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August 16, 2007

Honorable Jaclyn A. Brilling Secretary State of New York Public Service Commission Three Empire State Plaza Albany, New York 12223 PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OSEC. FILES-ALBANY 2007 AUG 22 PM 1: 25

Re: Annual Lifeline Verification Surveys

Dear Secretary Brilling:

Attached please find a copy of Hancock Telephone Company's annual Lifeline certification and verification survey.

Should you have any questions regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact me at 607-637-9958 or <a href="mailto:bethm@hancock.net">bethm@hancock.net</a>.

Respectfully submitted,

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Bethany J. Millar General Manager





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Vice President – High Cost and Low Income Division Universal Service Administrative Company 2000 L Street, NW, Suite 200 Washington, DC 20036

RE: Verification of Consumers' Continued Eligibility for Lifeline Support

## Dear Sir/Madam:

Attached, please find the Hancock Telephone Company Verification of its Lifeline customers continued eligibility in this program.

The Hancock Telephone Company has and continues to adhere to the Rules and Regulations of the New York State Department of Public Service and the Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission concerning the applicable Lifeline and Link Up qualification criteria and verification procedures required by those states.

To the extent any Lifeline customer qualifies based on income, the Hancock Telephone Company has, with the issuance of the above notice, instituted procedures consistent with the FCC's Rules in New York and those guidelines prescribed in Pennsylvania. As of the date of this certification, the Hancock Telephone Company has no Lifeline Subscribers that qualify for this program based solely on their income. In addition, the Hancock Telephone Company has, within the past year verified the continued eligibility of all its Lifeline customers, and has forwarded that information in its filing.

[Signature of Officer]

Robert C. Wrighter, Sr. President & CEO

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## **Verification Survey Results**

As of the date of this filing, the Hancock Telephone Company has procedures in place to verify the continued eligibility of a statistically valid random sample of its Lifeline customers. The results for the Hancock Telephone Company Lifeline Subscribers are provided in the chart below.

As of the date of this letter, the Hancock Telephone Company has no Lifeline customers qualifying based on their income; however, procedures are currently in place requiring corroborating income documentation from subscribers that qualify based upon the income guideline set out by the state requirements.

I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the Study Area(s) listed below.

| Company<br>name      | Company<br>SAC | State | Number of<br>Lifeline<br>customers<br>surveyed | Number of Lifeline customers found to be | Number of Lifeline customers who did not respond |
|----------------------|----------------|-------|--|--|--|
| Hancock<br>Telephone | 0099           | NY    | 29   | ineligible<br>0                          | to survey*                                       |
| Hancock<br>Telephone | 0099           | PA    | 4  | Ō  | Ō  |
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<sup>\*</sup>Note: Per the FCC's direction in Public Notice DA 05-1406 (rel. May 18, 2005), companies should update their filing upon completing the survey on October 31, 2007.

Signed,

[Signature of Officer]

Robert C. Wrighter, Sr. [Printed Name of Officer]

President & CEO
[Title of Officer]

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