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Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101

Re: In the Matter of Telephone Assistance Plan Review MPUC Docket No. P-999/CI-24-253

Dear Commissioners:

The Minnesota Telecom Alliance (MTA) is a trade association that advocates and represents the interests of more than 70 small, medium and large companies that provide advanced telecommunications services like voice, data, wireless, video, and high-speed Internet access to Minnesota's metropolitan and rural communities.

The MTA is pleased to agree with the Department's comments in this docket. We believe, given the surplus in the Telephone Assistance Plan (TAP) and the steady decrease in landline telephone access lines, it only makes sense to keep the benefit at \$10 and keep the fee at \$.03 per access line. MTA fully supports the Department's recommendation.

Our members are aware of their obligations under state and federal law and do their best to promote TAP to their eligible customers, as well as other programs that help bring advanced telecommunications services to all Minnesotans. We believe it will be more and more difficult to increase subscribership in this program as landline telephone service continues to decrease in favor of the move to cell service subsidized by the Federal Lifeline program for low income consumers.

Cordially,

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