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## WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU ANNOUNCES SUBMISSION OF THE DRAFT NATIONAL VERIFIER PLAN BY USAC PURSUANT TO THE LIFELINE MODERNIZATION ORDER AND PROVIDES INFORMATION ON SUBMITTING COMMENTS TO USAC

WC Docket Nos. 11-42, 09-197, 10-90

On March 31, 2016, the Federal Communications Commission adopted the *2016 Lifeline Modernization Order*, with the goals of ensuring the affordability of voice and broadband service for low-income consumers and promoting the fiscal integrity of the Lifeline program.<sup>1</sup> In the *Order*, the Commission established a National Lifeline Eligibility Verifier (National Verifier) to make eligibility determinations and perform other functions necessary to enroll eligible subscribers into the Lifeline program.<sup>2</sup> The *Order* also directed the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) to submit a Draft National Verifier Plan to the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) and the Office of the Managing Director (OMD) before December 1, 2016.<sup>3</sup> By this Public Notice, the Bureau announces that USAC submitted the Draft National Verifier Plan to the Bureau and OMD on November 30, 2016.

The Draft Lifeline National Verifier Plan is now available for public review. Interested parties can view the draft plan at <http://www.usac.org/li/tools/national-verifier/default.aspx> or in Commission dockets 11-42, 09-197, or 10-90.

Beginning December 5, 2016, USAC will accept comments, questions, and feedback through the comments feature available at <http://www.usac.org/li/tools/national-verifier/default.aspx>. At that site, visitors can review the Draft Lifeline National Verifier Plan, provide feedback and review other commenters' feedback. Feedback is welcome throughout the implementation of the National Verifier, however, stakeholders are encouraged to provide comments by December 30, 2016 with respect to the National Verifier Plan.<sup>4</sup> Additional instructions concerning submission of comments and feedback is included on the USAC site. As required by the Commission, the National Verifier Plan will be updated approximately every six months throughout the implementation and any Plan changes will be reflected in USAC's National Verifier Implementation Updates.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> See *Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization*, Third Report and Order, Further Report and Order, and Order on Reconsideration, 31 FCC Rcd 3962 (2016) (*2016 Lifeline Modernization Order* or *Order*).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* at 4006, para. 126.

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* at 4020, para. 162.

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

<sup>5</sup> *Id.* at 4020, para. 163.