

## **Lifeline Reform Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking**

In early February, the FCC released the *Lifeline Reform Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* that reforms both of its low-income universal service programs in order to eliminate waste and inefficiency, increase accountability and aid in the transition to broadband. The Order means changes to support under the Lifeline program and eliminates the Link Up program for most ETCs.

You may have noticed a \$0.75 increase on your April 1, 2012 invoice, however, we have been notified this change has been delayed pending further approval. You will see a credit on your current invoice for that amount. We apologize for any inconveniences this may have caused. Please note, upon approval from the Office of Management and Budget the reduction will become effective. Other changes within the program include elimination of Link-Up support, one-per-household eligibility, and additional eligibility standards including, but not limited to, National School Lunch Program's free lunch program.

Should you have any questions regarding the *Lifeline Reform Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, please visit [www.usac.org](http://www.usac.org) or contact our business office.