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The Honorable Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

RE: *Ex Parte* Letter in CC Docket No. 96-45, Federal-State Board on Universal Service and WC Docket No. 03-109, Lifeline and Link-Up

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Forwarded herewith is an *Ex Parte* letter from Florida Public Service Commissioner Lisa Polak Edgar in the above dockets with regard to state Lifeline requirements for wireless eligible telecommunications carriers.

Sincerely,

/s/

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The Honorable Kevin Martin, Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: Ex Parte Letter in CC Docket No. 96-45, Federal-State Board on Universal Service and WC Docket No. 03-109, Lifeline and Link-Up

Dear Chairman Martin:

The Florida Public Service Commission requests the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to specifically address State Lifeline programs in future orders approving Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (ETCs) in Florida. We ask that you do this by placing in one of the ordering paragraphs the following language:

The ETC must follow the State Lifeline policies in the applicable state(s) where ETC status is approved.

Florida, like many state commissions, does not have jurisdiction over wireless eligible telecommunications carriers. Yet, Lifeline is an important program and should not be compromised by any set of carriers not following state programs. Inclusion of the requested language will highlight the need for FCC-designated ETCs to become aware of and comply with state Lifeline program requirements.

Sincerely,

/s/

Lisa Polak Edgar Commissioner

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