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Dear Corporation Commissioners and Staff:

Enclosed is the proposed tariff sheet for Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (T-01847A) filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission for the General Exchange Tariff on file as ACC Tariff No. 2.

Revised  
Tariff Sheet

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3rd Revised Sheet No's. 5-8, 5-9, 5-10

2nd Revised Sheet No's. 5-8, 5-9, 5-10

This filing is made in compliance with the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) 2016 Lifeline Modernization Order for the adopted rules effective December 2, 2016 in Title 47: Telecommunication; Part 54- Universal Service. The eligibility requirements section was updated to reference those adopted sections.

It is requested that this filing become effective December 2, 2016.

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

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tym Rutkowski", written in a cursive style.

Tym Rutkowski, Regulatory Consulting Manager for  
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Enclosure

5. Local Exchange Access Service

5.7 Low-Income Assistance Programs (Effective 01/01/98)

(C) Lifeline Assistance – General

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 credit towards the residential access line rate.

(D) Lifeline Assistance – Regulations

(1) Lifeline Assistance is available to all residential customers who meet the following eligibility requirements:

(a) Customers must participate in one of the following programs:

Medicaid, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), federal public housing assistance or Section 8 (a Federal Housing Assistance Program administered by the Department of Urban Development), Veterans and Survivors Pension Benefit, or

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Have household income that is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

(b) To receive benefits, customers must sign under penalty of perjury a document certifying as follows:

(i) He/she is receiving benefits from one of the programs in 5.7(D)(1)(a) above or he/she has household income that is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

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5. Local Exchange Access Service

5.7 Low-Income Assistance Programs (Effective 01/01/98)

(D) Lifeline Assistance - Regulations (Cont'd)

(1) Lifeline Assistance - Requirements (Cont'd)

(b) Certification to receive benefits (Cont'd)

(ii) He/she must provide the name of the program from which he/she is receiving benefits or provide supporting documents showing his/her household income is at or below 135% of Federal Poverty Guidelines. The supporting documents must be one of the following 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/ Workman's Compensation statement of benefits, 7) Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) general assistance program, 8) a divorce decree or child support document. If he/she chooses to submit anything other than the prior year's income tax return, he/she must then present three consecutive months of the alternate supporting documentation selected that is within the most recent twelve consecutive months. (C)

(iii) He/she will notify the company if he/she no longer participates in the program named in paragraph (H)(4)(a)(1) above or if his/her household income increases above 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. (C)

(2) As a participant in Lifeline Assistance, customers are eligible to receive Toll Restriction Service at no charge. This service will only be provided at the customer's request.

(3) Local Service deposit requirements will be waived for customers who voluntarily receive Toll Restriction Service.

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(D) Lifeline Assistance - Regulations (Cont'd)

(4) Participants in Lifeline Assistance 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 Lifeline Assistance and have previously been disconnected for nonpayment of toll charges. Reconnection will provide access to local calling only unless and until payment of all charges due for outstanding toll billing, including late charges and applicable interest, is made. Lifeline Assistance will not be connected if an outstanding balance is owed by the customer for local service.

(5) Partial payments that are received from Lifeline customers will first be applied to local service charges and then to any outstanding toll charges.

(6) Verification of customer continuing eligibility shall be performed by the Company on an annual basis.

(7) Records will be maintained by the Company in accordance with the FCC Lifeline Order.

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(8) A customer is not eligible for Lifeline Assistance from the company if he/she is currently receiving Lifeline credit for services provided by another Eligible Telecommunications Carrier. Each household (economic unit) may receive credit for Lifeline Assistance from only one Eligible Telecommunications Carrier at any time.

(E) Lifeline Assistance – Credits

The credits for Low-Income Assistance Program are as set forth in Section 20.5 (c)(1),(2).

(F) RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE.

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