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Docket Control
Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 W. Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: Changes to the Medically Needy Telephone Assistance Program
Docket No. T-01051B-15-0383

Dear Sir or Madam:

On November 9, 2015 Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC (CenturyLink) filed a tariff revision in the above referenced docket to request changes to the Medically Needy Telephone Assistance Program. CenturyLink respectfully requests to amend that filing by substituting the attached tariff page for the page included with the original November 9 2015 filing. This revised page removes a portion of the last sentence from paragraph 5.2.6.B.2.c., which should have been deleted on the original page to make it consistent with the changes being requested.

This page has been prepared with the same effective date of January 1, 2016 as was reflected in the original filing.

Sincerely,

Reed Peterson

Attachment

cc: Blessing Chukwu
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5. EXCHANGE SERVICES

5.2 LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

5.2.6 TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

B. Telephone Assistance Program for the Medically Needy (Cont'd)

2. Application

- a. The Telephone Assistance Program for the Medically Needy is available to low-income households that meet specific financial eligibility criteria and demonstrate a special medical need requiring a telephone in the home. Customers are financially eligible if their annual income is at or below 150% of current federal poverty guidelines. Certification of medical need should be obtained by use of a simple, standardized form to be completed by a physician and attached to the application. The expected duration of the medical condition must be stated on the form. The Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) will determine customer eligibility for this program.
- b. The program provides a credit to cover the monthly charge for basic local residential phone service including any applicable monthly exchange zone increments. The program also covers the Universal Service Fund surcharge. In addition, the program covers 100%^[1] of the nonrecurring charge to install the primary residential line as well as the nonrecurring charge for the exchange zone increment if applicable. The FCC Lifeline program described in 5.2.6.C., following, provides a credit toward the monthly charge for basic local residential service. In addition, normal deposit requirements will be waived for program participants.
- c. The funding for this program was established by the Arizona Corporation Commission in Decision No. 57462, dated July 15, 1991. Qwest was ordered to set aside \$1,000,000 annually for this program. In Decision No. 68604, dated March 23, 2006, the Arizona Corporation Commission increased the funding for this program to \$2,000,000. **Effective January 1, 2016, the Company will no longer be required to set aside the \$2,000,000 annual funding amount required by Decision No. 68604 or to carry over any previously mandated funding amounts. The Company will provide the credits to both new and existing customers and all funding required for the continued administration of the program as an in-year current operating expense, with no duty to set aside or maintain an accrual or dedicated fund.** Additionally, funding of \$9.25 per qualifying customer is also available for this program through the federal Lifeline program.

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[1] This \$27.50 credit (LNKMX) took effect April 1, 2012, with the elimination of Non-Tribal Link-Up support.