

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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**NOTICE TO ALL CARRIERS PROVIDING
CALIFORNIA LIFELINE SERVICE**

The Communications Division (CD) is issuing this notice to establish the Household Income Limitation (HIL) requirement for the California LifeLine Program (LifeLine) for 2011-2012. General Order (GO) 153, Section 5.2 requires CD to adjust the income limits annually to reflect inflation based on changes in the Federal Consumer Price Index – Urban Area (CPI-U) and to notice carries. The GO further requires the utilities to implement the income adjustments by June 1st of each year by filing revised tariffs.

The Household Income Limitation beginning June 1, 2011 through May 31, 2012, will remain the same as the amounts used for the June 1, 2009 to May 31, 2011 period. CD determined it miscalculated the CPI-U increase resulting in an overstatement of the income limitation. Correcting the income limitation amounts for the correct CPI-U, 0.1% instead of 5% for 2009-2010 periods, and applying the 1.5% CPI-U increase for this period result in income limits lower than the current levels.

In the interest of low income consumers, the Communications Division will not lower the income eligibility limitations. The current levels identified below will be effective through May 31, 2012. CD will review the household income eligibility levels next year to determine if an increase is necessary to maintain the income eligibility limits at approximately 150% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

**Household Income Eligibility Limitations
Effective from June 1, 2011 to May 31, 2012**

<u>Household Size</u>	<u>Income Limitation</u>
1-2	\$24,000
3	\$28,200
4	\$34,000
Each Additional Member	\$5,800

Carriers are required by Section 5.2.1 of GO 153 to file revised tariffs effective June 1, 2011 with the Communications Division reflecting the income eligibility levels for the period June 1, 2011 to May 31, 2012.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact **Cherrie Conner** at (415) 703-2767, (chr@cpuc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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