



# PUBLIC NOTICE

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**WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON PETITION OF Q LINK  
WIRELESS, LLC FOR A LIMITED WAIVER TO PERMIT ALTERNATIVE TRANSMISSION  
OF LIFELINE ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION AND CUSTOMER CERTIFICATIONS TO THE  
NATIONAL VERIFIER**

**WC Docket Nos. 17-287, 11-42, 09-197**

**Comment Date: November 23, 2018**

**Reply Comment Date: November 30, 2018**

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) seeks comment on the Petition of Q Link Wireless, LLC for a Limited Waiver to Permit Alternative Transmission of Lifeline Eligibility Information and Customer Certifications to the National Verifier.<sup>1</sup> Specifically, Q Link Wireless, LLC (Q Link) requests that the Commission grant Q Link a limited waiver to “permit Q Link in ‘hard launch’ states to submit eligibility documentation to the National Verifier via bulk transfer to facilitate its review of consumer eligibility” until Q Link’s Emergency API Petition<sup>2</sup> requesting that the Commission direct USAC to implement machine-to-machine interfaces for the National Verifier is resolved.<sup>3</sup>

Interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the respective dates indicated above. Comments may be filed using the Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), or by filing paper copies.

- **Electronic Filers:** Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/>
- **Paper Filers:** Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing. Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail. All filings must be addressed to the Commission’s Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.
  - All hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission’s Secretary must be delivered to FCC Headquarters at 445 12<sup>th</sup> St., SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. The filing hours are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes and boxes must be disposed of before entering the building.

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<sup>1</sup> See Petition of Q Link Wireless, LLC for a Limited Waiver to Permit Alternative Transmission of Lifeline Eligibility Information and Customer Certifications to the National Verifier, WC Docket Nos. 17-287, 11-42, 09-197 (filed Nov. 1, 2018) (Q Link Petition for Limited Waiver).

<sup>2</sup> Emergency Petition of Q Link Wireless, LLC for an Order Directing the Universal Service Administrative Company to Implement Machine-to-Machine Interfaces for the National Verifier, WC Docket Nos. 17-287 et al. (filed July 5, 2018) (Emergency API Petition).

<sup>3</sup> Q Link Petition for Limited Waiver at 1 and 11.

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- U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail must be addressed to 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554.

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The proceeding this petition initiates shall be treated as a “permit-but-disclose” proceeding in accordance with the Commission’s *ex parte* rules.<sup>4</sup> Persons making *ex parte* presentations must file a copy of any written presentation or a memorandum summarizing any oral presentation within two business days after the presentation (unless a different deadline applicable to the Sunshine period applies). Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentation must (1) list all persons attending or otherwise participating in the meeting at which the *ex parte* presentation was made, and (2) summarize all data presented and arguments made during the presentation. If the presentation consisted in whole or in part of the presentation of data or arguments already reflected in the presenter’s written comments, memoranda or other filings in the proceeding, the presenter may provide citations to such data or arguments in his or her prior comments, memoranda, or other filings (specifying the relevant page and/or paragraph numbers where such data or arguments can be found) in lieu of summarizing them in the memorandum. Documents shown or given to Commission staff during *ex parte* meetings are deemed to be written *ex parte* presentations and must be filed consistent with rule 1.1206(b). In proceedings governed by rule 1.49(f) or for which the Commission has made available a method of electronic filing, written *ex parte* presentations and memoranda summarizing oral *ex parte* presentations, and all attachments thereto, must be filed through the electronic comment filing system available for that proceeding, and must be filed in their native format (*e.g.*, .doc, .xml, .ppt, searchable .pdf). Participants in this proceeding should familiarize themselves with the Commission’s *ex parte* rules.

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<sup>4</sup> 47 CFR §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*