

## NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

Issued: November 19, 2018

### In the Matter of the Implementation of Processes for the Minnesota Telephone Assistance Plan Consistent with Changes in the Federal Lifeline Program

**PUC Docket Number: P999/CI-18-223**

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**Issue:** Should a variance to Minnesota Rule 7817.0900, Subp. 3 E, F and G be granted so that Section 9 of the TAP Reporting Form be removed beginning in CY2019?

**Background:** The Commission's Telephone Assistance Plan (TAP) Rules specify the content of the TAP reporting forms. Minn. Rule 7817.0900 subpart 3 E, F, and G require local service providers to include data regarding their participation in the Federal Lifeline Program. However, due to changes in the Federal Lifeline program, the data requested by the Commission's rules is no longer relevant. In addition, because many Minnesota consumers receive Lifeline from wireless carriers, the Lifeline data collected from TAP reporting forms represents a small percentage of Minnesota Lifeline customers. Staff suggests that Section 9 of the TAP reporting form be removed at this time as it no longer provides useful data. All Lifeline providers report their data separately to the FCC using the USAC "Lifeline Claims Worksheet" which differentiates between Tribal and Non-Tribal programs and voice, broadband and bundled service.

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