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## ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION INFORMS THE FCC THAT ILLINOIS IS NOT A “FEDERAL DEFAULT STATE”

Each year, eligible telecommunications carriers (ETCs) are required to verify the continued eligibility of a statistically valid sample of their Lifeline subscribers.<sup>1</sup> Under the terms of the *Lifeline Order*, states that have their own state-based Low Income programs are required to have established procedures concerning verification procedures.<sup>2</sup> These state procedures should include how ETCs should verify continued eligibility and to whom the results should be submitted.<sup>3</sup> States that do not have state-based Low Income programs are designated “federal default states.” ETCs in federal default states must follow the certification and verification procedures set out in the *Lifeline Order*.<sup>4</sup>

In this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau announces that the Illinois Commerce Commission has informed the Federal Communications Commission that the state of Illinois is not a “federal default state.” As such, ETCs in Illinois must submit a certification, signed by an officer of the company, to the Universal Service Administrative Company by **August 31, 2006**, attesting that the ETC has complied with state verification procedures.

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<sup>1</sup> *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service Lifeline and Link-Up*, WC Docket No. 03-109, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 18 FCC Rcd 8302 (2004) (*Lifeline Order*).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* at 8322, para. 33.

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* at 8324, para. 37.

<sup>4</sup> *Id.*