



Tariff Control No: 40226

June 01, 2012

Filing Clerk
Public Utility Commission of Texas
1701 N. Congress
Austin, TX 78711-3326

Dear Filing Clerk:

Re: Tariff Control No. 40226 – Compliance Proceeding to Implement Reform and Modernization of the Universal Service Fund’s Lifeline Program for Non Rate of Return CCN Holders Pursuant to FCC Order 12-11

Attached for filing are the original and five copies of the following tariff sheets for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Texas. With this filing AT&T Texas is filing amendments to the Lifeline Discount Telephone Service pursuant to FCC Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in WC Docket No.11-42 adopted January 31, 2012.

<u>Tariff</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Sheet/Revision</u>
Local Exchange Tariff	1	Sheet 15, Revision 8
Local Exchange Tariff	1	Sheet 15.1, Revision 6

These tariff sheets have an effective date of June 1, 2012.

Acknowledgement and date of receipt of this filing are requested. Attached for this purpose is a duplicate letter with the attachment. Please call me at (512) 457-2299 if there are any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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Attachments

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Public Counsel, Office of Public Utility Counsel

LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

3. Rates (Cont'd)

3.1 Rate Schedules (Cont'd)

3.1.1 Residence Services (Cont'd)

(C) Local Exchange Access Service - Lifeline Discount Telephone Service Program (Cont'd)

(2) Customer Eligibility Requirements

Customer eligibility will be determined by the Texas Low-Income Discount Administrator (LIDA)

(a) Lifeline Discount Telephone Service will be provided to customers with a household income at or below 150% of the federal poverty level (as determined by the United States Office of Management and Budget and reported annually in the Federal Register) or in whose household resides a person who receives or has a child who receives:

- Medicaid
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (T)
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance/Section 8 (T)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) (N)
- National School Lunch Program's free lunch program (N)
- health benefits coverage under the state child health plan under Chapter 62, Health and Safety Code

(b) Tribal Lands Lifeline Discount will be provided to applicants residing on Tribal Lands and participating in one or more of the following criteria: [referenced in Title 25, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 20.1, Paragraph(v)]

- Bureau of Indian Affairs general assistance
- Tribally administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Head Start (must meet program's income qualifying standard)
- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (N)
- National School Lunch Program (must satisfy income standard for free lunch program)

(c) Lifeline Service benefits are applicable only to the primary line at the customer's principal residential premises. {1}

{1} A residential premises, or dwelling place, is intended to be that location where an applicant resides, even if such residential premises, or dwelling place is only a single room. Lifeline Discount Telephone Service will only be provided on the primary line into the residential premises, or dwelling place.

LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

3. Rates (Cont'd)

3.1 Rate Schedules (Cont'd)

3.1.1 Residence Services (Cont'd)

(C) Local Exchange Access Service - Lifeline Discount Telephone Service Program (Cont'd)

(2) Customer Eligibility Requirements (Cont'd)

- (d) 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 and" economic unit" consists of all adult individuals contributing to and sharing in the income and expenses of a household. (C)
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- (e) Effective June 1, 2012, proof of eligibility will be required for all initial applicants and all applicants will be required to re-certify every year. (N)
(N)

(3) Customer Application Requirements

- (a) Applicants who participate in LIHEAP, FPHA, or National School Lunch Program, or whose household income level is at or below 150% of the federal poverty guidelines, may self-enroll for Lifeline service by completing an application form, certification form, and household worksheet. LIDA will send forms to the customer upon request. Customer must return the forms to the LIDA. (C)
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- (b) On a monthly basis, the Company will send a list of customers to the LIDA. LIDA will match the names with the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (THHSC) file containing the names of applicants who receive benefits from Medicaid, SNAP, health benefits coverage under the state child health plan, TANF or SSI. The LIDA will then send a file to the Company of new consumers who are eligible for Lifeline service. The Company will utilize this file to give the Lifeline discount to eligible Company customers. (C)
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- (c) Tribal Land Applicants may also self-enroll under penalty of perjury that he/she resides on a reservation, as defined in Title 25 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 20.1, Paragraph (v), and receives benefits from at least one of the programs referenced in Section 3.1.1 (C) (2) (b).