

# PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

## Universal Service Fund Council

### SUMMARY OF JUNE 11, 2013 MEETING

**Meeting Date/Time:** June 11, 2013, 9:30 AM

**Place:** Public Service Commission Building, Flambeau River Conf. Rm. - Madison, WI

**Council Members:** Jean Pauk – USFC Chair (TDS), Jill Collins (AT&T), Jim Costello (Lemonweir Valley Tel. Co.) (by phone), Bob Kellerman (GWAAR), Scott Bohler (Frontier Communications) (by phone), David Byers (NEIT Wireless), Pam Holmes (Ultratec), Jason Meyer (Avada Hearing and Audiology), John Eich (UW School of Medicine/WORH), Pam Hollick (tw telecom) (by phone), Vanessa Johnson (New Concept Dev. Ctr.)

**Commission staff:** Jeff Richter, Joyce Dingman, Peter Jahn, Dennis Klaila, Duane Wilson

**Others:** Tim Mumm, Interpreter

Chairperson Pauk called the meeting to order at 9:34 and welcomed those in attendance. Quorum was present. Self-introductions were done.

Jeff Richter oriented the members on the purpose of the meeting and possible outcomes.

The USFC reviewed and approved the minutes of the February 26, 2013 meeting.

The USFC reviewed the staff draft USF budget for Fiscal Year 2014. Following questions and discussion, motion was made, seconded and passed to adopt the following minute:

The FY 2014 budget contains up to \$500,000 for the Commission to contract for the development of a web interface for receiving and processing all Lifeline applications and verifying, and annually re-verifying, Lifeline customer eligibility through state databases. It will also allow the Commission to be even more proactive in preventing fraud in the Lifeline program and do the annual certification of Lifeline compliance to the FCC. The Universal Service Fund Council (USFC) recommends to the Commission that it adopt the staff budget as modified by the USFC to separately designate the \$500,000 for the development of the Lifeline web interface.

Jeff Richter noted the following:

- Wisconsin was allocated \$174,000 by the FCC for FY13 for the assessments, purchase and installation of equipment, administration, and train recipients as part of the National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program. Great progress was made in ramping up this program and a significant portion of the funds will get used.
- The Nonprofit Grant decisions made by the Commission for 2013.
- Progress is being made by staff on the rules package that will go to the Commission later in the summer for the Commission to decide on the issuance of a Notice of Hearing for the USF

rulemaking. Staff will send the timeline for action in the docket and the Notice to the USFC members when issued.

The USFC adjourned at 10:55 am.

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