

Chouteau Telephone Company  
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Oklahoma  
Line 920 -- Tribal Government Engagement Obligation



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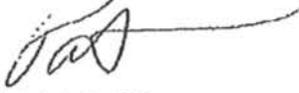
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*--- VIA Certified Mail ---*



Please feel free to contact me at 620.227.4409 or via email at [pmorse@fairpoint.com](mailto:pmorse@fairpoint.com) if you have any questions or concerns, or if you would like to arrange a date for a meeting. I look forward to meeting and working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Morse', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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FCC FORM 481

Line 1010 – Voice Service Rate Comparability

The pricing of the company's voice service rate is no more than two standard deviations above the applicable national average urban rate for voice service, as specified in the most recent public notice, FCC DA15-470 released on April 16, 2015.

For Rates See Attachment: (700) Company Price Offerings (voice)

Form 481 Line 1210- Terms & Conditions for Lifeline Customers

Chouteau Telephone Company provides a Lifeline Program discount for residence service for eligible low income customers. The Lifeline Program discount is applied to any month to month residence local service, package or bundle offering. The discount is intended to offset the Subscriber Line Charge and local line charge, although eligible packages and bundles may have toll calling included in the pricing for the offering.

The tariff pages outlining the terms of the Lifeline Program in Chouteau Telephone Company are attached. The terms and conditions of residential basic local exchange service, package and bundle offerings can be found at <http://www.tariffs.net/fairpoint/tler.asp?cid=1644>.

Form 481 Line 1210- Terms & Conditions for Lifeline Customers

FairPoint Communications  
Local Exchange Tariff

SECTION 3  
First Revised Page 4

**LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE**

**I. LIFELINE SERVICE**

**A. Applicability**

1. Lifeline Service is a telecommunications service assistance program designed to provide eligible residential customers with a credit to be applied to the price of basic local exchange service.
2. Eligible customers will receive a credit as set forth in Section D. Lifeline Credits below, to be applied to their basic local exchange access service.
3. Customers shall not receive more than one Lifeline credit regardless of the number of residential access lines or locations the customer receives service within the State of Oklahoma.
4. All charges, either recurring or nonrecurring, for any service or feature other than Lifeline Service shall be billed at the tariffed rate.
5. Lifeline Service shall not be available on a retroactive basis.

**B. Designated Services Available to Lifeline Customers <sup>(1)</sup>**

The following services shall be offered to eligible Lifeline customers:

1. Single Party Service
2. Local Usage
3. Touch Tone Services
4. Voice Grade Access to the Public Switched Network
5. Access to Emergency Services
6. Access to Operator Services
7. Access to Interexchange Services
8. Access to Directory Assistance
9. Availability of Toll Restriction at No Charge <sup>(2)</sup>

**C. Eligibility Requirements for Lifeline Service in Non-Tribal Areas**

1. Customers or applicants seeking a Lifeline service credit must provide documentation to the Company establishing that the customer or applicant meets one or more of the following eligibility requirements prior to receiving the Lifeline service credit. The applicant must check all that apply.

(1) Lifeline service may not be disconnected for non-payment of toll charges.

(2) Eligible customers accepting toll restriction services shall not be required to pay a deposit.

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I. LIFELINE SERVICE

C. Eligibility Requirements for Lifeline Service in Non-Tribal Areas (Continued)

- a. The applicant or customer must meet the requirements for eligibility for either Medicaid/SoonerCare, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP" f/k/a Food Stamps), federal public housing, Low-Income Energy Assistance Program, Supplemental Security Income, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families ("TANF"), National School Lunch Program ("NSL") Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations ("FDPIR") or 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. Additionally, persons who are eligible recipients of income assistance for Vocational Rehabilitation (including Aid to the Hearing Impaired) are also eligible for the Lifeline Service credit; or
  - b. Are eligible for or receive assistance or benefits, as certified by the State Department of Rehabilitation services, under programs providing vocational rehabilitation, including aid to the hearing impaired; or
  - c. Are eligible for or receive assistance or benefits, as certified by the Oklahoma Tax Commission, pursuant to the Sales Tax Relief Act, section 5011 et seq. of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes. (CT)
  - d. For federal income tax purposes, the applicant is not a dependent unless over sixty years of age.
2. The eligibility requirements listed above will be certified to by the applicant or the applicable state agency. The Company assumes no responsibility for the certification of customers or applicants eligibility.
  3. Upon receipt of the applicant's documentation establishing eligibility as stated above, the Company will begin providing the credit.
  4. Lifeline customers are required to provide documentation for the purpose of determining their continuing eligibility for the Lifeline credit, upon request of the Company, no less frequently than annually.
  5. The Lifeline service credit will be discontinued for customers who no longer meet the eligibility requirements for the Lifeline Service credit.

D. Lifeline Credits in Non-Tribal Areas

Monthly Credit

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Federal Lifeline Credit:	\$9.25
Oklahoma Universal Service Fund Credit:	\$0.02 <sup>(1)</sup>

(1) USF Credit does not apply to a customer that qualifies under the 135% of Federal Poverty Guidelines.

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**FAIRPOINT COMMUNICATIONS**  
Local Exchange Tariff

**SECTION 3**  
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**E. Eligibility Requirements for Lifeline Service On Tribal Lands**

1. The applicant or customer seeking to obtain Lifeline Service on Tribal Lands (see definition in 2.a. below) must demonstrate their current participation in at least one of the following assistance programs. The Applicant or customer shall complete and sign, under penalty of perjury, an authorization and self certification form provided by the Company. The Applicant or customer must check all of the following that apply.
  - a. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP") f/k/a Food Stamps
  - b. Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC)
  - c. Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
  - d. Medical Assistance
  - e. Vocational Rehabilitation (including aid to the hearing impaired)
  - f. Oklahoma Sales Tax Relief
  - g. Federal Public Housing Assistance
  - h. Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program
  - i. Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations ("FDPIR")
  - j. 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines
  - k. Bureau of Indian Affairs general assistance; <sup>(1)</sup>
  - l. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) tribally-administered block grant programs; <sup>(2)</sup>
  - m. Head Start Programs (only applicant or customer who satisfy the income qualifying eligibility provision); or
  - n. National School Lunch Program (only applicant or customer who satisfy the income standard of the program for free meals).
  
2. The applicant or customer must also certify:
  - a. Residence on Tribal Lands as described in Title 25, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 20.1, paragraph (v).
  - b. Agreement to notify Company if applicant or customer no longer participates in the program or programs described in paragraph 1. above, for which the Applicant or Customer certified their participation in.
  - c. The applicant must not be a dependent for Federal Income Tax purposes, unless the applicant is over the age of 60.
  
3. Upon receipt of the completed self certification, Company will begin providing the credit set forth in F. below. Lifeline credits will not be implemented or continued unless telephone service arrangements are remain, within the Lifeline Service criteria specified above.

(1) Applicant must "have sufficient resources to meet the basic and special needs defined by the Bureau Standard of assistance," 25 C.F.R. § 20.21.  
 (2) 42 U.S.C. § 612 and 45 C.F.R. § 286.

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E. Eligibility Requirements for Lifeline Service On Tribal Lands (Continued)

- 4. The Lifeline credits will be discontinued upon receipt by the Company of notice by the Customer that they no longer meet the eligibility requirements for the Lifeline credits.
- 5. The Lifeline credits will be automatically discontinued unless the customer annually certifies they continue to meet the eligibility requirements for Lifeline credits. All such annual re-self certifications must be submitted to the Company within the time frames determined by the Company.
- 6. Lifeline customers will be converted to standard residential service rates once they no longer qualify for Lifeline Service. No service charge will apply for this change in service.

F. Lifeline Credits on Tribal Lands

Lifeline Service on Tribal Lands has been established by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), therefore eligible Lifeline customers will receive the appropriate credits, depending on the programs the customer participates in, as specified by the FCC in CC Docket No. 96-45 and as set forth below:

- 1. If a customer indicates eligibility to receive Lifeline credits has, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP" f/k/a Food Stamps), Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Medical Assistance, Vocational Rehabilitation (including aid to the hearing impaired), Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations ("FDPIR") or Oklahoma Sales Tax Relief Act (68 O.S.§5011, et seq.), then the Customer should receive credits as follows:

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	<u>Monthly Credit<sup>(1)</sup></u>
Federal Lifeline Credit	\$ 9.25
Oklahoma Universal Service Fund Credit	\$ 0.02
Additional Federal Credit to Residential Access Line necessary to reduce customer's bill to \$1.00 <sup>(2)</sup>	

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(1) Credit amount will not exceed the total of the subscriber line charge and the residential local exchange rate, less \$1.00. In no instance will a subscriber's monthly local exchange rate be less than \$1.00 after the application of the Lifeline Credits.

(2) Eligible customers will also receive an additional reduction off the applicable monthly tariff rate for their local exchange service, not to exceed \$25.00 as specified by the FCC in CC Docket No. 96-45.

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F. Lifeline Credits on Tribal Lands (Continued)

- 2. If a customer indicates his eligibility to receive Lifeline credits has only one or more of the following: Federal Public Housing Assistance, Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, Bureau of Indian Affairs general assistance, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) tribally administered block grant programs, Head Start Programs (only those meeting its income qualifying eligibility provision), 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, or National School Lunch Program (only Applicant or customer who satisfy the income standard of the program for free meals), then the Customer should receive credits as follows:

	<u>Monthly Credit</u> <sup>(3)</sup>
Federal Lifeline Credit	\$ 9.25
Additional Federal Credit to Residential Access Line Necessary to reduce customer's bill to \$1.00 <sup>(4)</sup>	

(3) Credit amount will not exceed the total of the subscriber line charge and the residential local exchange rate less \$1.00. In no instance will a subscriber's monthly local exchange rate be less than \$1.00 after the application of the Lifeline Credits.

(4) Eligible customers will also receive an additional reduction off the applicable monthly tariff rate for their local exchange service, not to exceed \$25.00 as specified by the FCC in CC Docket No. 96-45.

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**RATE FLOOR DATA COLLECTION - OMB Control Number 3060-0986**

**Block 1 - Contact Information**

ROW #	DATA ELEMENT	FORMAT OF REQUESTED DATA	RESPONSE
1	Carrier Study Area Code	6 numeric digits	431981
2	Carrier Study Area Name	alpha characters	Chouteau Telephone Company
3	Service Provider Identification Number	9 numeric digits	143002380
4	Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date	mm/dd/yyyy	6/1/2015
5	Contact Name	alpha characters	Barbara Galardo
6	Contact Telephone Number (include area code)	9 numeric digits	2075354126
7	Sheet number	numeric digit(s)	1
8	Total Number of Sheets	numeric digit(s)	1

**Block 2 - Residential Local Service Rates, Fees, and Line Counts**

	Column 1 Residential Local Service Charge	Column 2 State Subscriber Line Charge	Column 3 State Universal Service Fee	Column 4 Mandatory Extended Area Service Charge	Column 5 Loops
9	\$ 17.35				
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Rate Floor

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

**Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Rate Floor Data**

I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the actual rate floor data reported ; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form is accurate.

Name of Reporting Carrier See Attached Listing

Signature of authorized officer

*M. Michael T. Skrivan*

Date

*June 23, 2015*

Printed name of authorized officer Michael T. Skrivan

Title or position of authorized officer Vice President of Regulatory

Telephone number of authorized officer: ( 207 ) 535 - 4150

Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier

See Attached List

Filing Due Date for this form  
(mm/dd/yyyy)

7/1/2015

