

## NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD ON TAP BUDGET

Issued: October 29, 2019

### In the Matter of Telephone Assistance Plan Review

**PUC Docket Number: P999/CI-19-539**

**Comment Period:** Initial comment period closes November 18, 2019 at 4:30pm

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### Topic Open for Comment:

- Annual review of TAP Budget revenues and expenditures as listed in the Commission's September 10, 2019 report.

**Background:** Under Minn. Stat. §§ 237.69 -.71, the Commission is the coordinator of the Telephone Assistance Plan (TAP), a program that provides monthly bill credits to low-income telephone subscribers. The bill credits are funded by a monthly surcharge on every wireline access line in the state. The Commission has most recently considered these matters in Dockets No. CI-12-182, CI-13-213, CI-14-470, CI-15-535, CI-16-302, CI-17-677, and CI-18-112.

On January 15, 2019, the Commission issued an Order in Docket No. P-999/CI-18-112 which increased the credit level awarded per month to \$7.00 per month with an increase in the surcharge level to \$0.10 per month. The effective date for the new surcharge and/or credit amount was July 1, 2019.

On September 10, 2019, the Commission's TAP Administrator submitted a report on the Fund's status during the first half of 2019 for further consideration. (Please see Docket No. CI-19-539)

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