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**RE: Accipiter Communications, Inc. dba Zona Communications - FCC Lifeline
Compliance Filing and Clean Up**

Dear Corporation Commissioners and Staff:

Enclosed are the original and 13 copies of the proposed tariff filing for Accipiter Communications, Inc. dba Zona Communications (T-02847A) filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission on file as General Exchange Tariff.

Revised
Tariff Sheets

Canceling Tariff
Sheets

1st Revised Sheet Nos. 7, 25 - 28

Original Sheet Nos. 7, 25 - 28

This filing proposes to revise the Federal Lifeline Assistance Program as required in the FCC's Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in WC Docket Nos. 11-42 (FCC 12-11). The approved \$9.25 support was clarified along with references to the Universal Service Administrative Company website to see the new eligibility requirements. The Senior Telephone Discount Program was updated too.

It is requested that this filing become effective September 20, 2012.

This filing will not increase any rate or charge, cause the withdrawal of service, or conflict with other Tariff sections.

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Please call me at 209.955.6103 or e-mail me at lorrie.bernstein@mossadams.com if you have any questions about the content or Chris Gilmore at 209.955.6151 for questions on the filing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lorrie Bernstein". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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For Moss Adams LLP

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Enclosures

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14.0. SPECIAL HELP PROGRAMS

14.1. Senior Telephone Discount Program (SDTP)

- 14.1.1. SDTP provides a discount on the basic telephone rates for individual who are age 65 years or older. The discount is applied to local telephone monthly rates as well as to inside wire maintenance and installation charges.
- 14.1.2. To be eligible for the SDTP Program, applicants must be 65 years of age or older, head of the household and fall within or below program guidelines (100% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines).
- 14.1.3. Applications can be obtained at public libraries or using the SDTP website link found on the website <https://www.azdes.gov>, Division of Aging and Adults Services or contact the program at 1-800-582-5706.

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14.2. SDTP Regulations

- 14.2.1. The Low-Income Telephone Assistance credit will begin with the date the Company receives a valid application from the customer or when new service is established for a qualifying customer. The credit will be prorated on the basis of a 30-day month from the effective date of the customer's application.
- 14.2.2. The regular service and equipment charges and regulations applicable to these service offerings specified in this tariff will apply. The service and equipment charges to charge to or from this program due to eligibility status will be waived.

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(M) Previously shown on Original Sheet 26.

14.0. SPECIAL HELP PROGRAMS (Cont'd)

(N)

14.2. SDTP Regulations (Cont'd)

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14.2.3. Customers of this service will receive a seventeen percent (17%) reduction on the service and equipment charge once during a calendar year. The credit is applicable only to the customer's principal residence line.

14.3. Reserved for Future Use

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(M) Material now shown on First Revised Sheet 25.

- 14.4. Federal Lifeline Assistance Program (T)
- 14.4.1. Federal Lifeline Assistance reduces an eligible customer's monthly rates for local service. An eligible customer receives credit for the Federal Subscriber line Charge as well as a credit towards residential access line rate. (T)
- 14.4.2. Federal Lifeline Assistance is available to all residential customers who meet the eligibility requirements set forth on the Universal Service Administrative Company website <http://www.usac.org/li/getting-service/eligibility.aspx> or call (888) 641-8722. (T)
- (D)
- 14.4.3. As a participant in the Federal Lifeline Assistance Program, customers are eligible to receive Toll Restriction Service at no charge. This service will only be provided at the customer's request. (T)
- 14.4.4. Local service deposit requirements will be waived for customers who voluntarily receive Toll Restriction Service.

- 14.4. Federal Lifeline Assistance Program (Cont'd) (N)
- 14.4.5. Participants in the Federal Lifeline Assistance Program shall not be disconnected from Local Service for non-payment of toll charges. In addition, the Company will not deny re-establishment of Local Service to customers who are eligible for this assistance and have previously been disconnected for non-payment of toll charges. This assistance will not be connected if an outstanding balance is owed by the customer for local service. (T)
- 14.4.6. Partial payments that are received from Lifeline customers will first be applied to local service charges and then to any outstanding toll charges. (T)
- 14.4.7. The following federal "recurring monthly" credits, totaling \$9.25 will apply for each customer eligible for Lifeline Assistance: (C)
- 14.4.7.1. Federal Subscriber Line Charge Credit:
Monthly Credit: \$6.50 (C)
- 14.4.7.2. Federal Credit to Residential Access Line
Monthly Credit: \$2.75 (C)
- 14.4.7.3. Credit amount will not exceed the total Subscriber Line Charge and the Residential Local Exchange rate.