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PUC to Help Consumers “Stay Connected” During Lifeline Awareness Week Event

JOHNSTOWN – In conjunction with a national initiative to promote Lifeline telephone discount program awareness, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) will join Community Action Partnership of Cambria County, other state agencies and industry representatives to help residents “stay connected” and learn about rules regarding eligibility at an event on **Tuesday, Sept. 10, at 10:30 a.m., in Johnstown.**

WHO: PUC, Community Action Partnership of Cambria County, the Pennsylvania Telephone Association, the Office of Consumer Advocate and Verizon

WHAT: Media/consumer event to promote Lifeline program awareness

WHEN: **Tuesday, Sept. 10, at 10:30 a.m.,**

WHERE: Head Start Center, 401 Broad St., Johnstown, PA 15906

In an effort to increase awareness about the program, the PUC developed a public service announcement in addition to an informational brochure, “Follow the PATH to PA Telephone Help” to provide information about Lifeline and other available programs for limited-income consumers. Copies of the [brochure](#) can be obtained by calling the PUC at 1-800-692-7380 or on the PUC website. Consumers also are encouraged to reach out to their local telephone company to see if they qualify for Lifeline and other available programs for limited-income telephone customers.

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