

LIFELINE

1. GENERAL

Applicable to qualifying low-income subscribers to single party residential service of the Company.

2. RATES

- A. Lifeline is a reduction or credit in the local service charges normally paid by qualifying low-income consumers. The reduction to the normal residential one-party rates are as follows: (T)

| <u>Residential Access Lines</u> | <u>Monthly Credit or Discount</u> | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----|
| Federal Lifeline Reduction | \$ 9.25 | (I) |
| State Local Rate Reduction | \$ 3.50 | (T) |

These reductions or credits are from the normal residential one-party service subscribed to by the consumer. The credit may be used in a bundled service plan combining voice and broadband or in packages including optional calling features. (C)
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In addition to the above Federal Lifeline Reduction, the State provides a Local Rate Reduction for eligible consumers, pursuant to Public Service Commission of Utah Rules R746-341. The State Local Rate Reduction is only provided if it is funded through the State's Universal Service Fund. (T)
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In no case will the discount exceed the rate charged for the service subscribed to by each individual.

- B. The following services are included:

1. Single party, voice grade access to the Public Switched Network
2. Access to emergency services
3. Access to operator services
4. Access to interexchange services
5. Access to directory assistance
6. Toll Blocking, if requested by the Customer
7. Extended Area Service (C)
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3. LIFE LINE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- A. An applicant must meet eligibility requirements established in the Public Service Commission of Utah Rules R746-341.
- B. Customer must complete the approved application for the Utah Telephone Assistance Program (UTAP) and submit the application to UTAP program for eligibility certification.
- C. The customer must be recertified annually by the appropriate state agency
- D. The premises at which the residential service is requested is the applicant's principal place of residence.
- E. There is only one telephone line serving the residential premises eligible for the credit. The residential premises shall consist of that portion of an individual house or building or one flat or apartment occupied by a single family or individuals functioning as one domestic unit.

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4. FUNDING

- A. The Federal Lifeline Reduction is reimbursed to the company through the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC).
- B. The State Local Rate Reduction is funded from the Utah Universal Services Fund (USF). The company is reimbursed for the State Local Rate Reduction from the Utah USF.

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5. REGULATIONS

- A. The Telephone Assistance Program credit will begin with the next billing cycle of the company following the date the Company receives a valid application from the customer or when new service is established for a qualifying customer.
- B. The regular service connection charge, move and change charge, and regulations applicable to the service offerings specified in the tariff will apply. The service connection charge and move and change charge to change to or from this program due to eligibility status will be waived.
- C. The Lifeline credit will be subject to the following restrictions:
 - 1. Applicant must be head of household or person whose name the property or rental agreement resides.
 - 2. Lifeline credit will only be provided to the applicant's principle residence.
 - 3. The credit will only be applicable for one single residential access line.

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5. REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

- D. Lifeline will not be furnished on a Foreign Exchange (FEX) basis.
- E. Lifeline service shall not be disconnected for non-payment of toll charges.
- F. If the consumer chooses "toll blocking", the company will not charge a service deposit. Deposits will not be required if customers choose the toll blocking option. No toll blocking charges will be assessed to Lifeline subscribers.

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- 6. The Company will offer Lifeline assistance only during such periods as reimbursement of the discount is available to the Company from Federal and/or State revenue sources.

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