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Local Exchange Tariff

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8th Revised Sheet 8.1
Replacing 7th Revised Sheet 8.1

3. EXCHANGE RATES (cont'd)

3.4 Local Exchange Service Features (cont'd)

D. Open Switch Interval Protection

1. Open Switch Interval Protection provides additional equipment on a customer's local exchange access line necessary to overcome the occurrence of open switching intervals resulting from an incompatibility of certain customer-provided equipment with the Telephone Company central office.
2. Rates: The rates set forth below apply to each line for which open switch interval protection is provided.

<u>USOC</u>	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Installation Charge (1)</u>
53W	\$3.70	\$7.00

3.5 Lifeline Service

A. General

1. Lifeline Service is a telecommunications service assistance program designed to provide eligible residential customers with a reduction in the price of basic local exchange service. The purpose of this offering is to maintain and preserve universal service.
2. Lifeline service includes: Single party service; voice grade access to the public switched telephone network; DTMF or its functional equivalent; access to emergency services; access to operator services; access to interexchange service; and access to directory assistance. Toll limitation services may also be provided as a part of Lifeline Service.
3. Lifeline Service benefits are applicable only to a single subscription per household. 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. (AT)
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(RT)
4. All charges, either recurring or nonrecurring, for any service or feature other than Lifeline Service, as described herein, shall be billed at the tariffed rate.
5. Lifeline Service shall not be available on a retroactive basis.
6. Lifeline service reductions are available to eligible applicants on a statewide basis or to eligible applicants residing on tribal lands as defined in Title 25, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 20.1, Paragraph (v).

(1) Installation Charges apply in addition to Service Charges as specified in Section 3.2. of this Tariff.

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3. EXCHANGE RATES (Continued)

3.5 Lifeline Service (Continued)

B. Lifeline - Statewide

Eligibility Requirements

1. In order to qualify for the Lifeline Service program, a customer must meet the requirements of 47 CFR § 54.400 through 54.415 and show that they:
 - a. Participate in or receive assistance or benefits, as certified by the Department of Human Services, under a program providing:
 1. Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), (RT)
 2. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), (CT)
 3. National School Lunch Program's free lunch program (AT)
 4. Medical Assistance and/or Medicaid, or (FC)
 5. Supplemental Security Income (SSI) (FC)
 - b. Participate in Federal Public Housing Assistance/Section 8 (AT)
 - c. Participate in Low Income Home Energy Assistance Programs (LIHEAP)
 - d. Participate in or receive assistance or benefits, as certified by the State Department of Rehabilitation Services, under a program providing vocational rehabilitation, including aid to the hearing impaired, or
 - e. Participate in or receive assistance or benefits, as certified by the Oklahoma Tax Commission, pursuant to the Sales Tax Relief Act, 68 O. S. § 5011 et seq.
 - f. The applicant must not be a dependent for Federal Income Tax purposes, unless over the age of 60.
 - g. Income based, at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. (AT)
2. Upon verification of the applicant's criteria stated above, the Company will begin providing the reduction. Lifeline billing will not be implemented or continued unless telephone service arrangements are and remain, within the Lifeline Service criteria specified above. (AT)
3. Lifeline customers who have met the eligibility criteria specified, will remain eligible for a period of 12 months from the date of certification. Recertification is required annually or at any time the qualifying criteria changes.
4. Lifeline customers will be converted to standard residential service rates once they no longer qualify for Lifeline Service. No service charges will apply for this change in service.

Discounts

5. Lifeline Service has been certified by the FCC, therefore, eligible Lifeline customers will receive the appropriate waiver of the Subscriber Line charge (SLC) as specified by the FCC.
 6. Eligible customers will also receive a \$3.50 discount off the normal applicable tariff rate for their local exchange service. (1)
- (1) \$1.17 per access line will be funded from the Oklahoma Universal Service Fund in excess of the amount which was previously included in the company's rate structure as outlined in the settlement of Cause No. PUD 890000662; \$2.33 will be funded from the Federal Universal Service Fund.

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3. EXCHANGE RATES (Continued)

3.5 Lifeline Service (Continued)

C. Lifeline - On Tribal Lands

Eligibility Requirements

1. Lifeline Service will be provided to those applicants who certify participation in at least one of the following programs:(3)
 - a. Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)
 - b. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (CT)
 - c. Medical Assistance and/or Medicaid, or
 - d. Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
 - e. Participate in Federal Public Housing Assistance/Section 8 (AT)
 - f. Participate in Low Income Home Energy Assistance Programs (LIHEAP)
 - g. Participate in or receive assistance or benefits, as certified by the State Department of Rehabilitation Services, under a program providing vocational rehabilitation, including aid to the hearing impaired; or
 - h. Participate in or receive assistance or benefits, as certified by the Oklahoma Tax Commission, pursuant to the Sales Tax Relief Act, 68 O.S. § 5011 et seq.
 - i. Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance
 - j. Tribally Administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
 - k. Head Start(1) (under income qualifying eligibility provision only)
 - l. Food Distribution program on Indian Reservations. (CT)
 - m. Income based, at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (AT)
 2. The applicant must also certify:(3)
 - a. Residence on tribal lands as described in Title 25, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 20.1 Paragraph (v).
 - b. Agreement to notify the Company if the applicant no longer participates in any of the programs described in Paragraph 1, above. (CT)
 - c. The applicant is not a dependent for Federal Income Tax purposes, unless over the age of 60.
 3. Upon receipt of certification, the Company will begin providing the reduction. Lifeline billing will not be implemented or continued unless telephone service arrangements are and remain, within the Lifeline Service criteria specified above. (CT)
 4. Lifeline customers will be converted to standard residential service rates once they no longer qualify for Lifeline Service. No service charges will apply for this change in service.
- (1) Eligibility only includes applicants who satisfy the income standard of the program.
(2) The Company assumes no responsibility for certification of applicant's eligibility. (CT)