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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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2 CARL J. KUNASEK
Chairman
3 JIM IRVIN
Commissioner
4 WILLIAM A. MUNDELL
Commissioner
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Arizona Corporation Commission
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6 IN THE MATTER OF TABLE TOP TELEPHONE)
COMPANY'S TARIFF FILING TO REFLECT)
7 THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ENHANCED)
FEDERAL LIFELINE AND EXPANDED LINK)
8 UP SUPPORT FOR QUALIFYING LOW-)
INCOME CONSUMERS ON TRIBAL LANDS)
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DOCKET NO. T-02724A-00-0702

DECISION NO. 62935

ORDER

10 Open Meeting
October 4 and 5, 2000
11 Phoenix, Arizona

12 BY THE COMMISSION:

13 FINDINGS OF FACT

14 1. On September 14, 2000, Table Top Telephone Company (Table Top) filed tariff
15 revisions to reflect the establishment of Federal Communication Commission (FCC) Enhanced Tribal
16 Lifeline and Expanded Link Up Programs:

- 17 ACC - Exchange Tariff
- 18 Sheet 46, 2nd Revised
- 19 Sheet 46a, 1st Revised
- 20 Sheet 46b, 1st Revised
- 21 Sheet 46c, 1st Revised
- 22 Sheet 46d, Original

22 2. The FCC in its Order 00-208, released June 30, 2000, approved additional Lifeline and
23 Link Up support for qualifying low-income individuals living on tribal lands. Table Top is requesting
24 that the proposed tariff revisions have an effective date of October 1, 2000, the date by which
25 telecommunications carriers must comply with the new rules adopted in FCC Order 00-208.

26 3. In its Order, the FCC established an additional (fourth) tier of federal Lifeline support
27 available to telecommunications carriers serving qualifying low-income individuals living on tribal
28 lands. This fourth tier of support consists of up to \$25.00 per month per primary residential

1 connection. This amount added to the initial three tiers of Lifeline support add up to a reduction in
2 the carrier's basic local service bill of up to \$31.10. This benefit, however, may not bring the local
3 service bill of a qualifying individual below \$1.00 per month.

4 4. An individual who qualifies for the Enhanced Tribal Lifeline Program is also eligible
5 for an additional benefit of up to \$70.00 under the Expanded Link Up Program. This benefit would
6 apply to the cost of connecting service at the individual's principle place of residence and would apply
7 towards 100 percent of the connection charges between \$60.00 and \$130.00 when service is
8 established.

9 5. Approval of the proposed tariff revisions will enable Table Top to provide the
10 additional Lifeline and Link Up support to qualifying low-income individuals who are living on tribal
11 lands within its service area.

12 6. Staff recommends that the Commission approve the filing.

13 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

14 1. Table Top is an Arizona public service corporation within the meaning of Article XV,
15 Section 2, of the Arizona Constitution.

16 2. The Commission has jurisdiction over Table Top and over the subject matter in this
17 Application.

18 3. Approval of the filing does not constitute a rate increase as contemplated by A.R.S.
19 Section 40-250.

20 4. The Commission having reviewed the tariff pages (copies of which are contained in the
21 Commission's tariff files) and Staff's Memorandum dated September 25, 2000, concludes that the tariff
22 is reasonable, fair and equitable and therefore in the public interest.

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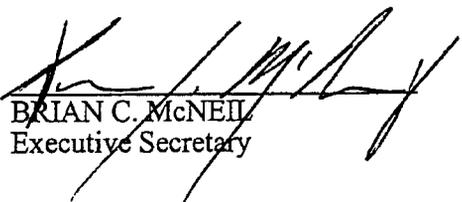
THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the filing be and hereby is approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Decision shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

		
CHAIRMAN	COMMISSIONER	COMMISSIONER

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, BRIAN C. McNEIL, Executive Secretary of the Arizona Corporation Commission, have hereunto, set my hand and caused the official seal of this Commission to be affixed at the Capitol, in the City of Phoenix, this 18 day of October, 2000.



BRIAN C. McNEIL
Executive Secretary

DISSENT: _____

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