

LCB File No. R087-09

PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA

Docket No. 08-11007

EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~omitted material~~ is to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: NRS 703.025, 704.210, 704.6873, 707.490

NAC 704.680478 is hereby amended to read as follows:

*Request* ~~[Application]~~ for disbursement from Fund to eligible telecommunications carrier for reimbursement of costs of providing discount in rate for Lifeline service. (NRS 703.025, 704.040, 704.210, 704.6873)

1. A provider of telecommunication service who is designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier may file *directly with the administrator of the fund to maintain the availability of telephone service a request for* ~~[an application requesting]~~ a disbursement of money from the *fund to maintain the availability of telephone service* for reimbursement of the costs of providing a discount in the rate for Lifeline service pursuant to NAC 704.680475. The amount of reimbursement requested per line per month must not exceed the difference between the amount of the Lifeline discount offered by the provider pursuant to NAC 704.680475 and the amount of federal universal service support available for the discount pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.403(a).

2. An eligible telecommunications carrier may seek reimbursement from the *fund to maintain the availability of telephone service* for only the portion of the discount in the rate for Lifeline service for which federal universal service support is not available.

3. The *fund to maintain the availability of telephone service will reimburse an eligible telecommunications carrier the difference between the total Lifeline service discount provided to the carrier's customers and the amount received for federal Tier One, Two, Three and Four funding pursuant to 47 CFR Sec. 54.403(a)* ~~[Commission will issue an order approving, denying or modifying an application filed pursuant to subsection 1 within 90 days after receipt of the application].~~

4. *Reimbursement from the fund to maintain the availability of telephone service will be capped at \$3.50 per month per Lifeline subscriber.*

5. *The basic network service rate or basic network service provided by an alternative technology rate for non-tribal Lifeline participants will not be less than \$3.50 per month.*

6. *180 days prior to beginning the first period for which the carrier may request reimbursement, an eligible telecommunications carrier will submit directly to the administrator of the fund to maintain the availability of telephone service the carrier's anticipated reimbursement through the end of the forecasted calendar year. The carrier's report must provide the anticipated number of monthly Lifeline subscribers and the amount of total Lifeline discount per line.*

*7. An eligible telecommunications carrier will file no later than 30 days after the close of each calendar quarter directly with the administrator of the fund to maintain the availability of telephone service a request for the amount of support needed to reimburse the provider the difference between the total Lifeline service discount provided to the carrier's customers and the amount received for federal Tier One, Two, Three and Four funding pursuant to 47 CFR Sec. 54.403(a).*

*8. An eligible telecommunications carrier's quarterly request for reimbursement to the administrator of the fund to maintain the availability of telephone service will include the average number of Lifeline customers for each full month of the quarter and the per line discount amount per customer. The quarterly request will also provide the administrator with the per line reimbursement amount that the carrier will seek from the fund to maintain the availability of telephone service beginning with the quarter following the filing.*

*9. The administrator of the fund to maintain the availability of telephone service will distribute funds to an eligible telecommunications carrier quarterly.*

*10. The administrator of the fund to maintain the availability of telephone service will submit to the Commission a quarterly report reflecting the assessments collected and disbursements made from the fund to maintain the availability of telephone service.*

*11. This section applies exclusively to an eligible telecommunications carrier's request for a disbursement of money from the fund to maintain the availability of telephone service for reimbursement of the costs of providing a discount in the rate for Lifeline service.*