



NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

Issued: October 4, 2017

In the Matter of Telephone Assistance Plan (TAP) Review

PUC Docket Number/s: P999/CI-17-677

Comment Period: Initial comment period closes October 31, 2017 at 4:30pm
Reply comment period closes November 10, 2017 at 4:30pm

*Comments must be received by 4:30pm on the close date
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Topic/s Open for Comment:

- What changes, if any, should the Commission make to the TAP benefit and/or surcharge levels?
- Should the Commission use any of the TAP fund for outreach and promotion of the program, as allowed by Minn. Stat. §237.701, subd. 1(2)?
- If the Commission should use TAP funds for outreach, please comment on any recommended amounts that should be expended, preferred methods of outreach, or organizations which might assist in such outreach.

Project 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-16-302, CI- 15-535, CI-14-470, CI-13-213, and CI-12-182.

On September 14, 2017, the Commission's TAP Administrator submitted a report on the Fund's status in this docket.

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