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

Re: *Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization et al.*, WC Docket No. 11-42.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Cable (MDTC)[1] respectfully submits this notice responding to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) request for state notifications on Lifeline recertification, contained in the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau)'s March 5, 2014 Guidance Notice.[2] In the Guidance Notice, the Bureau encouraged state agencies to "notify the Bureau and USAC whether they are recertifying subscribers and under what circumstances."[3]

On behalf of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the MDTC hereby notifies the FCC and the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) that Massachusetts eligible telecommunications carriers (ETCs) conduct their own subscribership recertifications at this time. Please contact me should you have any further questions at 617-368-1101.

Respectfully submitted,

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[1] The MDTC regulates telecommunications and cable services within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and represents the Commonwealth before the FCC. *See* MASS. GEN. LAWS ch. 25C, § 1 and ch. 166A, § 16.
[2] "Wireline Competition Bureau Provides Guidance to Eligible Telecommunications Carriers on the Process to Elect USAC to Perform Lifeline Recertification," WC Docket No. 11-42, Public Notice, DA 14-303 (rel. Mar. 5, 2014) (Guidance Notice).
[3] *Id.* at 3, fn. 13.