405a, New  
Technology Equipment Distribution Program

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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE  
COMMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE NEW  
TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT  
DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

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ISSUED: October 15, 2019

Utah Admin. Code R746-8-405a (the “Rule”) established the New Technology Equipment Distribution Program (NTEDP), a pilot program set to terminate no later than December 31, 2021. However, as of this year and owing to a recent statutory change, eligible wireless customers may now receive subsidies from the Utah Universal Service Fund (UUSF) under Utah’s Lifeline program.

The PSC is considering terminating NTEDP early, *i.e.* before December 31, 2021, and solicits input concerning whether continuation of the NTEDP through its expiration date remains in the public interest given that eligible wireless customers may now receive UUSF Lifeline subsidies.<sup>1</sup> The PSC also notes the Rule caps participation in the NTEDP to ten additional individuals in each six-month period of the pilot program, and the PSC has never, to date, reached the maximum allowable participation under the Rule.

Any interested party may submit comments on this issue on or before **Wednesday, November 13, 2019** and may submit reply comments on or before **Wednesday, November 27, 2019**.

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<sup>1</sup> Devices provided through the NTEDP generally cost the UUSF approximately \$1,500 for a device that includes training videos, apps, and accessories that are designed for specific disabilities. The NTEDP does not pay for service plans for those devices.

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DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, October 15, 2019.

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