

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Joint petition of
Citizens of Florida; Robert A.
Butterworth, Attorney General of
the State of Florida; and
American Association of Retired
Persons to expand lifeline
assistance plan eligibility
criteria so customers with
existing debts to local exchange
companies may no longer be
denied lifeline service as long
as they subscribe to toll
blocking service.

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ISSUED: December 3, 1999

ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION

By Petition, GTE Florida Incorporated (GTEFL) has requested permission to intervene in this proceeding. GTEFL states that it is a regulated telecommunications service provider in Florida, and the proposed changes in the Lifeline program would increase fraud and bad debt, to the detriment of the general body of customers who pay their bills fully and promptly.

Having reviewed the Petition, it appears that GTEFL's substantial interests may be affected by this proceeding because of its increased exposure to bad debt if the Lifeline program is expanded. Therefore, the Petition shall be granted. Pursuant to Rule 25-22.039, Florida Administrative Code, GTEFL takes the case as it finds it.

Therefore, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the Petition for Leave to Intervene filed by GTEFL, be and the same 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 3rd
day of December, 1999.

BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director
Division of Records and Reporting

By: Kay Flynn
Kay Flynn, Chief
Bureau of Records

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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

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Administrative Code, if issued by a Prehearing Officer; (2) reconsideration within 15 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code, if issued by the Commission; or (3) 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 Records and Reporting, 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.