BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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IN RE: RULE DEVELOPMENT FOR PROPOSED ADOPTION OF RULE 25-4.0665, LIFELINE SERVICE

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT

TO

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

ISSUED: April 10, 2006

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 120.54, Florida Statutes, that the Florida Public Service Commission staff has initiated the development of Rule 25-4.0665, Florida Administrative Code, to adopt provisions relating to Lifeline service.

Attached is a copy of the draft rule and the Notice of Proposed Rule Development. The Notice of Proposed Rule Development appeared in the April 7, 2006, edition of the Florida Administrative Weekly. If timely requested and not deemed unnecessary by the Commission, a rule development workshop will be held at a time and place that will be announced. The request for workshop must be submitted in writing to Samantha Cibula, Office of the General Counsel, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850, and received no later than May 1, 2006.

By DIRECTION of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 10th day of April, 2006.

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

By:

Kay Flynn, Chief

Bureau of Records

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Rule 25-4.0665 Lifeline Service

- (1) An eligible telecommunications carrier must provide 60 days written notice prior to the termination of Lifeline service. The notice of pending termination shall contain the telephone number of the eligible telecommunications carrier. The notice shall also inform the customer of the availability, pursuant to Section 364.105, F.S., of discounted residential basic local telecommunications service.
- (2) If a customer's Lifeline service is terminated and the customer subsequently presents proof of Lifeline eligibility, an eligible telecommunications carrier shall reinstate the customer's Lifeline service as soon as practicable, but no later than 60 days following receipt of proof of eligibility.
- (3) An eligible telecommunications carrier shall not impose verification requirements on a customer who is certified as eligible to receive Lifeline service by the Office of Public Counsel under the income test set forth in Section 364.10(3)(a), F.S.
- (4) The Lifeline service discount shall be applied to the basic local exchange service rate or any service offering which combines basic local exchange service with nonbasic service (e.g. a service package combining basic local exchange service with call waiting, call forwarding, and voice mail).

Specific Authority 350.127(2), 364.10(3)(j)

Law Implemented 364.01(4)(a), 364.10, 364.105, FS

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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RULE TITLE:

RULE NO.:

Lifeline Service

25-4.0665

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: To adopt rules to administer the Lifeline service program.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: Lifeline service

SPECIFIC AUTHORITY: 350.127(2), 364.10(3)(j), FS

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 364.10, 364.105, FS

IF REQUESTED IN WRITING AND NOT DEEMED UNNECESSARY BY THE AGENCY

HEAD, A RULE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP WILL BE NOTICED IN THE NEXT

AVAILABLE FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE WEEKLY.

THE WORKSHOP REQUEST MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO SAMANTHA CIBULA, OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL, 2540 SHUMARD OAK BLVD.,

TALLAHASSEE, FL 32399-0850.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE

DEVELOPMENT IS: Curtis Williams, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32399-0862, (850) 413-6924.

THE PRELIMINARY TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT IS AVAILABLE AT NO CHARGE FROM THE CONTACT PERSON LISTED ABOVE.