

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

In the Matter of the Resolution of Certain) DOCKET NO. 10-2528-01
Issues Related to the Designation of a)
Common Carrier as an Eligible) NOTICE OF FILING
Telecommunications Carrier) AND COMMENT PERIOD
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ISSUED: May 17, 2013

By The Commission:

Over the past year and a half, the Utah Public Service Commission (“Commission”), the Division of Public Utilities (“Division”), the Office of Consumer Services, and many other interested parties have worked to develop a Lifeline certification and annual verification process in response to direction from the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”). The Department of Workforce Services (“DWS”) administers a variety of the public assistance programs, participation in which qualifies the participant for Lifeline. Consequently, efforts have been ongoing to utilize DWS expertise and databases in the certification and annual verification process. In the past, the Commission has contracted with DWS to operate the Lifeline program. The Division has been involved in monitoring DWS’ performance under this contract.

On May 10, 2013, the Division filed a memo (“Division’s proposal”) regarding “Federal Lifeline Compliance” in the above-referenced docket. The Division’s memo recommends changes to Commission rules governing the certification and annual verification process. Among other things, these changes would establish a process by which both wireless and wireline carriers would eventually perform the annual verifications. The verification process could include querying DWS databases to verify participation in a qualifying public assistance program.

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NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

Any interested parties may submit comments on the Division's proposal or otherwise propose other alternatives to accomplishing the certification process required in the FCC rules, including any anticipated administrative costs for carriers. Comments are due no later than Monday, June 3, 2013, and reply comments are due no later than Monday, June 10, 2013.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah this 17th day of May, 2013.

/s/ Melanie A. Reif
Administrative Law Judge

Approved and confirmed this 17th day of May, 2013, as the Notice of Filing and Comment Period by the Public Service Commission of Utah.

/s/ Ron Allen, Chairman

/s/ David R. Clark, Commissioner

/s/ Thad LeVar, Commissioner

Attest:

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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