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## COMMENT AND REPLY COMMENT DATES ESTABLISHED FOR UNIVERSAL SERVICE LIFELINE FURTHER NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

WC Docket Nos. 11-42, 03-109, 12-23 and  
CC Docket No. 96-45

**Comments Due: April 2, 2012**  
**Reply Comments Due: May 1, 2012**

On February 6, 2012, the Commission adopted a Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking seeking comment on a number of proposals to further reform and modernize the Commission's universal service Lifeline program.<sup>1</sup> A summary of the *Lifeline Reform Order* was published in the Federal Register on March 2, 2012.<sup>2</sup> A summary of the *Lifeline Reform FNPRM* was also published in the Federal Register on March 2, 2012.<sup>3</sup>

Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the dates indicated on the first page of this document. All comments are to reference **WC Docket Nos. 11-42, 03-109, 12-23 and CC Docket No. 96-45** and may be filed using: (1) the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or (2) by filing paper copies. See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

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<sup>1</sup> See *Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization*, WC Docket No. 11-42, *Lifeline and Link Up*, WC Docket No. 03-109, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, *Advancing Broadband Availability Through Digital Literacy Training*, WC Docket No. 12-23, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 12-11 (rel. Feb. 6, 2012) (*Lifeline Reform Order* and *Lifeline Reform FNPRM*).

<sup>2</sup> 77 Fed. Reg. 12,952 (March 2, 2012).

<sup>3</sup> 77 Fed. Reg. 12,784 (March 2, 2012).

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- (2) Kimberly Scardino, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-A465, Washington, D.C. 20554; e-mail: [Kimberly.Scardino@fcc.gov](mailto:Kimberly.Scardino@fcc.gov);
- (3) Charles Tyler, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-A452, Washington, D.C. 20554; e-mail: [Charles.Tyler@fcc.gov](mailto:Charles.Tyler@fcc.gov).

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<sup>4</sup> 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*

<sup>5</sup> *See* 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2).

<sup>6</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).

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