

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization)	WC Docket No. 11-42
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Lifeline and Link Up)	WC Docket No. 03-109
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Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service)	CC Docket No. 96-45
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Advancing Broadband Availability Through Digital Literacy Training)	WC Docket No. 12-23
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WAIVER ORDER

Adopted: June 20, 2012

Released: June 20, 2012

By the Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau:

1. In this order, we grant a petition filed by the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia (DC PSC) on behalf of itself and the District Department of the Environment (DDOE) for waiver from 47 C.F.R. § 54.410(d) as amended by the *Lifeline Reform Order*.¹
2. The DC PSC seeks a waiver until August 1, 2012 to comply with section 54.410(d) of the Commission's rules requiring the state to provide prospective subscribers with a certification form that complies with the requirements of the *Lifeline Reform Order*.² The DC PSC argues that DDOE, which is the state entity that is responsible for certifying and recertifying Lifeline subscribers, needs additional time to update the subscriber application and certification form to comply with section 54.410(d).³ The DC PSC argues that it needs additional time for the new form to be approved by the DC PSC, translated, printed and uploaded to the state database.⁴ As the DC PCS explains, the waiver it seeks would only apply to Lifeline subscribers for wireline services in the District of Columbia, because wireless Lifeline providers certify their own customers.⁵
3. We find that there is good cause to grant a limited two-month waiver for the DC PSC to

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

² Petition For Waiver of the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia, WC Dkts. 11-42 et al., CC Dkt. No. 96-45, at 1-2 (filed May 23, 2012) (DC PSC Petition). The Petition for Waiver originally included a request for waiver of sections 54.410(b)(2)(ii), 54.410(c)(2)(ii) and 54.410(e) but the DC PSC withdrew that portion of its waiver request. Request to Partially Withdraw Petition for Waiver of the District of Columbia Public Service Commission, WC Dkts. 11-42 et al., CC Dkt. No. 96-45 (filed June 13, 2012).

³ See DC PSC Petition at 1-2, 6.

⁴ See *id.*

⁵ See *id.* at fn. 3.

update its certification form in accordance with the *Lifeline Reform Order*. During this waiver period, however, the DC PSC must still provide notice to the wireline ETC, Verizon Washington, DC Inc., that new subscribers meet the income or program-based eligibility requirements of the Lifeline program and have executed a certification form.⁶

4. ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to the authority contained in sections 1-4 and 254 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 151-154, 254, and sections 0.91, 0.291, and 1.3 and 54.722(a) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.291, 1.3, that section 54.410(d) is WAIVED to the limited extent provided herein.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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⁶ See *Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization et al.*, Waiver Order, WC Dkt. Nos. 11-42 et al., CC Dkt. No. 96-45, DA 12-863, para. 5 (rel. May 31, 2012), Erratum (rel. June 4, 2012) (*Waiver Order*).