

6. In accordance with the FCC Order, GTA seeks to discontinue the Link-Up Program. The Lifeline Reform Order eliminates all federal reimbursements that telecommunications carriers could seek for Link-Up Services.
7. The PUC caused Public Notice of GTA's filing of its proposed tariff revisions in Transmittal No. 19 to be published and published in the Pacific Daily News on June 22 and July 2, 2012. Said Notice requested comments on GTA's proposed tariff to be filed with the PUC on or before July 24, 2012.⁶ To date, no Public Comments regarding the proposed Tariff have been filed with the PUC.
8. In response to a request by PUC Legal Counsel, the Georgetown Consulting Group submitted its Report on Tariff Transmittal No. 19 re Lifeline and Link-Up Programs on June 27, 2012.⁷ GCG recommended a number of revisions to GTA's proposed tariff. In particular, it pointed out GTA had already been providing a matching \$3.50 in local support for Lifeline Services. Therefore, GCG concluded that the Lifeline Discounts should now be \$12.75 and not \$9.25 as GTA proposed.⁸

ANALYSIS

9. In response to the suggestions contained in the GCG Report, GTA submitted a revised Tariff Transmittal No. 19, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "1". Therein GTA indicates that the total lifeline credit available to an eligible customer on Guam is \$12.75.⁹
10. Upon review of the changes proposed by GTA in the Tariff Transmittal attached hereto as Exhibit "1", GCG indicated that it was comfortable with accepting the proposed changes.¹⁰

DETERMINATIONS

11. Tariff Transmittal No. 19, as revised and contained in Exhibit "1" attached hereto, should be approved. Said tariff transmittal appears to be in accordance with the FCC Lifeline Reform Order.

⁶ PUC Public Notice, GTA Docket 12-02.

⁷ GCG Report, GTA Docket 12-02, Tariff Transmittal No. 19 re Lifeline and Link-Up Programs, filed June 27, 2012.

⁸ Id. at p. 2.

⁹ General Exchange Tariff No. 1, Section 5 Miscellaneous Service Sec. XIIC 1c, p. 51.

¹⁰ E-mail from Jamshed Madan to Frederick J. Horecky Re: Tariff Transmittal #19, dated July 11, 2012.

12. Pursuant to the new FCC Reimbursement Rules, GTA should be authorized to adjust the total Lifeline credit so that the total Lifeline credit available to an eligible customer on Guam is \$12.75.
13. In accordance with the FCC Lifeline Reform Order, GTA should further be authorized to discontinue the discounts previously offered in conjunction with the federally funded Link-Up program.

ORDERING PROVISIONS

In consideration of the record herein, Tariff Transmittal No. 19, filed by GTA on May 29, 2012, and the GCG Report, for good cause shown and on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried by the affirmative vote of the undersigned Commissioners, the Commission hereby orders that:

1. GTA's Tariff Transmittal No. 19, Fractional Primary Rate Interface, was properly filed pursuant to 12 GCA §12106(a), which requires telecommunications companies such as GTA to file tariffs indicating the rates, classifications, and terms and conditions of its telecommunications services.
2. Tariff Transmittal No. 19, including all changes, revisions, and additions therein to GTA's General Exchange Tariff No. 1, as set forth in Exhibit "1" hereto, is hereby approved and adopted.
3. Tariff Transmittal No. 19 was effective June 29, 2012 in accordance with 12 GCA §12106(b) and shall remain in effect.
4. GTA shall file its Revised Tariff with the PUC, and shall also provide notice of the same to its Customers on its website.
5. GTA is ordered to pay for the PUC's regulatory fees and expenses incurred in this Docket, including, without limitations, consulting and counsel fees and expenses. Assessments of the PUC's regulatory fees and expenses is authorized pursuant to 12 GCA §12002(b) and 12024(b), 12104, 12103, the Rules Governing Regulatory fees for Telecommunications Companies, and Rule 40 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure before the PUC.

Order
GTA Tariff Transmittal No. 19
GTA Docket 12-02
July 30, 2012

Dated this 30th day of July, 2012.

Jeffrey C. Johnson
Chairman

Joseph M. McDonald
Commissioner

Rowena E. Perez
Commissioner

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