

**NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD**

**IN THE MATTER OF LIFELINE AND LINKUP REFORM**

**DOCKET NO. TO12050367**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF VERIZON NEW JERSEY, INC. FOR APPROVAL (I) OF A NEW PLAN FOR AN ALTERNATIVE FORM OF REGULATION AND (II) TO RECLASSIFY MULTI-LINE RATE REGULATED BUSINESS SERVICES AS COMPETITIVE SERVICE, AND COMPLIANCE FILING, (“PAR-2”) “DECISION AND ORDER”**

**DOCKET NO. TO01020095**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF UNITED TELEPHONE COMPANY OF NEW JERSEY, INC. D/B/A EMBARQ FOR APPROVAL OF A PLAN FOR ALTERNATIVE REGULATION**

**DOCKET NO. TO08060451**

**Please Take Notice** that the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (Board) by Order dated May 23, 2012, granted a temporary suspension of the Verizon New Jersey and CenturyLink Automatic enrollment Programs. As part of the Board’s decision, it established a comment period and will take permanent action on the suspension following the opportunity for interested parties to be heard. This suspension was made in light of a February 6, 2012 FCC Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking setting forth significant changes to the Federal Lifeline program which are applicable to all states, including New Jersey.<sup>1</sup>

Therefore, any party who wishes to comment should send written comments to Kristi Izzo, Secretary of the Board at 44 South Clinton Avenue, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Post Office Box 350, Trenton, NJ 08625-0350 or electronically [board.secretary@bpu.state.nj.us](mailto:board.secretary@bpu.state.nj.us). These written comments must be received by June 21, 2012. Comments should be identified with the heading I/M/O Lifeline and Linkup Reform – Docket No. TO12050367.

Interested parties can review a copy of the Order initiating the proceeding at the Board’s Trenton offices at 44 South Clinton Avenue, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, or may view a copy on the Board’s web site at [www.nj.gov/bpu](http://www.nj.gov/bpu).

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<sup>1</sup> The FCC Order is available at [http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs\\_public/attachmatch/FCC-12-11A1.pdf](http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-12-11A1.pdf)