

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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**NOTICE TO ALL CARRIERS REGARDING
CALIFORNIA LIFELINE TELEPHONE PROGRAM**

The Communications Division (CD) is issuing this notice to establish the Household Income Limitation (HIL) requirement for the California LifeLine Telephone Program for 2010-2011. 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 carriers accordingly. 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, 2010 through May 31, 2011 will remain the same as the amounts used for the June 1, 2009 to May 31, 2010 period. CD determined it miscalculated the CPI-U increase for 2009-2010 period resulting in an overstatement of the household income limitation. Correcting the income limitation amounts for 2009-2010 period, however, by applying 0.1% instead of 5%, and then applying the 2.7% CPI-U increase for 2010-2011 period would result in income limits lower than the current levels. Therefore, in the interest of low income consumers, CD will not lower the income eligibility limitations. Instead, the current levels, identified below, will be effective through May 31, 2011. 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, 2010 to May 31, 2011**

<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, 2010 with CD reflecting the income eligibility levels for the period June 1, 2010 to May 31, 2011.

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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