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September 21, 2015

VIA ECFS

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

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Communication, *In the Matter of Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization; Lifeline and Link Up; Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service; Advancing Broadband Availability Through Digital Literacy Training (LifeLine Reform Order)*; WC Docket Nos. 03-109, 12-23 and 11-42; CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has successfully incorporated a third-party identity (ID) verification process to the California LifeLine Program. This satisfies the Federal Communications Commission's Order¹ which approved the CPUC's petition to opt out of the National Lifeline Accountability Database² on the condition that the CPUC implements a third-party ID check to verify subscribers IDs and check for duplicates. The ID verification process is fully operational and is capable of detecting and eliminating duplicate Lifeline support in compliance with the Order.³

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, a copy of this letter has been filed via ECFS. If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at (415) 703-1999 or sjy@cpuc.ca.gov.

¹ See *In the Matter of Lifeline Reform and Modernization et al.*, WC Dkt. 11-42, Order (rel. March 4, 2012).

² See *CPUC's Petition to Opt Out of the National Lifeline Accountability Database*, WC Dkt. 11-42 (filed December 3, 2012).

³ The CPUC filed several requests for extension of time to implement the ID verification process. In the CPUC's last request for extension of time which was filed on March 10, 2015, the CPUC committed to implementing the ID verification by June 30, 2015, to which the CPUC has complied with.

Respectfully submitted,

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