

**BEFORE THE  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of

Lifeline and Link Up Reform and  
Modernization

WC Docket No. 11-42

**SUPPLEMENT TO PETITION OF THE  
CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
FOR TEMPORARY WAIVER**

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## **I. INTRODUCTION**

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC or California) hereby files a supplement to its Petition for Temporary Waiver (Waiver Petition) of the federal Lifeline recertification and non-usage rules that the CPUC filed with the Commission on November 8, 2017. The purpose of this supplement is to add four additional counties in California to the Waiver Petition and to request that the relief requested in the Waiver Petition be extended to these counties.

## **II. DISCUSSION**

In the November 8<sup>th</sup> Waiver Petition, the CPUC requested a temporary waiver from the Commission's recertification<sup>1</sup> and non-usage<sup>2</sup> requirements to assist victims of the October, 2017 California wildfires. The counties named in the Waiver Petition were Butte, Mendocino, Napa, Nevada, Solano, Sonoma, Lake, Orange, and Yuba.

Barely two months after these wildfires, in December 2017, counties in Southern California were also ravaged by wildfires. These counties include Los Angeles<sup>3</sup>, Santa Barbara<sup>4</sup>, San Diego<sup>5</sup> and Ventura<sup>6</sup>. Governor of California Edmund G. Brown Jr. declared a state of emergency for these four Southern California counties. The Federal Emergency Management Agency also issued an emergency declaration for these four

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<sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.405(e)(4) and 54.410(f).

<sup>2</sup> 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.405(e)(3) and 54.407(c)(2).

<sup>3</sup> See <http://www.lafd.org/news/skirball-fire-update> ; See also <http://www.fire.lacounty.gov/rye-fire/>; <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/article/5669/42359/>

<sup>4</sup> See [http://www.fire.ca.gov/current\\_incidents/incidentdetails/Index/1922](http://www.fire.ca.gov/current_incidents/incidentdetails/Index/1922).

<sup>5</sup> See [http://www.fire.ca.gov/current\\_incidents/incidentdetails/Index/1928](http://www.fire.ca.gov/current_incidents/incidentdetails/Index/1928).

<sup>6</sup> See [http://www.fire.ca.gov/current\\_incidents/incidentdetails/Index/1922](http://www.fire.ca.gov/current_incidents/incidentdetails/Index/1922).

counties on December 8, 2017.<sup>7</sup> The fires caused massive power outages, disrupted communications services and destroyed thousands of homes and buildings.

For these four counties, the CPUC requests the same relief that we requested in the November 8<sup>th</sup> Waiver Petition as follows:

1. Temporary waiver from the federal recertification<sup>8</sup> and non-usage<sup>9</sup> requirements;
2. A four-month waiver (from December 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018)<sup>10</sup>; and
3. Temporary waiver for approximately 743,422<sup>11</sup> Lifeline participants (Los Angeles – 570, 046; Santa Barbara – 15,120; San Diego – 131,207; and Ventura – 27,049);

### **III. CONCLUSION**

For the foregoing reasons and the reasons set forth in the November 8<sup>th</sup> Waiver Petition, the CPUC hereby requests a temporary waiver of the Commission's Lifeline non-usage and recertification rules for subscribers residing in Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, San Diego and Ventura counties, in addition to the nine counties named in the Waiver Petition.

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<sup>7</sup> See <https://www.fema.gov/disaster/3396> (last visited on December 21, 2017).

<sup>8</sup> 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.405(e)(4) and 54.410(f).

<sup>9</sup> 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.405(e)(3) and 54.407(c)(2).

<sup>10</sup> In the November 8<sup>th</sup> Waiver Petition, the CPUC requested a four-month waiver, from October 1, 2017 through January 31, 2018. In this Supplement, the CPUC also requests a waiver for four months, but for the waiver period to run from December 1, 2017 through March 30, 2018 and for the renewal process to begin on April 1, 2018.

<sup>11</sup> This number is based on customer records in the California LifeLine database as of June 30, 2017.

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