

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Approval of funding for the grant application of Plumas-Sierra Telecommunications (U-7218-C), from the California Advanced Services Fund for the Keddie Project located in Plumas County.

Resolution T-17672

**REPLY COMMENTS OF PLUMAS-SIERRA TELECOMMUNICATIONS ON DRAFT RESOLUTION T-17672 FOR APPROVAL OF FUNDING FOR THE GRANT APPLICATION OF PLUMAS-SIERRA TELECOMMUNICATIONS (U-7218-C), FROM THE CALIFORNIA ADVANCED SERVICES FUND FOR THE KEDDIE PROJECT LOCATED IN PLUMAS COUNTY.**

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Plumas-Sierra Telecommunications submits these Reply Comments on Draft Resolution T-17672 (“Draft Resolution”) in response to the Opening Comments of the Public Advocates Office.

**I. INTRODUCTION**

On November 20, the Public Advocates Office filed Opening Comments on the Draft Resolution regarding affordable broadband plans for low-income customers.

PST has since changed its low-income program offering to provide service to low-income customers for \$15 per month as described below.

**II. COMMENTS ON LOW-INCOME OFFERING**

PST has reevaluated its low-income offering and will be offering plans starting at \$15 per month for low-income customers. Details of the program follow.

**Program Purpose**

The purpose of the PST Low-income Program is to provide low-cost internet to low-income Plumas-Sierra Telecommunications residential customers.

**Program Availability**

The low-income program is available to low-income, full-time, permanent residences in CASF Grant Funded Plumas-Sierra Telecommunications service areas.

**Benefit**

Program participants will receive a discounted rate for their internet services. Plans will start at \$15.00 per month with 10 Mbps download speed.

**Program Participation Qualifications and Conditions**

All participating customers must qualify with the following income guidelines:

<b>Number in Household</b>	<b>Maximum Annual Income*</b>
1-2	\$31,020
3	\$39,060
4	\$47,100
5	\$55,140
6	\$63,180
For each additional household member add \$8,040/yr.	

\*Income levels are based on 190% of the Federal Poverty Level and are subject to change each year. Proof of income must be current to within 6 weeks of application date.

**Terms and Conditions**

- Customer’s account must remain current during the duration of service in order to continue to receive the discounted rate.
- The person who applies for assistance must be a full-time, permanent resident at the service address and be the PST customer of record.

