

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. P-100, SUB 133f

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of	
Lifeline and Link Up Services Pursuant to)	ORDER REVISING EFFECTIVE
Section 254 of the Telecommunications Act)	DATE TO DECEMBER 2, 2016
of 1996)	

BY THE COMMISSION: On October 27, 2016, the Commission issued its Order Revising Commission Rule R9-6, Effective December 1, 2016, Requiring Updated Tariffs, Eliminating Lifeline/Link Up Reporting Requirements, and Disbanding the Lifeline/Link Up Task Force in this docket.

Initial comments were filed by the parties in this docket on September 30, 2016, and no party filed reply comments on October 14, 2016. BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T North Carolina (AT&T) did note in its initial comments filed on September 30, 2016 that, “[t]he effective date for the streamlined federal eligibility criteria is set for the later of December 1, 2016 or 60 days following the federal Office of Management & Budget’s (OMB’s) approval of the [2016] Lifeline Modernization Order.”

On October 3, 2016, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) released a Public Notice (DA 16-1133) announcing the effective dates following approval by the OMB of Lifeline rules in the FCC’s 2016 Lifeline Modernization Order. The FCC noted that on September 20, 2016, the FCC received OMB approval of modified information collection requirements under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The FCC stated that the announcement of OMB approval of the rules was published in the Federal Register on October 3, 2016. Therefore, the FCC proclaimed that the FCC rules implicated in the Commission’s October 27, 2016 Order will become effective on December 2, 2016.

Based on this information, the Commission finds it appropriate to revise the effective date of Commission Rule R9-6 and the required tariff revisions as outlined in the Commission’s October 27, 2016 Order to December 2, 2016.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

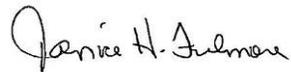
1. That Commission Rule R9-6 is revised as outlined in Appendix A of the Commission’s October 27, 2016 Order, effective December 2, 2016; and

2. That the incumbent local exchange companies shall be required to modify their local exchange tariffs concerning Lifeline and Link Up program availability as outlined in Appendix B of the Commission's October 27, 2016 Order, with an effective date for such tariff changes of December 2, 2016.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 9th day of November, 2016.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janice H. Fulmore".

Janice H. Fulmore, Deputy Clerk