

August 10, 2009

TO: PTA Member Companies
FROM: Steven J. Samara 
SUBJECT: Lifeline Certification AND Verification are Due August 31, 2009

Lifeline Certification AND Verification filings are soon due. The due dates are 8/31/09.

On August 4, 2008, the FCC revised the sample letter for these filings and merged them into one document – taking care of both requirements with one letter. The new letter allows eligible telecommunications carriers (ETCs) to indicate if they have not claimed federal low income support for any Lifeline customers during the year.

When filling out the form, PTA was instructed (by USAC) that Pennsylvania ETC's should check **both "1" and box "2"**. Pennsylvania is a non-default state, but the PA PUC requires that we follow the same verification rules that the FCC requires from default states.

Lifeline Certification:

Eligible Telecommunications Carriers must submit this certification annually to USAC - an officer of an ETC must certify that the company is in compliance with state Lifeline and Link Up income certification and verification procedures and that, to the best of his or her knowledge, documentation of income was provided. As noted above, the revised form letter covers both the Certification and Verification requirement under one letter.

Lifeline Verification (Recertification):

Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (ETCs) are required to verify the continued eligibility of a statistically valid sample of their Lifeline customers. The size of a statistically valid sample, however, varies based upon many factors, including the number of Lifeline subscribers and the previously estimated proportion of Lifeline subscribers inappropriately taking Lifeline service. Beginning in 2008, ETCs are no longer required to submit follow-up certification information. Instead, ETCs should contact consumers who do not initially respond and indicate their final designation as eligible or ineligible on the verification submission filed by August 31, 2009. Information for the verification survey should be pulled from your list of current Lifeline subscribers.

For additional information on these two requirements go to <http://www.universalservice.org/li/telecom/step08/certification.aspx>.

Filing should be submitted to USAC using only one of the following methods.

Mail	Fax	E-mail
USAC – Low Income Programs 2000 L Street, NW - Suite 200 Washington, DC 20036	Attn: Low Income Programs 202-776-0080	Liverifications@usac.org Scanned adobe files only

BILL INSERTS: Companies are reminded that you must send a Lifeline bill insert twice a year. If your second insert hasn't gone out, please do so by the end of the year. Sample language is attached (revised showing new name of Food Stamps program)

cc: PTA Service Committee