## - BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

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In the Matter of the Revisions to PACIFICORP's ) Tariff P.S.C.U. No. 43, Re: The Addition of ) Schedules 3 and 91 for the Low Income Lifeline ) Program and Surcharge for Funding ) DOCKET NO. 00-035-T07

AMENDMENT TO ORDER

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ISSUED: December 4, 2000

## **SYNOPSIS**

In its original Order, the Commission directed the parties to draft mutually-acceptable clarifying language regarding recertification for participation in the low income lifeline program. Dr. Charles Johnson having drafted such language, and PacifiCorp and the Division of Public Utilities having explicitly approved said language, and the other parties having expressed no opposition thereto, and the language appearing to meet the Commission's objectives, the Commission approved an amendment to the tariff incorporating the same.

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By The Commission:

## PROCEDURAL HISTORY

In our Order of August 30, 2000, in this matter, we directed the parties to settle clarifying language regarding recertification of participants in the lifeline program. To that end, Dr. Charles Johnson was asked to draft such language, which he did and submitted to the parties. PacifiCorp and the Division of Public Utilities, Utah Department of Commerce (DPU), have explicitly approved Dr. Johnson's draft, and other parties have been given the chance to comment and have expressed no opposition. We find the proposed language meets our objectives, and we accordingly enter the following

## <u>ORDER</u>

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that:

• Our Order of August 30, 2000, be and it is, amended by inserting a substitute paragraph 8 in the parties' proffered stipulation, the new language reading as follows:

8. Re-certification: The HELP program year commences on May 22nd of each year and concludes on May 21st of the succeeding year. Each customer who has applied for and qualified for HELP during the program year and has not been removed for cause (non-payment of bills, change of address, or other legitimate reason) will remain on HELP for the following program year unless removed for cause. Any customer who is on the tariff at the end of a program year, but who has not applied for and qualified for the HELP program during the program year will be removed from the program by June 30th following the end of the program year.

On May 1st of each year, DCED will send each customer then on Lifeline tariff Schedule 3 and who has not re-certified during the current program year, a reminder notice that they must re-certify by May 21st or be dropped from the tariff. DCED will forward the entire list of eligible customers to PacifiCorp by June 15th of each year. PacifiCorp will remove all customers not included on the list of eligible customers from the Lifeline tariff on the first billing date after June 30 of each year.

• Any person aggrieved by this Order may petition the Commission for review within 20 days of the date of this

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Order. Failure so to do will forfeit the right to appeal to the Utah Supreme Court

Dated at Salt Lake City, Utah, this 4th day of December, 2000.

/s/ Stephen F. Mecham, Chairman

/s/ Constance B. White, Commissioner

/s/ Clark D. Jones, Commissioner

Attest:

<u>/s/ Julie Orchard</u> Commission Secretary