

VOTE SHEET

FEBRUARY 3, 1998

RE: DOCKET NO. 970744-TP - Implementation of changes in the Federal Lifeline Assistance Plan currently provided by telecommunications carriers of last resort.

Issue 1: Should the FPSC adopt the final \$1.75 of FCC Lifeline support that requires state matching?

Recommendation: Yes. Staff recommends that the \$1.75 requiring state matching of \$3.50 should be adopted. Tariffs incorporating this change should be filed to be effective April 1, 1998.

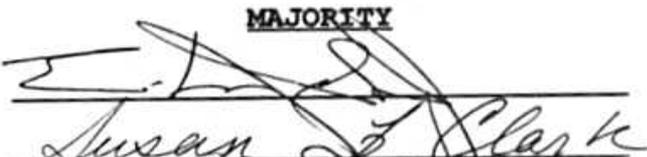
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COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: Full Commission

COMMISSIONERS' SIGNATURES

MAJORITY

DISSENTING

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REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:

COMMISSIONER GARCIA PARTICIPATED IN THE VOTE VIA VIDEO TELECONFERENCE. IN HIS VOTE, HE: AGREED WITH THE MAJORITY / DISSENTED. COMMISSIONER GARCIA WILL SIGN THE ORIGINAL VOTE SHEET UPON HIS RETURN TO TALLAHASSEE.

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Issue 2: Should the FPSC dismiss OPC's petition requesting a Section 120.57(2) hearing on the Lifeline provisions?

Recommendation: Yes. With the approval of the final \$1.75 of federal support, the FPSC will have addressed all issues raised by OPC's petition. Therefore, that petition is moot and should be dismissed. There is no further action needed to address OPC's petition.

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Issue 3: Should the FPSC adopt additional eligibility requirements for Lifeline and Link Up?

Recommendation: Yes. Staff recommends that the successor of Aid for Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), now called Temporary Aid for Needy Families (TANF), and programs included under it continue to be used to determine eligibility for Lifeline and Link Up. In addition, staff recommends that Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8) and Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) be added to the eligibility criteria for Lifeline and Link Up. These eligibility standards should be included in tariffs to be effective April 1, 1998.

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Issue 4: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: Yes. If no person whose substantial interests are affected files a protest within 21 days of issuance of the Order, the Order will become final, and this docket should be closed.

**DENIED**

*At staff's request, the docket will remain open pending resolution of outstanding petitions.*