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IV. LIFELINE

A. GENERAL

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

B. RATES

1. Baseline 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:

<u>Residential Access Lines</u>	<u>Monthly Credit or Discount</u>	
Federal Baseline Lifeline Reduction	\$6.50	(c)
Federally funded reduction in local rate	1.75	
		(d)

These reductions or credits are from the normal residential one-party service subscribed to by the consumer. The Federal baseline lifeline reduction shall be used to waive the consumer's Federal End-User Common Line Charge or Subscriber Line Charge. In no case will the discount exceed the rate charged for the service subscribed to by each individual.

2. The following services are included:

- a. Single party, voice grade access to the Public Switched Network
- b. Access to emergency services
- c. Access to operator services
- d. Access to interexchange services, unless toll blocking is chosen
- e. Access to directory assistance
- f. Toll Blocking

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C. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. An applicant must meet all of the following criteria in order to qualify for Lifeline Service¹:

a. The consumer may qualify by either participation in one of the following programs or by certifying that their household is at or below 150% of the federal poverty level:

- 1) Medicaid
- 2) Food stamps
- 3) Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- 4) Federal public housing assistance
- 5) Low income Home Energy Assistance Program
- 6) Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) (c)
- 7) National School Lunch Free Lunch Program (c)
- 8) Arizona's Kids Care program (c)

b. The customer must sign under penalty of perjury, a document certifying:

- 1) The specific program s/he is receiving benefits from, and/or that s/he has household income that is at or below 150% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. (c)
- 2) That s/he will notify the company if s/he no longer participates in the program identified, or if their household income increases above 150% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. (c)

¹ Low income customers who qualify under Arizona Low Income Telephone Assistance Program (ALITAP) will receive the federal baseline support amount of \$6.50 plus the additional \$1.75 in federal Lifeline support. ALITAP customers are also eligible to receive matching federal Lifeline support in an amount equal to one-half of the amount of the state support. For example, if the 17% discount in local service charges contributed by the state equaled \$2.00, the matching federal Lifeline support amount would equal \$1.00. Under this example, a total of \$3.00 in additional Lifeline support would be available to ALITAP customers. State support is provided in accordance with A.R.S. § 46.703. (T)

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- c. The customer must provide documentation of their qualification for the service that can take the form of any one of the following: (c)
 - 1) Prior year's state, federal or tribal tax return
 - 2) Current income statements from an employer or paycheck stub
 - 3) A social security statement of benefits
 - 4) A veterans Administration statement of benefits
 - 5) A retirement/pension statement of benefits
 - 6) An unemployment or Workers Compensation statement of benefits
 - 7) Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) general assistance program
 - 8) A divorce decree or child support document (c)
 - d. If documentation is anything other than a federal tax return, customers will be required to present three consecutive month's of the alternate supporting documentation selected that is within the most recent twelve consecutive months.
 - e. Records will be maintained by the Company in accordance with Arizona Corporation Commission Decision No. 67941 and paragraphs 38 and 39 of the FCC Order No. FCC 04-87.
 - f. Verification of customer continuing eligibility shall be via statistically valid sampling or other means performed by the Company on an annual basis.
 - g. The premises at which the residential service is requested is the applicant's principal place of residence.
 - h. 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.
 - i. A customer is not eligible for Lifeline and Link-up from the Company if s/he is currently receiving Lifeline or Link-Up from another Eligible Telecommunications Carrier. (c)
2. Lifeline will not be furnished on a Foreign Exchange (FX) basis.
- 1. Lifeline service shall not be disconnected for non-payment of toll charges.

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