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Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101

RE: Docket No. 25-355 – TAP Fund Review and Surcharge Adjustment

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of the Minnesota Telecom Alliance (MTA), I respectfully submit the following comments in response to the Commission's request for input regarding the Telephone Assistance Plan (TAP) Fund Review submitted on October 15, 2025, for the six-month period ending June 30, 2025.

Should the Commission accept the Telephone Assistance Plan (TAP) Fund Review, submitted on October 15, 2025, for the six-month period ending June 30, 2025?

MTA supports the Commission's acceptance of the TAP Fund Review as submitted. The report provides a clear and accurate accounting of the fund's activity and balance, and we appreciate the transparency and diligence reflected in its preparation.

Should the Commission take action to reduce the surplus in the fund, such as reducing the TAP surcharge to \$0?

MTA supports Commission action to reduce the current surplus in the TAP fund. Specifically, we recommend reducing the TAP surcharge to \$0. Based on the fund's current balance and projected disbursements, this adjustment is both fiscally responsible and consistent with the Commission's longstanding commitment to ratepayer fairness. Temporarily suspending the surcharge will allow the fund to draw down its surplus while continuing to meet program obligations.

We appreciate the Commission's thoughtful stewardship of the TAP program and its responsiveness to stakeholder input. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or if further clarification is needed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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