

**RHODE ISLAND GOVERNMENT REGISTER
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Title of Rule: Certification and Verification Procedures for Telecommunications Carriers Eligible to Receive Payments From the Federal Universal Service Fund

Rule Identifier: 810-RICR-20-00-3

Rulemaking Action: Direct Final Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: 09/11/2018

End of Public Comment: 10/11/2018

Authority for this Rulemaking:

R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-1 et seq., 39-2-5(9)(i)

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Summary of Rulemaking Action:

The regulation sets rules and procedures to certify and designate Eligible Telecommunication Carriers (ETC) eligible to receive funding under the Federal Universal Service Fund to provide lifeline services to eligible consumers. The rules also set procedures for ETCs to certify and verify customer eligibility and enrollment in Link-Up and Lifeline services in the State of Rhode Island.

The proposed amendment will 1) add word "and Purpose" to Section 3.1; 2) incorporate by reference Section 3.2; 3) move two definitions "Tribal Link-up" and "Household" from other sections of rule into the Definitions Section 3.3; 4) remove definition of Tribal Link-up from Section 3.5; and remove definition of "household" from 3.6.

Additional Information and Comments:

If no formal objection is received on or before October 11, 2018, Public Utilities Commission will file the Amendment without opportunity for public comment..

Objections should be addressed to:

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Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:

Permits the State of Rhode Island to participate in the Universal Service Lifeline Program.

For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation see agency contact person above.