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A3. BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

A3.31 Lifeline and Tribal Link Up

A3.31.1 Lifeline and Tribal Link Up Programs

(a)	Effective October 30, 2017, Lifeline service is available only to qualifying subscribers who reside in Connect America Fund II (CAF II) Funded Census Blocks, shown in the Petition of AT&T North Carolina for Order Confirming Relinquishment of Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designation in Specified Areas, Exhibit B, and Order Confirming AT&T's Relinquishment of ETC Designation, Docket No. P-55, SUB 1934, dated June 14, 2017.	(N)
(b)	Description of programs.	(T)
	 Lifeline service is a federally administered program providing a monthly discount to qualifying low-income consumers for voice telephone service or broadband service. 	
	(2) Tribal Link Up service is a federally administered program providing a discount to the customary charge for commencing telecommunications service to a qualifying consumer on Tribal lands.	
(c)	Program eligibility.	(T)
	In order to be eligible for assistance, a consumer must meet the eligibility requirements as set forth in Commission Rule R9-6 and 47 C.F.R. part 54, subpart E of the Federal Communications Commission's rules.	
(<i>d</i>)	Verification of eligibility.	(T)
	The method for verification of the eligibility criteria set forth in (b) above shall be a national eligibility verifier. Until the national eligibility verifier has been established to verify eligibility in North Carolina, the verification method will be self-certification by the recipients of the eligible programs.	
(e)	Support.	(T)
	The monthly recurring and one-time connection discount provided to consumers through the Lifeline and Link Up programs is set forth in 47 C.F.R. part 54, subpart E of the Federal Communications Commission's rules.	