

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Joint petition to implement practices and procedures with Department of Children and Families to automatically enroll eligible customers in Lifeline telephone program, by Citizens of Florida and AARP.

DOCKET NO. 060677-TL
ORDER NO. PSC-06-0897-PCO-TL
ISSUED: October 26, 2006

ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION

BY THE COMMISSION:

By Petition filed on October 20, 2006, Charles J. Crist, Jr., Attorney General, State of Florida, (Attorney General) requested permission to intervene in this proceeding. The Attorney General asserts that as chief state legal officer, he is authorized to intervene in all actions affecting the citizens of Florida. The Attorney General cites to several cases in support this assertion. According to the Attorney General, “[o]ne million households in Florida who are intended beneficiaries of the Lifeline program are failing to realize its benefits.” Furthermore, the Attorney General expresses his support of the Joint Petition filed by the Office of Public Counsel and AARP to implement automatic enrollment for Lifeline.

Having reviewed the Petition, it appears that the Attorney General, as chief state legal officer of the State of Florida may intervene on behalf of the citizens of the State of Florida, whose substantial interests may be affected by this proceeding. Therefore, the Attorney General’s request for permission to intervene in this proceeding shall be granted. Pursuant to Rule 25-22.039, Florida Administrative Code, the Attorney General takes the case as he finds it.

Therefore, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the Petition to Intervene filed by Charles J. Crist, Jr., Attorney General, State of Florida, is hereby granted. It is further

ORDERED that all parties to this proceeding shall furnish copies of all testimony, exhibits, pleadings and other documents which may hereinafter be filed in this proceeding, to:

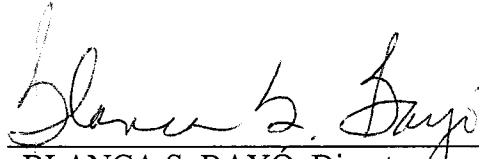
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By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 26th day of October, 2006.



BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director
Division of the Commission Clerk
and Administrative Services

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NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.569(1), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of any administrative hearing or judicial review of Commission orders that is available under Sections 120.57 or 120.68, Florida Statutes, as well as the procedures and time limits that apply. This notice should not be construed to mean all requests for an administrative hearing or judicial review will be granted or result in the relief sought.

Mediation may be available on a case-by-case basis. If mediation is conducted, it does not affect a substantially interested person's right to a hearing.

Any party adversely affected by this order, which is preliminary, procedural or intermediate in nature, may request: (1) reconsideration within 10 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.0376, Florida Administrative Code; or (2) judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court, in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility, or the First District Court of Appeal, in the case of a water or wastewater utility. A motion for reconsideration shall be filed with the Director, Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services, in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code. Judicial review of a preliminary, procedural or intermediate ruling or order is available if review of the final action will not provide an adequate remedy. Such review may be requested from the appropriate court, as described above, pursuant to Rule 9.100, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.