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June 24, 2016

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

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**Re: WC Docket No. 14-58  
2016 ETC Annual Report of F & B Communications, Inc., Study Area Code 359007**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of F & B Communications, Inc., Kiesling Associates LLP files the attached FCC Form 481 ETC annual reporting information pursuant to Sections 54.313 and 54.422 of the Commission's rules.

Please direct any questions about this filing to the undersigned at 515-223-0159 or [cclauson@kiesling.com](mailto:cclauson@kiesling.com).

Sincerely,

KIESLING ASSOCIATES LLP

*Cheryl A. Clauson*

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FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting  
Data Collection Form

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<210> For the prior calendar year, were there any reportable voice service outages?

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(300) Unfulfilled Service Request  
Data Collection Form

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<300>	Unfulfilled service request (voice)	0
<310>	Detail on attempts (voice)	
<320>	Unfulfilled service request (broadband)	
<330>	Detail on attempts (broadband)	

Name of Attached Document

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(400) Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers  
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<400>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report voice complaints (zero or greater) for voice telephony service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize. <div>Offered only fixed voice</div>	
<410>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed voice	0.0
<420>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile voice	
<430>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report end-user customer complaints (zero or greater) for broadband service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize.	
<440>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed broadband	
<450>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile broadband	

**[500] Compliance With Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules**  
**Data Collection Form**

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<500>	Certify compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules	Yes
<510>	Descriptive document for Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance	359007ia510.pdf

<b>(600) Functionality in Emergency Situations</b> <b>Data Collection Form</b>	<b>FCC Form 481</b> <b>OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819</b> <b>July 2013</b>
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<035> Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	5637741234 ext.
<039> Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	kenefbc@tele.com
<600> Certify compliance regarding ability to function in emergency situations	Yes
<610> Descriptive document for Functionality in Emergency Situations	3590071a610.pdf

**(700) Price Offerings including Voice Rate Data  
Data Collection Form**

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<701>	Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date	1/1/2016
<702>	Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge	

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7.10) Broadband Price Offerings  
Data Collection Form

Study Area Code

Study Area Name
<015>

FARMERS &amp; BUSINESS MEN'S TELEPHONE COMPANY DBA F&amp;B COMMUNICATIONS

2017

Program Year
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<02>	1708	WEST FOR.
<030>	Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data	

Kenneth Laursen

CONTACT NAME - PERSONS WITHIN COMPANY	NUMBER	NUMBER OF PERSONS IDENTIFIED IN DATA	LINE	EXT.
5633741236	ext.			

<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	ken@fbc-tele.com
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<810>	Reporting Carrier	F&B Communications, Inc.
<811>	Holding Company	Not Applicable
<812>	Operating Company	F&B Communications, Inc.

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**(900) Tribal Lands Reporting  
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<900>	Does the filing entity offer tribal land services? (Y/N)	No

<910> Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves

<920> Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

Name of Attached Document

If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes, No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached document(s), on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:

Select Yes or No or Not Applicable

- <921> Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions.
- <922> Feasibility and sustainability planning.
- <923> Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;
- <924> Compliance with Rights of way processes
- <925> Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements
- <926> Compliance with Facilities Siting rules
- <927> Compliance with Environmental Review processes
- <928> Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes
- <929> Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.

(1000) Voice and Broadband Service Rate Comparability  
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<1000> Voice services rate comparability certification Not Applicable

<1010> Attach detailed description for voice services rate comparability compliance

Name of Attached Document

<1020> Broadband comparability certification

<1030> Attach detailed description for broadband comparability compliance

Name of Attached Document

**(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting  
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<1100> Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Y/N)

Yes

<1130> Please select the appropriate response (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g).

**(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers**  
**Lifeline**  
**Data Collection Form**

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Name of Attached Document

<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans

<1220>	Link to Public Website	HTTP
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"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:

<1221>	Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers,	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1222>	Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan,	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1223>	Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

(2006) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation  
Data Collection Form  
Including Rate of Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers

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Select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e). The information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

### Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting

<2010> 2nd Year Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)(i) - Note that for the July 1 2016 certification, this applies to Round 2 recipients of Incremental Support

<2011> 3rd Year Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)(ii) - Note that for the July 1 2016 certification, this applies to Round 1 recipients of Incremental Support

<2022> Recipient certifies, representing year two after filing a notice of acceptance of funding pursuant to 54.312(c), that the locations in question are not receiving support under the Broadband Initiatives Program or the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program for projects that will provide broadband with speeds of at least 4 Mbps/1Mbps - 54.313(b)(2)(i). Round 2 recipients only.

<2023> The attachment on line 2024 includes a statement of the total amount of capital funding expended in the previous year in meeting Connect America Phase I deployment obligations, accompanied by a list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent. This covers year two - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.

<2024A> Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?

<2024B> Attach list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent in year two - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.

<2025A> Round 1 or Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?

<2025B> Attach geocoded information for Phase I milestone reports (Round 1 for year three and Round 2 for year two) - Connect America Fund, WC Docket 10-90, Report and Order, FCC 13-

<2015> 2016 and future Frozen Support Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(c)(4)

Name of Attached Document Listing  
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(2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)

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Including Note of Return Carriers Affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers

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**Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support {47 CFR § 54.313(d)}**

&lt;2016&gt; Certification support used to build broadband

**Connect America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}**

&lt;2017A&gt; Connect America Fund Phase II recipient?

&lt;2017B&gt; Attach information for Phase II - 54.313(e)(1) - list of geocoded locations already meeting the 54.309 public interest obligations at the end of calendar year 2015 and total amount of Phase II support, if any, the price

cap carrier used for capital expenditures in 2015.

&lt;2018&gt; Attach the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the carrier newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year - 54.313(e)(2)(iii)

&lt;2019&gt; Recipient certifies that it bid on category one telecommunications and Internet access services in response to all FCC Form 470 postings seeking broadband service that meets the connectivity targets for the schools and libraries universal service support program for eligible schools and libraries located within any area in a census block where the carrier is receiving Phase II model-based support, and that such bids were at rates reasonably comparable to rates charged to eligible schools and libraries in urban areas for comparable offerings - 54.313(e)(2)(v)

&lt;2020&gt; Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 40% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2017 - 54.313(e)(3)

&lt;2021&gt; Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 60% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2018 - 54.313(e)(4)

&lt;2026&gt; Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 80% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2019 - 54.313(e)(5)

&lt;2027&gt; Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 100% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2020 - 54.313(e)(6)

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Complete the items below to note compliance with five year service quality plan (pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.202(a)) and, for privately held carriers, ensuring compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

<b>Progress Report on 5 Year Plan</b>	
(3009)	Carrier certifies to 54.313(f)(1)(iii)
(3010A)	Milestone Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i)}
(3010B)	Please Provide Attachment <span style="float: right;">Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information</span>
(3012A)	Community Anchor Institutions {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii)}
(3012B)	Please Provide Attachment <span style="float: right;">Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information</span>
(3013)	Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2)} <span style="float: right;">(Yes/No) <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/></span>
(3014)	If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report <span style="float: right;">(Yes/No) <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/></span>
Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires:	
(3015)	Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers) <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/></span>
(3016)	Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/></span>
(3017)	If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation <span style="float: right;">Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information</span>
(3018)	If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited? <span style="float: right;">(Yes/No) <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/></span>
If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:	
(3019)	Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/></span>
(3020)	(2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/></span>
(3021)	Management letter and/or audit opinion issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit. <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/></span>
If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:	
(3022)	Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/></span>
(3023)	Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/></span>
(3024)	Underlying information subjected to an officer certification. <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/></span>
(3025)	Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/></span>
(3026)	Attach the worksheet listing required information <span style="float: right;">Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information</span>

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Financial Data Summary

(3027) Revenue

(3028) Operating Expenses

(3029) Net Income

(3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TPIS)

(3031) Total Assets

(3032) Total Debt

(3033) Total Equity

(3034) Dividends


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#### 4005 Rural Broadband Experiment

Authorized Rural Broadband Experiment (RBE) recipients must address the certification for public interest obligations, provide a list of newly served community anchor institutions, and provide a list of locations where broadband has been deployed.

#### Public Interest Obligations – FCC 14-98 (paragraphs 26-29, 78)

Please address Line 4001 regarding compliance with the Commission's public interest obligations. All RBE participants must provide a response to Line 4001.

**4001.** Recipient certifies that it is offering broadband to the identified locations meeting the requisite public interest obligations consistent with the category for which they were selected, including broadband speed, latency, usage capacity, and rates that are reasonably comparable to rates for comparable offerings in urban areas?

#### Community Anchor Institutions – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 79)

**4003a.** RBE participants must provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which they newly deployed broadband service in the preceding calendar year. On this line, please respond (yes – attach new community anchors, no – no new anchors) to indicate whether this list will be provided.

If yes to 4003A, please provide a response for 4003B.

**4003b.** Provide the number, names and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the recipient newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information \_\_\_\_\_

#### Broadband Deployment Locations – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 80)

**4004a.** Attach a list of geocoded locations to which broadband has been deployed as of the June 1st immediately preceding the July 1st filing deadline for the FCC Form 481.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information \_\_\_\_\_

**4004b.** Attach evidence demonstrating that the recipient is meeting the relevant public service obligations for the identified locations. Materials must at least detail the pricing, offered broadband speed and data usage allowances available in the relevant geographic area.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information \_\_\_\_\_

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients	
I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	
Signature of Authorized Officer:	Date
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	Filing Due Date for this form:
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I certify that (Name of Agent) <u>Kiesling Associates</u> is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.	
Name of Authorized Agent:	Kiesling Associates
Name of Reporting Carrier:	FARMERS & BUSINESS MEN'S TELEPHONE COMPANY DBA F&B COMMUNICATIONS
Signature of Authorized Officer:	CERTIFIED ONLINE Date: 06/20/2016
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	Brenda Kay
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	Secretary/Treasurer
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	5633741244 ext.
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	359007 Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2016
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	FARMERS & BUSINESS MEN'S TELEPHONE COMPANY DBA F&B COMMUNICATIONS
Name of Authorized Agent Firm:	Kiesling Associates
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	CERTIFIED ONLINE Date: 06/20/2016
Name of Authorized Agent Employee:	Cheryl Clauson
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent	Regulatory Consultant
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	5152230159 ext.
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## Attachments

**FCC Form 481, Line 510: Certification of Compliance with Applicable Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules**

Iowa Administrative Code §199-22.6 requires an ETC to certify in its annual report that it is complying with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules. The ETC will measure its service connection, held order, and service interruption performance monthly according to this section. F&B Communications Inc. certifies that it has complied with these requirements and will continue to comply with these requirements.

**FCC Form 481, Line 610: Certification Regarding Ability to Function in Emergency Situations**

Iowa Administrative Code §199-22.6(5) requires an ETC to certify in its annual report that it is complying with provisions to meet emergencies including but not limited to the provision of emergency power. Each central office shall contain a minimum of two hours of battery reserve and for offices without permanently installed emergency power facilities, there shall be access to a mobile power unit with enough capacity to carry the load which can be delivered on reasonably short notice and readily connected. F&B Communications Inc. certifies that it has complied with these requirements and will continue to comply with these requirements. In addition, the ETC also complies with all federal rules regarding end user's abilities to function in emergency situations.



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**FCC Form 481, Line 1210: Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers**

**Lifeline Telephone Assistance Program**

Financial assistance through the Lifeline program is available to help eligible Iowans afford and maintain basic telephone service. Lifeline participation enables Iowans to stay connected to jobs, family, community resources, and government and emergency services. Lifeline is a federal government program that assists qualified Iowans by providing a monthly credit of \$9.25 on the local telephone bill. Lifeline benefits are limited to one wire line or wireless phone per qualified household. Households currently receiving more than one Lifeline service must select a single Lifeline service provider and de-enroll from the program with any other provider(s).

Households eligible for the Lifeline program include those who participate in other federal public assistance programs, such as the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Consumers may also qualify based on their level of income. For more information, please see the Board's [2015 Lifeline Week news release](#).

A Lifeline [application form](#) is available from your local telephone service provider, the Iowa Utilities Board, or most [Community Action Agencies](#) in the state. To apply, simply complete the application form and then return it to your chosen participating provider. Additionally, residents of Tribal lands who are eligible for Lifeline, should check with their local telecommunications provider to inquire about additional benefits, including potential Link-Up telephone-installation benefits.

Re-certification forms are sent to all Lifeline subscribers each year. In order to continue receiving Lifeline assistance, these forms must be completed and returned to the subscriber's local telecommunications provider within 30 days. If the re-certification form is not returned, the telecommunications provider will discontinue the subscriber's Lifeline assistance.

Information about the [number of customers receiving Lifeline assistance](#) is reported by each Iowa telephone company. For more information, call the Iowa Utilities Board toll free at 1.877.565.4450, or visit [www.fcc.gov/lifeline](http://www.fcc.gov/lifeline) or [www.usac.org](http://www.usac.org).

Number of local minutes provided: Unlimited local calling

Equal access toll calls are available and are billed at carriers' standard rates for Lifeline subscribers.

# Low-Income Telephone Assistance Program

## Lifeline

Lifeline is a plan that assists qualified low-income Iowans by providing a monthly reduction of \$9.25 on their local telephone bill.

You may only receive low-income assistance from one wireline or wireless telephone provider per household.\*

### **\*NOTE:**

A "Household" is defined as any individual or group of individuals who are living together at the same address as one economic unit. An "economic unit" consists of all adult individuals contributing to and sharing in the income and expenses of a household.

## Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for Lifeline assistance, you must meet income-based criterion currently defined as at or below 135 % of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (see table inside) **OR** participate in at least one of the following programs:

- Medicaid
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance
- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Temporary Assistance to Needy Families Program (TANF)
- National School Lunch Program (NSL)

In addition, you must not currently be receiving Lifeline assistance, and no other person in your household can be subscribed to the Lifeline program.

## To Apply for Lifeline:

1. Complete the certification form attached to this brochure, (please include any supporting documents) and submit it to your local telecommunications provider's business office. This address can be found in your local telephone directory.
2. Re-certification forms are mailed to all subscribers every year. When you receive a re-certification form, complete and return it to your local telecommunications provider within 30 days. Your telecommunications provider will suspend your eligibility for low-income assistance if you do not return the re-certification form.

# Federal Government Lifeline Program for Low-Income Telephone Assistance

Revised: January 2015



Courtesy of:

The Iowa Communications Alliance,  
Iowa Utilities Board,  
and  
F&B Communications  
(your Local Communications Provider)

# 135 percent of federal poverty guidelines

(As of January 22, 2015)

Number of people living in home	Household Income (at or below)
1	\$15,890
2	\$21,506
3	\$27,122
4	\$32,738
5	\$38,354
6	\$43,970
7	\$49,586
8	\$55,202
* For each additional person	Add \$5,616

## Application Checklist

Please provide the following information:

1. A signed and completed Lifeline assistance certification form.
2. A copy of one of the following if applying based on the size and income level of a customer's household:
  - Last year's federal or state income tax return
  - Current annual income statement from employer
  - Paycheck stubs for most recent three consecutive months
  - Social Security statement of benefits
  - Veteran's Administration statement of benefits
  - Retirement or pension statement of benefits
  - Unemployment or worker's compensation statement of benefits
  - Letter of participation in general assistance
  - Divorce decree or child support documentation

3. Supporting documentation of program-based eligibility if applying based on participation in any programs listed on the back of this brochure.

Acceptable documentation of program eligibility includes the current or prior year's statement of benefits from a qualifying assistance program, a notice, letter or documents of participation in a qualifying assistance program, or another official document demonstrating that you, or one or more of your dependents, or your household receives benefits from a qualifying assistance program. **These documents will not be kept or stored by the local telecommunications provider.**

For questions, please call your local telecommunications provider.

