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PURPOSE: The FCC Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in WC Docket No. 11-42, released February 6, 2012, changed Federal Lifeline reimbursement from a tiered calculation to a uniform flat-rate support amount. In compliance with the FCC Order, this change will be reflected in a modification to the current monthly credit provided to Lifeline subscribers. Effective July 1, 2012, the monthly Federal Lifeline credit will be \$9.25.

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### A3. BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

#### A3.31 Lifeline

##### A3.31.1 Description of Service

- A. The Lifeline program is designed to increase the availability of telecommunications services to low income subscribers by providing a credit to monthly recurring local service for qualifying residential subscribers. Basic terms and conditions are in compliance with the FCC's Order on Universal Service in CC Docket 97-157, which adopts the Federal-State Joint Board's recommendation in CC Docket 96-45, which complies with the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the FCC Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in WC Docket No. 11-42, adopted January 31, 2012. Specific terms and conditions are as prescribed by the Kentucky Public Service Commission and are as set forth in this tariff.
- B. Lifeline is supported by the federal universal service support mechanism.
- C. Federal *uniform* support of \$9.25 is available for each Lifeline service and is passed through to *an eligible customer via a monthly Federal Lifeline credit*. An additional \$3.50 credit is provided by the Company. The total *monthly* Lifeline credit available to an eligible customer in Kentucky is \$12.75. The amount of credit will not exceed the charge for local service. (C)

##### A3.31.2 Regulations

- A. General
  - 1. One low income credit is available per household and is applicable to the primary residential connection only. Lifeline support is limited to a single subscription per household where household is defined to be any individual or group of individuals who are living together at the same address as one economic unit. For the purposes of this rule, an economic unit consists of all adult individuals contributing to and sharing in the income and expenses of a household.
  - 2. A Lifeline customer may subscribe to any local service offering available to other residence customers.
  - 3. Toll blocking, if elected, will be provided at no charge to the Lifeline subscriber.
  - 4. The deposit requirement is not applicable to a Lifeline customer who subscribes to toll blocking. If a Lifeline customer removes toll blocking prior to establishing an acceptable credit history, a deposit may be required. When applicable, advance payments will not exceed the connection and local service charges for one month.
  - 5. Lifeline service is exempt from the Installment Billing Service Fee.
  - 6. The Federal Universal Service Charge will not be billed to Lifeline customers.
  - 7. A Lifeline subscriber's local service will not be disconnected for non-payment of toll charges. Local service may be denied for non-payment of local calls in accordance with A2. Access to toll service may be denied for non-payment of toll charges. A Lifeline subscriber's request for reconnection of local service will not be denied if the service was previously denied for non-payment of toll charges.
  - 8. The non-discounted federal Lifeline credit amount will be passed along to resellers ordering local service at the prescribed resale discount from this Tariff, for their eligible end users. Any additional credit to the end user will be the responsibility of the reseller. Eligible carriers, as defined by the FCC, are required to establish their own Lifeline programs.
- B. Eligibility
  - 1. To be eligible for Lifeline, a customer must be a current recipient of any one of the following low income assistance programs.
    - a. Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
    - b. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
    - c. Medicaid
    - d. Federal Public Housing Assistance/Section 8
    - e. Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
    - f. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
    - g. National School Lunch Program's free lunch program
  - 2. Additionally, customers not receiving benefits under one of the preceding programs, and whose total gross annual income does not exceed one hundred and thirty-five percent (135%) of the Federal Poverty Guidelines are eligible for Lifeline.
  - 3. All applications for service are subject to verification with the state agency responsible for administration of the qualifying program.

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#### A3.31 Lifeline (Cont'd)

##### A3.31.2 Regulations (Cont'd)

###### C. Certification

1. Proof of eligibility in any of the qualifying low income assistance programs should be provided to the Company at the time of application for service. The Lifeline credit will not be established until proof of eligibility has been received by the Company. If the customer requests installation prior to the Company's receipt of proof of eligibility, the requested service will be provided without the Lifeline credit. When eligibility documentation is provided subsequent to installation, the Lifeline credit will be provided on a going forward basis. Recertification is required annually.
2. The Company reserves the right to periodically audit its records, working in conjunction with the appropriate state agencies, for the purpose of determining continuing eligibility. Information obtained during such audit will be treated as confidential information to the extent required under State and Federal laws. The use or disclosure of information concerning enrollees will be limited to purposes directly connected with the administration of the Lifeline plan.
3. When a customer is determined to be ineligible as a result of an audit, the Company will contact the customer. If the customer cannot provide eligibility documentation, the Lifeline credit will be discontinued.
4. Resellers providing Lifeline service from this tariff are responsible for determining proof of eligibility prior to requesting the service. As set forth in 47 C.F.R. § 417(a) and (b), a reseller must provide a certification, upon request, to AT&T that it is complying with all FCC and applicable State requirements governing Lifeline programs, including certification and verification procedures. Resellers are required to retain the required documentation for three (3) years and be able to produce the documentation to the Commission or its Administrator to demonstrate that they are providing discounted services only to qualified low-income customers as outlined in B. preceding. Disclosure requirements described in 2., are applicable to resellers of Lifeline service.

##### A3.31.3 Rates and Charges

###### A. General

1. Lifeline is provided as a monthly credit on the eligible residential subscriber's access line bill for local service.
2. Service Charges in Section A4 are applicable for installing or changing Lifeline service.
3. The Secondary Service Charge in Section A4 is not applicable when existing service is converted intact to Lifeline service.

###### B. The total Lifeline credit consists of one Federal credit plus one Company credit

###### (1) Federal credit, one per Lifeline

	<b>Monthly Credit</b>	
(a) Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	<b>\$9.25</b>	(T)
(b) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)	<b>9.25</b>	(C)
(c) Medicaid	<b>9.25</b>	(C)
(d) Federal Public Housing Assistance/Section 8	<b>9.25</b>	(C)
(e) Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Plan (LIHEAP)	<b>9.25</b>	(C)
(f) Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	<b>9.25</b>	(C)
(g) National School Lunch Program's free lunch program	<b>9.25</b>	(C)
(h) Income at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines	<b>9.25</b>	(C)

###### (2) Company credit

(a) One per Lifeline service	<b>3.50</b>	(T)
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