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South Carolina Public Service Commission Receives Petition from Office of Regulatory Staff Related to Universal Service Fund Docket

Columbia, South Carolina—The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") has filed a Petition for a Waiver and Amendment of the Revised Guidelines for the Administrator and the Participants of the South Carolina Universal Service Fund ("USF") with the Public Service Commission ("PSC" or "the Commission"). This Petition requests the waiver of the USF Guidelines approved by the Commission in Order No. 2016-756 (issued on October 19th, 2016) and a waiver of the USF Guidelines to provide a refund to Palmetto Net, Inc. A complete summary of the ORS's proposed amendments to the USF guidelines can be found on pages 7-9 in the petition linked here. The entire case is tracked and archived by the Commission as Docket No. 2023-301-C, which can be found at this link.

Members of the public and stakeholders may participate in this case by filing a Letter of Protest via the Commission's protest process <u>at this link</u> or by filing a Petition to Intervene, thereby becoming a party in the case. Stakeholders can also file comments regarding this Petition by submitting written comments via email or traditional mail to the Commission and to all parties of record in <u>Docket No. 2023-301-C</u>. All comments must be filed no later than Wednesday, November 15th, 2023.

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