

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

VOTE SHEET

JULY 20, 2004

RE: Docket No. 040604-TL - Adoption of the National School Lunch Program and an income-based criterion at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines as eligibility criteria for the Lifeline and Link-Up programs.

Issue 1: Should the Commission adopt the National School Lunch free lunch program (NSL) for purposes of determining eligibility in the Lifeline and Link-Up programs in Florida consistent with the federal program?

Recommendation: Yes. Staff recommends that the Commission adopt the National School Lunch free lunch program (NSL) for purposes of determining eligibility in the Lifeline and Link-Up programs in Florida.

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Staff's recommendation was approved on all issues, with the caveat that the Commission have an opportunity to ~~an opportunity be provided to~~ implement the provisions of staff's ~~implement staff's recommendation~~ recommendations in a sound manner, ~~by having a rulemaking workshop~~ providing for accountability during a ~~to address all issues and concerns~~ rulemaking or protest of some other ~~related to this issue.~~ proceeding.

CEA note: Correction made following review of transcript.

COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: All Commissioners

COMMISSIONERS' SIGNATURES

MAJORITY

DISSENTING

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REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:

Commissioners Deason and Jaber dissented.

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Issue 2: Should the Commission adopt an income-based eligibility criterion for consumers with incomes at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG) for purposes of determining eligibility in the Lifeline and Link-Up programs in Florida consistent with the federal program?

Recommendation: ⁴Yes. Staff recommends that the Commission adopt an income-based eligibility criterion for consumers with incomes at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG) for purposes of determining eligibility in the Lifeline and Link-Up programs in Florida.

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Issue 3: Should the Commission modify Florida's Lifeline program to allow the addition of a self-certification option?

Recommendation: Yes. In addition to the standard certification currently in place, staff recommends that the Commission allow Florida consumers that qualify for Lifeline assistance the option of electing a self-certification process. The amount of Lifeline assistance provided would be based on the type of certification chosen by the consumer. ETCs should be directed to disclose to consumers both Lifeline certification processes available, along with the Lifeline credits available under each process. Further, the industry should be directed, in coordination with FPSC staff and the Office of Public Counsel, to efficiently implement this option for Florida's citizens.

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Issue 4: Should the Commission require ETCs, on an annual basis, to file reports identifying the number of applicants applying for Lifeline and Link-up, the number of applicants approved for Lifeline and Link-up, the method of certification the applicant used, and whether the approved applicant will receive \$8.25 or \$13.50 in assistance.

Recommendation: Yes. Staff recommends that the Commission require ETCs, on an annual basis, to file reports identifying the number of applicants applying for Lifeline and Link-up, the number of applicants approved for Lifeline/Link-up, the method of certification the applicant used, and whether the approved applicant received \$8.25 or \$13.50 in assistance.

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Issue 5: Should this docket be closed.

Recommendation: Yes. If no person whose interests are substantially affected by the proposed agency action files a protest within the 21-day protest period, this docket should be closed upon the issuance of a consummating order.

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