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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU PROVIDES GUIDANCE REGARDING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF CERTAIN RULES ADOPTED IN THE LIFELINE REFORM ORDER

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

In this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) notifies Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (ETCs) and other stakeholders that the amendments to section 54.403 of the Commission's rules adopted in the Commission's *Lifeline Reform Order*¹ implementing the \$9.25 flat rate on non-Tribal lands cannot become effective until the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approves the data collection provisions of that rule. Upon OMB approval, we intend to publish a notice in the Federal Register announcing the effective date of the rule and providing no less than 90 days after such publication for ETCs to come into compliance with the provisions related to the \$9.25 flat rate on non-Tribal lands.

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¹ See *Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization et al.*, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, WC Dkt. Nos. 11-42 *et al.*, CC Dkt. No. 96-45, FCC 12-11 (rel. Feb. 6, 2012) (*Lifeline Reform Order*).