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## CERTIFICATION OF FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

### ADMINISTRATIVE RULES FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

COMMISSION
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- [x] (1) That all statutory rulemaking requirements of Chapter 120, F.S., and all rulemaking requirements of the Department of State have been complied with; and
- [x] (2) That there is no administrative determination under Section 120.56(2), F.S., pending on any rule covered by this certification; and
- [x] (3) All rules covered by this certification are filed within the prescribed time limitations of Section 120.54(3)(e), F.S. They are filed not less than 28 days after the notice required by Section 120.54(3)(a), F.S.; and [] (a) Are filed not more than 90 days after the notice; or
- [] (b) Are filed more than 90 days after the notice, but not more than 60 days after the administrative law judge files the final order with the clerk or until 60 days after subsequent judicial review is complete; or
- [x] (c) Are filed more than 90 days after the notice, but not less than 21 days nor more than 45 days from the date of publication of the notice of change; or
- [] (d) Are filed more than 90 days after the notice, but not less than 14 nor more than 45 days after the adjournment of the final public hearing on the rule; or
- [] (e) Are filed more than 90 days after the notice, but within 21 days after the date of receipt of all material authorized to be submitted at the hearing; or
- [] (f) Are filed more than 90 days after the notice, but within 21 days after the date the transcript was received by this agency; or
- [] (g) Are filed not more than 90 days after the notice, not including days the adoption of the rule was postponed following notification from the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee that an objection to the rule was being considered; or
- [] (h) Are filed more than 90 days after the notice, but within 21 days after a good faith written proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative to a proposed rule is submitted which substantially accomplishes the objectives of the law being implemented; or
- [] (i) Are filed more than 90 days after the notice, but within 21 days after a regulatory alternative is offered by the Small Business Regulatory Advisory Committee.

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Attached are the original and two copies of each rule covered by this certification. The rules are hereby adopted by the undersigned agency by and upon their filing with the Department of State.

Rule No.

25-4.0665

Under the provision of Section 120.54(3)(e)6., F.S., the rules take effect 20 days from the date filed with the Department of State or a later date as set out below:

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1	25-4.0665 Lifeline Service
2	(1) A subscriber is eligible for Lifeline service if:
3	(a) the subscriber is a participant in one of the following federal assistance programs:
4	1. Medicaid;
5	2. Food Stamps;
6	3. Supplemental Security Income (SSI);
7	4. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/Temporary Cash Assistance;
8	5. "Section 8" Federal Public Housing Assistance;
9	6. Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program; or
10	7. The National School Lunch Program – Free Lunch; or
11	(b) the subscriber's eligible telecommunications carrier has more than one million access lines and the
12	subscriber's household income is at or below 150 percent of the federal poverty income guidelines.
13	An eligible telecommunications carrier must provide 60 days written notice prior to the termination of Lifeline
14	service. The notice of pending termination shall contain the telephone number at which the subscriber can obtain
15	information about the subscriber's Lifeline service from the eligible telecommunications carrier. The notice shall
16	also inform the subscriber of the availability, pursuant to Section 364.105, F.S., of discounted residential basic
17	local telecommunications service.
18	(2) A subscriber living on federally recognized Tribal lands who does not satisfy the eligibility
19	requirements for Lifeline service in subsection (1) of this rule is nevertheless eligible for Lifeline service if the
20	subscriber receives benefits from one of the following Bureau of Indian Affairs programs:
21	(a) Tribal temporary assistance for needy families (TANF);
22	(b) NSL Program - Free Lunch; or
23	(c) Head Start.
24	If a subscriber's Lifeline service is terminated and the subscriber subsequently presents proof of Lifeline
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eligibility, the eligible telecommunications carrier shall reinstate the subscriber's Lifeline service as soon as practicable, but no later than 60 days following receipt of proof of eligibility. Irrespective of the date on which the eligible telecommunications carrier reinstates the subscriber's Lifeline service, the subscriber's bill shall be credited for Lifeline service as of the date the eligible telecommunications carrier received the proof of continued Lifeline eligibility.

- (3) Eligible telecommunications carriers with less than one million access lines are not required to enroll Lifeline applicants through the income eligibility test of 150 percent or less of the federal poverty income guidelines, but may do so voluntarily. All eligible telecommunications carriers shall participate in the Lifeline service Automatic Enrollment Process. For purposes of this rule, the Lifeline service Automatic Enrollment Process is an electronic interface between the Department of Children and Family Services, the Commission, and the eligible telecommunications carrier that allows low-income individuals to automatically enroll in Lifeline following enrollment in a qualifying public assistance program.
- (a) The Commission shall send an e-mail to the eligible telecommunications carrier informing the eligible telecommunications carrier that Lifeline service applications are available for retrieval for processing.
- (b) The eligible telecommunications carrier shall enroll the subscriber in the Lifeline service program as soon as practicable, but no later than 60 days from the receipt of the e-mail notification. Upon completion of initial enrollment, the eligible telecommunications carrier shall credit the subscriber's bill for Lifeline service as of the date the eligible telecommunications carrier received the e-mail notification from the Commission.
- (c) The eligible telecommunications carrier shall-maintain a current e-mail address with the Commission, which the Commission will use to inform the eligible telecommunications carrier that new Lifeline service applications are available for retrieval for processing.
- (d) The eligible telecommunications carrier shall maintain with the Commission the names, e-mail addresses and telephone numbers of one primary and one secondary company representative who will manage the user accounts on the Commission's secure website.

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1	available in Spanish and Creole).		
2	(6) Eligible telecommunications carriers shall enroll customers for Lifeline service who electronically		
3	submit Form PSC/RAD 158 (XX/XX), entitled "Lifeline and Link-Up Florida On-line Self Certification Form,"		
4	which is incorporated into this rule by reference and can be accessed from the Commission's website at		
5	www.floridapsc.com, by selecting "Link-Up Florida and Lifeline," then selecting "Apply On-line."		
6	(7) For Lifeline applicants who do not use On-line enrollment or simplified certification enrollment, the		
7	eligible telecommunications carrier must accept Public Assistance eligibility determination letters, including		
8	those provided for food stamps, Medicaid, and public housing lease agreements, as proof of eligibility for Link-		
9	Up and Lifeline enrollment.		
10	(8) Eligible telecommunications carriers must allow customers the option to submit Link-Up or Lifeline		
11	applications via U.S. Mail or facsimile, and may allow applications to be submitted electronically. Eligible		
12	telecommunications carriers must also allow customers the option to submit copies of supporting documents via		
13	U.S. Mail or facsimile.		
14	(9) Eligible telecommunications carriers shall only require a customer to provide the last four digits of		
15	the customer's social security number for application for Lifeline and Link-Up service and to verify continued		
16	eligibility for the programs as part of the annual verification process.		
17	(10) All eligible telecommunications carriers shall participate in the Lifeline service Automatic		
18	Enrollment Process. For purposes of this rule, the Lifeline service Automatic Enrollment Process is an electronic		
19	interface between the Department of Children and Family Services, the Commission, and the eligible		
20	telecommunications carrier that allows low-income individuals to automatically enroll in Lifeline following		
21	enrollment in a qualifying public assistance program.		
22	(a) The Commission shall send an e-mail to the eligible telecommunications carrier informing the		
23	eligible telecommunications carrier that Lifeline service applications are available for retrieval for processing.		
24	(b) The eligible telecommunications carrier shall enroll the subscriber in the Lifeline service program as		
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1	soon as practicable, but no later than 60 days from the receipt of the e-mail notification. Upon completion of
2	initial enrollment, the eligible telecommunications carrier shall credit the subscriber's bill for Lifeline service as
3	of the date the eligible telecommunications carrier received the e-mail notification from the Commission.
4	(c) The eligible telecommunications carrier shall maintain a current e-mail address with the
5	Commission, which the Commission will use to inform the eligible telecommunications carrier of the
6	Commission's Lifeline secure website address and that new Lifeline service applications are available for
7	retrieval for processing.
8	(d) The eligible telecommunications carrier shall maintain with the Commission the names, e-mail
9	addresses and telephone numbers of one primary and one secondary company representative who will manage
0	the user accounts on the Commission's Lifeline secure website.
1	(e) Within 20 calendar days of receiving the Commission's e-mail notification that the Lifeline service
2	application is available for retrieval, the eligible telecommunications carrier shall provide a facsimile response to
3	the Commission via the Commission's dedicated Lifeline service facsimile telephone line at (850)413-7142, or
4	an electronic response via the Commission's Lifeline secure website, identifying the customer name, address,
5	telephone number, and date of the application for:
6	1. Misdirected Lifeline service applications;
7	2. Applications for customers currently receiving Lifeline service; and
8	3. Rejected applicants, which shall include the reason(s) why the applicants were rejected.
9	In lieu of a facsimile or electronic submission, the eligible telecommunications carrier may file the information
20	with the Office of Commission Clerk.
21	(f) Pursuant to Section 364.107(1), F.S., information filed by the eligible telecommunications carrier in
22	accordance with paragraph (9)(e) of this rule is confidential and exempt from Section 119.07(1), F.S. However,
23	the eligible telecommunications carrier may disclose such information consistent with the criteria in Section
24	364,107(3)(a), F.S. For purposes of this rule, the information filed by the eligible telecommunications carrier will
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1 be presumed necessary for disclosure to the Commission pursuant to the criteria in Section 364.107(3)(a)4., F.S. 2 (11) An eligible telecommunications carrier shall not impose additional verification requirements on 3 subscribers beyond those which are required by this rule. 4 (12) If the Office of Public Counsel certifies a subscriber eligible to receive Lifeline service under the 5 income test set forth in Section 364.10(3)(a), F.S., an eligible telecommunications carrier shall not impose any 6 additional verification requirements on the subscriber. 7 (13) An eligible telecommunications carrier must provide written notice to a customer within 30 days of receipt of the application providing the reason for a rejected Lifeline application, and providing contact 8 9 information for the customer to get information regarding the application denial. (14) An eligible telecommunications carrier must provide 60 days written notice prior to the termination 10 of Lifeline service. The notice of pending termination shall contain the telephone number at which the subscriber 11 can obtain information about the subscriber's Lifeline service from the eligible telecommunications carrier. The 12 notice shall also inform the subscriber of the availability, pursuant to Section 364.105, F.S., of discounted 13 14 residential basic local telecommunications service. (15) If a subscriber's Lifeline service is terminated and the subscriber subsequently presents proof of 15 Lifeline eligibility, the eligible telecommunications carrier shall reinstate the subscriber's Lifeline service as soon 16 as practicable, but no later than 60 days following receipt of proof of eligibility. Irrespective of the date on which 17 the eligible telecommunications carrier reinstates the subscriber's Lifeline service, the subscriber's bill shall be 18 credited for Lifeline service as of the date the eligible telecommunications carrier received the proof of continued 19 20 Lifeline eligibility. 21 (16) All eligible telecommunications carriers shall provide current Lifeline service company information to the Universal Service Administrative Company at www.lifelinesupport.org so that the information can be 22 23 posted on the Universal Service Administrative Company's consumer website. (17) Eligible telecommunications carriers must advertise the availability of Lifeline service to those who 24 25 CODING: Words underlined are additions; words in struck through type are deletions from existing law.

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1	may be eligible for the service. At a minimum, if the eligible telecommunications carrier publishes a directory,
2	the eligible telecommunications carrier must include in the index of the directory a notice of the availability of
3	Lifeline service. If the eligible telecommunications carrier generates customer bills, the eligible
4	telecommunications carrier must also place an insert in the subscriber's bill or a message on the subscriber's bill
5	at least once each calendar year advising subscribers of the availability of Lifeline service.
6	(18) Eligible telecommunications carriers may not charge a service deposit in order to initiate Lifeline
7	service if the subscriber voluntarily elects toll blocking or toll control. If the subscriber elects not to place toll
8	blocking or toll control on the line, an eligible telecommunications carrier may charge a service deposit.
9	(19) Eligible telecommunications carriers may not charge Lifeline subscribers a monthly number-
10	portability charge.
11	(20) Eligible telecommunications carriers offering Link-Up and Lifeline service must submit quarterly
12	reports to the Commission no later than 30 days following the ending of each quarter as follows: First Quarter
13	(January 1 through March 31); Second Quarter (April 1 through June 30); Third Quarter (July 1 through
14	September 30); Fourth Quarter (October 1 through December 31). The quarterly reports shall include the
15	following data:
16	(a) The number of Lifeline subscribers, excluding resold Lifeline subscribers, for each month during the
17	quarter:
18	(b) The number of subscribers who received Link-Up for each month during the quarter;
19	(c) The number of new Lifeline subscribers added each month during the quarter;
20	(d) The number of transitional Lifeline subscribers who received discounted service for each month
21	during the quarter; and
22	(e) The number of residential access lines with Lifeline service that were resold to other carriers each
23	month during the quarter.
24	RulemakingSpecific Authority 120.80(13)(d), 350.127(2), 364.0252, 364.10(3)(j), FS
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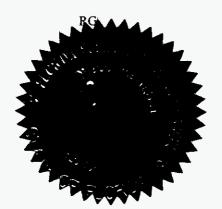
Pursuant to Rule 1B-30.005, Florida Administrative Code, I hereby certify that the attached are true and correct copies of the following materials incorporated by reference in Rule 25-4.0665. Under the provisions of Section 120.54(3)(e)6., F.S., the attached materials take effect 20 days from the date filed with the Department of State, or a later date as specified in the rule.

Form PSC/RAD 157 (XX\XX) - Application for Link-Up Florida and Lifeline Assistance

Form PSC/RAD 158 (XX\XX) - Lifeline and Link-Up Florida On-line Self Certification Form

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# Application for Link-Up Florida and Lifeline Assistance

Billing Name		
Service Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Last Four Digits of Social Security N	Number Date of	Birth
Telephone Number ( )phone service, please contact a location	(NOT al phone provider in your are	TE: If you do not currently have local a to establish service.)
I hereby certify that I participate in the	ne following public assistance p	program(s): (Check all that apply)
□ Supplemental Security In □ Federal Public Housing A □ National School Lunch Pa	gy Assistance Program (LIHEA come (SSI) Assistance (Section 8) rogram (NSLP) – Free Lunch Programs (Tribal Temporary As	
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Customers of AT&T Florida, CenturyLink, or Verizon who are at or below 150% of the federal poverty income guidelines, but are not currently receiving benefits from one of the listed programs, do qualify for Lifeline service. Those customers may demonstrate their eligibility for Lifeline service to the Florida Office of Public Counsel. Please contact the Florida Office of Public Counsel at 1-800-540-7039. Customers of other telephone companies who are at or below 150% of the federal poverty income guidelines, but are not currently receiving benefits from one of the listed programs, should contact their telephone company to see if their telephone company is voluntarily enrolling Lifeline applicants through the income eligibility test of 150% or less of the federal poverty income guidelines.

Date

Form PSC/RAD 157 (XX/XX)

Customer's signature

Please mail or fax this application to the telephone company that provides your service.			
AT&T Florida P. O. Box 9042 South San Francisco, CA 94803 Fax: 1-888-726-3223 Phone: 1-800-288-2020	American Dial Tone P. O. Box 2203 Dunedin, FL 34698-2203 Fax: (727) 669-9451 Phone: 1-877-246-1604	Budget Phone, Inc. Please call 1-888-424-5588 to be referred to a local Budget Phone store to apply.	CenturyLink CenturyLink Scanning ATTN: Data Distribution Mailstop: FLAPKA0107 P. O. BOX 165700 Altamonte Springs, FL 32716 Fax: 1-800-473-2017 Phone: 1-800-339-1811
dPi Teleconnect 2997 LBJ Freeway, Suite 225 Dallas, TX 75234 Fax: 1-800-610-9557 Phone: 1-877-564-6374	Easy Telephone Services P. O. Box 590007 Tamarac, FL 33359 Fax: (954) 640-0348 Phone: (954) 777-2771	Express Phone Service 1803 W. Fairfield Drive Pensacola, FL 32501 Fax: (850) 308-1151 Phone: 1-877-439-1010	FairPoint Communications Offline Services Group 30 East Main Street Westfield, NY 14787 Fax: 1-877-321-3166 Phone: 1-800-400-5568
FLATEL/Florida Telephone Co. 2300 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd., Suite 100 West Palm Beach, FL 33409 Fax: 1-877-593-9723 Phone: 1-888-777-6561	Frontier Communications P. O. Box 1038 Fort Dodge, IA 50501 Fax: (515) 573-124 Phone: 1-800-921-8101	ITS Telecommunications Attn: Customer Service P. O. Box 277 Indiantown, FL 34956 Fax: (772) 597-4155 Phone: (772) 597-2111	(Bay County Address)  Knology, Inc. 235 W. 15 <sup>th</sup> Street  Panama City, FL 32401  Fax: (850) 215-5800  Phone: (850) 215-2161
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SafeLink Wireless/TracFone Lifeline/Free Cell Phone Dept. P. O. Box 220009 Milwaukie, OR 97269-0009 Fax: 1-800-834-7713 Phone: 1-800-977-3768	Smart City Telecom Attn: Customer Care P. O. Box 22555 Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830 Fax: (407) 828-6701 Phone: (407) 828-6700	Sprint Nextel See Sprint Nextel's Web site at http://www.sprint.com/lifeline for more information and to download an application, or call 1-888-408-3306.	TDS Telecom - Lifeline P. O. Box 608 Lancaster, WI 53813 Fax: 1-877-271-2861 Phone: 1-888-225-5837
Verizon - SRC MC: FLSP2193/P.O. Box 11328 St. Petersburg, FL 33733-9656 Fax: 1-888-806-7026 Phone: 1-800-837-4966 or 1-800-483-4000	Verizon Wireless/COOS Dept. 2nd Floor 3601 Converse Drive Wilmington, NC 28403 Fax: 1-877-561-7829 Phone: 1-800-924-0585 verizonwireless.com/lifeline	Windstream Florida 1720 Galleria Blvd. Charlotte, NC 28270 Fax: (704) 849-7000 Phone: 1-877-807-9463	

# Lifeline and Link-Up Florida On-line Self Certification Form

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Section 364.107(1), Florida Statutes provides that personal identifying information concerning a participant in a telecommunications carrier's Lifeline Assistance Plan held by the Public Service Commission is confidential.

Customers of AT&T Florida, CenturyLink, or Verizon who are at or below 150% of the federal poverty income guidelines, but are not currently receiving benefits from one of the listed programs, do qualify for Lifeline service. Those customers may demonstrate their eligibility for Lifeline service to the Florida Office of Public Counsel. Please contact the Florida Office of Public Counsel at 1-800-540-7039. Customers of other telephone companies who are at or below 150% of the federal poverty income guidelines, but are not currently receiving benefits from one of the listed programs, should contact their telephone company to see if their telephone company is voluntarily enrolling Lifeline applicants through the income eligibility test of 150% or less of the federal poverty income guidelines.

Contact Information			
*Last Name		*First Name	
*Address Line 1			
Address Line 2			
*City		*State FL	*Zip Code
*Telephone (###- ###-####)		Date (mm/dd/yy * Date of E (mm/dd/yy	06/01/2010
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* Last 4 digits of Social Security Number	are r do no pleas	ast four digits of your Social Security Number equired to complete this application. If you of wish to provide this information here, se apply for Lifeline directly through your ce Provider.	
Service Provider  C Alltel Wireless C American Dial Tone C AT&T/BellSouth C Budget Phone, Inc. C CenturyLink C dPi Teleconnect C Express Phone Service C FLATEL/Florida Telephone Co. C Frontier Communications C GTC FairPoint Communications C ITS Telecommunication Systems	C TDS Telecom C Verizon C Windstream	I hereby certify that I participate in the following public assistance program(s):  Medicaid Food Stamps Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA) Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8) Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) National School Lunch Free Lunch Program Bureau of Indian Affairs Programs (Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Head Start Subsidy, NSLP)	
I certify that I am a current recipient of the above program(s) and will notify my local telephone company when I am no longer participating in any of the above-designated program(s). I give permission to the duly authorized official(s) administering the above programs to provide to the local telephone company my participation status in any of the above program(s). I give this permission on the condition that the information in this form and any information about my participation in the above programs provided by officials be maintained by the company as confidential customer account information. I am aware that pursuant to Section 837.06, F.S., whoever knowingly makes a false statement in writing with the intent to mislead a public servant in the performance of his or her official duty shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree.  I agree to these terms and conditions:  Yes  No			

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Form PSC/RAD 158 (XX/XX)

#### SUMMARY OF RULE

The rule codifies Lifeline service eligibility requirements and requirements that eligible telecommunications carriers (ETCs) must follow when offering Lifeline service. Such requirements include offering toll blocking and toll limitation service, and number-portability free of charge. Additional requirements address Link-Up service, service deposits, noticing of impending termination of Lifeline service, timing of the Lifeline credit, distribution of Lifeline information, and quarterly reporting requirements.

# SUMMARY OF HEARINGS ON THE RULE

No hearing was requested and none was held.

### FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES JUSTIFYING THE RULE

To codify current Lifeline requirements and to implement requirements that will facilitate enrollment in the program.