

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of a Repository Case in Which to)
Gather Information About the Lifeline Program)
And Evaluate the Purposes and Goals of the)
Missouri Universal Service Fund)

File No. TW-2014-0012

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

Issue Date: July 26, 2013

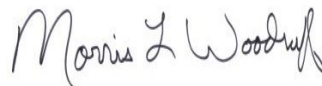
The Commission opened this file to gather information about Missouri's Lifeline Program and to evaluate the purposes and goals of the Missouri Universal Service Fund. On July 25, the Commission's Staff filed a request asking the Commission to inform interested stakeholders that Staff would like to collect comments addressing the following questions:

- a. What should be the purposes and goals of the Missouri USF?
- b. What problems should be addressed in the administration and operation of the Missouri USF?
- c. What changes should be made to the Missouri USF?
- d. Should wireless carriers be required to contribute to the Missouri USF and also be able to receive Missouri USF support?
- e. Should the Lifeline program be expanded in Missouri to ensure qualifying low-income consumers have access to broadband service? If yes, how should the program be expanded?

- f. Should eligibility criteria for consumers to qualify for the Lifeline program be expanded? If so, how?
- g. Should the Missouri USF support amount of \$3.50 be increased, decreased or remain the same?
- h. Do you anticipate the FCC's reforms, when fully implemented, will adequately address fraud, abuse and waste within the Lifeline program? Why or why not?
- i. What specific compliance efforts would be easy to implement to ensure companies and consumers comply with Lifeline program requirements?
- j. Should the State of Missouri strive to implement a data base to confirm Lifeline subscriber eligibility? If yes, how should it be funded?
- k. What other issues should be considered in this workshop proceeding?

Staff asks that anyone who wishes to respond to its questions do so no later than August 30, 2013, so that Staff can review and respond to the comments before determining the next step Staff would like to take in the process.

BY THE COMMISSION



Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 26th day of July, 2013.

Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge