

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Lifeline and Link Up)	
Tariff Revisions Required by the Federal)	File No. IO-2012-0302
Communications Commission.)	

In the Matter of the Lifeline and Link Up)	
Tariff Revisions Required by the Federal)	File No. IO-2012-0303
Communications Commission.)	

In the Matter of the Lifeline and Link Up)	
Tariff Revisions Required by the Federal)	File No. IO-2012-0304
Communications Commission.)	

In the Matter of the Lifeline and Link Up)	
Tariff Revisions Required by the Federal)	File No. IT-2012-0305
Communications Commission.)	

In the Matter of the Lifeline and Link Up)	
Tariff Revisions Required by the Federal)	File No. CT-2012-0306
Communications Commission.)	

In the Matter of the Lifeline and Link Up)	
Tariff Revisions Required by the Federal)	File No. CT-2012-0307
Communications Commission.)	

**THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC COUNSEL'S RESPONSE TO TARIFF FILINGS
AND REQUESTS FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT**

COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) and for its Response to Tariff Filings and Requests for Expedited Treatment states as follows:

1. On March 16, 2012, the above stated file numbers were opened due to individual filings of a *Motion for Expedited Treatment and for Approval of Tariff Sheets on Less*

than Thirty Days' Notice. Concurrently, each respective company filed revised tariff sheets. In the filings, each company stated that its tariffs must be revised by April 2, 2012, in order to comply with the new mandates for the Lifeline and Link Up programs as contained in the February 6, 2012, Federal Communications Commission (FCC) *Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* in its Docket No. 11-42, *In the Matter of Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization* (Report and Order).

2. Each company's proposed tariff filing and request for expedited treatment only affect an existing Federal benefit for qualifying disabled and/or low income customers and do not affect the overall rates and charges approved by the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) for services offered to customers. Therefore, Public Counsel now states that it has no objection to each company's request in the above stated file numbers that the Commission approve the proposed tariff sheets effective on or after April 2, 2012.

WHEREFORE, Public Counsel respectfully submits its Response.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, emailed or hand-delivered to the following this 28th day of March 2012:

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