PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

505 VAN NESS AVENUE SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94102-3298

August 25, 2015

Ryan Dulin, Director California Public Utilities Commission – Communications Division 505 Van Ness Avenue San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Universal Lifeline Telephone Service (ULTS) Trust Administrative Committee Fund Proposed Program Expenditures for FY 2016-17

Dear Mr. Dulin:

Pursuant to the duties and responsibilities charged under Article 4.1.(a) of the Charter of the ULTS Trust Administrative Committee (Committee), the Committee hereby submits the attached proposed budget for the ULTS Program for FY 2016-17. In developing this budget, we have considered the following:

- Carrier Claims
- Program Costs
- Staff Costs
- Contracts
- Pro-Rata Interagency Cost
- Cost Allocation

At our recent meeting of June 29, 2015, there was a quorum; however the three carriers that were present recused themselves from voting on the ULTS budget as proposed by CD staff. Nevertheless, I am submitting the ULTS Budget of \$627,496,000 for FY 2016-17, in my role as chair of the Committee.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions by email at <u>ken.mceldowney@consumer-action.org</u> or by phone at (415) 777-9648, ext. 304.

Sincerely,

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Ken McEldowney, Chair

cc: Commissioners Parties of Record in R. 11-03-013



Appendix A

| | | FY 2014- | FY 2015- | FY 2016- | FY 2016- |
|---|--|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2017 |
| | | Adopted Budget | Adopted Budget | Committee | CD Staff |
| | | | | Proposed | Proposed |
| | | | | Budget | Budget |
| А | LOCAL ASSISTANCE | | | | |
| 1 | Carrier Claims | <u>\$181,400</u> | <u>\$324,220</u> | <u>\$591,607</u> | <u>\$591,607</u> |
| | Sub Total | \$181,400 | \$324,220 | \$591,607 | \$591,607 |
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| В | STATE OPERATIONS | | | | |
| 1 | Program Costs | \$6 | \$11 | \$22 | \$22 |
| 2 | Staff Costs | \$1,431 | \$2,234 | \$2,234 | \$2,234 |
| 3 | Contracts | \$17,089 | \$17,596 | \$31,795 | \$31,795 |
| 4 | Other Program Costs | | \$13 | \$13 | \$13 |
| 5 | Pro-Rata Interagency Cost | \$2,668 | \$1,324 | \$1,324 | \$1,324 |
| 6 | Cost Allocation | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$267</u> | <u>267</u> | <u>267</u> |
| | Sub Total | \$21,194 | \$21,445 | \$35,655 | \$35,655 |
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| С | | | | | |
| | 8660 Public Utilities Commission (Local | | | | |
| | Assistance and State Operations) | \$202,594 | \$345,665 | \$627,262 | \$627,262 |
| | 0840 State Controller | \$52 | \$1 | \$1 | \$1 |
| 3 | 8880 Financial Information System for California | \$1,792 | \$233 | \$233 | \$233 |
| | TOTAL PROGRAM BUDGET | \$204,438 | \$345,899 | \$627,496 | \$627,496 |