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Advice Letter No. 46174

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

We attach for filing this Tier I advice letter to make the following changes in tariff sheets:

SCHEDULE CAL.P.U.C. NO. A5

6th Revised Sheet 347.4

This filing revises Schedule Cal.P.U.C. No.A5. Exchange Services, 5.2 Local Exchange Service, 5.2.5 Local Service Options, 5.2.5, E. Universal Lifeline Telephone Service (California LifeLine), to add Veterans and Survivors Pension Benefit as a qualifying criterion for the federal Lifeline discount, as a result of the FCC Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization Third Report And Order, Further Report And Order, and Order on Reconsideration, WC Docket No. 11-42 (rel. April 27, 2016).

In compliance with General Order 96-B, we are serving a copy of this advice letter and related tariff sheets to interested parties who have requested. This advice letter with attachments may be viewed on AT&T California's Web-Site at <https://ebiznet.att.com/calreg/>. If there are any questions regarding the distribution of this advice letter, call 415.778.1299.

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This filing is effective December 2, 2016.

Yours truly,

AT&T California

Executive Director

Attachments

NETWORK AND EXCHANGE SERVICES

A5. EXCHANGE SERVICES

5.2 LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE (Cont'd)

5.2.5 LOCAL SERVICE OPTIONS (Cont'd)

E. UNIVERSAL LIFELINE TELEPHONE SERVICE (California LifeLine) (Cont'd)

4. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPATION in California Lifeline (Cont'd)

d. The customer meets either the Income-Based Criterion or the Program-Based Criterion: (Cont'd)

(1) Income-Based Criterion (Cont'd)

Borrowed money does not constitute income when determining eligibility for the California LifeLine program. Funds transferred from one account to another, such as from savings account to a checking account, do not constitute income when determining eligibility for the California LifeLine program, even if such funds are used for living expenses.

For self-employed applicants, the income from self-employment shown on IRS Form 1040, Schedule C, line 29 shall be used to determine eligibility for California LifeLine.

(2) Program-Based Criterion

The customer or a member of the customer's household participates in one of the following means-tested programs:

- Medicaid or Medi-Cal
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- CalFresh Program, formerly known as "Food Stamps"
- Tribal TANF
- Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC)
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance or Section 8
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) also known in California as:
  - o California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs)
  - o Stanislaus Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (StanWORKs)
  - o Welfare to Work (WTW)
  - o Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN)
- National School Lunch Program (NSLP)
- Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance
- Head Start Income Eligible (Tribal Only)
- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations
- Veterans and Survivors Pension Benefit<sup>1</sup> (N)

Note 1: Effective December 2, 2016, in compliance with the FCC Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization Third Report And Order, Further Report And Order, and Order on Reconsideration, WC Docket No. 11-42 (rel. April 27, 2016), Veterans and Survivors Pension Benefit is a criterion for the federal Lifeline program. Subscribers qualified under this criterion will receive only the federal Lifeline discount. (N)

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