



August 8, 2017

VIA ECFS

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

ATTN: Wireline Competition Bureau; Office of the Managing Director

**Re: TruConnect – Request for Extension of Time
WC Docket No. 11-42 – Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 1.46 of the FCC's rules, TruConnect hereby requests a fourteen (14) day extension of time for submission of the final Attestation Report on its Lifeline program biennial audit, which is due on August 10, 2017. As demonstrated below, good cause exists for the extension.

TruConnect is requesting the extension for the following reasons. First, our previous independent auditor ended our contract prior to completion of the biennial audit. We engaged with a new auditing firm, but unfortunately this transition time and effort took needed resources away from completing the audit. Second, and as importantly, we have experienced employee turnover in the departments involved in the analysis and collection of the data for the biennial audit. Coupled with the sale of the Sage Telecom wireline business, that is subject in part to the audit, the historical knowledge that would be helpful in expeditiously responding to the audit has been diminished. Despite these issues, we are on track to provide our Attestation Report, however, we are seeking an extension that will allow us to provide our information by Thursday August 24, 2017.

Please feel free to contact me at (213) 379-5141 or mcook@truconnect.com if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

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TruConnect

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