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September 27, 2013

By Hand Delivery

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

**Re: WC Docket No. 10-90, WC Docket No. 11-42
2013 ETC Annual Report of Foothills Rural Cooperative
Study Area Code 260406**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Foothills Rural Cooperative “Foothills”, JSI files the attached confidential and redacted versions of the FCC Form 481 ETC annual reporting information pursuant to sections 54.313 and 54.422 of the Commission’s rules.¹ Foothills seeks confidential treatment under Protective Order for section 54.313(f)(2) financial information.² The redacted version is also being filed this date via the FCC’s Electronic Comment Filing System.

Please direct any questions regarding the filing to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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JSI Vice President
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jkuykendall@jsitel.com

cc: Charles Tyler, Telecommunications Access Policy Division (two copies, confidential)

¹ 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313, 54.422.

² *Connect America Fund et al.*, WC Docket No. 10-90 *et al.*, Protective Order, DA 12-1857 rel. Nov. 16, 2012 (Protective Order). 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(f)(2).

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ANNUAL REPORTING FOR ALL CARRIERS	54.313 Completion Required	54.422 Completion Required
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<i>(check box when complete)</i>		
<100> Service Quality Improvement Reporting	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<200> Outage Reporting (voice)	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<300> Unfulfilled Service Requests (voice)	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<310> Detail on Attempts (voice)	<input type="text"/> <i>(attach descriptive document)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<330> Detail on Attempts (broadband)	<input type="text"/> <i>(attach descriptive document)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<400> Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers (voice)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<430> Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers (broadband)		<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<440> Fixed	<input type="text"/>	
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<500> Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance	<i>(check to indicate certification)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<600> Functionality in Emergency Situations	<i>(check to indicate certification)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<610>	<input type="text" value="260406ky610"/> <i>(attached descriptive document)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<700> Company Price Offerings (voice)	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<710> Company Price Offerings (broadband)	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<800> Operating Companies and Affiliates	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<900> Tribal Land Offerings (Y/N)?	<input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <i>(if yes, complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1000> Voice Services Rate Comparability	<i>(check to indicate certification)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1010>	<input type="text"/> <i>(attach descriptive document)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1100> Terrestrial Backhaul (Y/N)?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <i>(if not, check to indicate certification)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1110>	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1200> Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Price Cap Carriers, Proceed to Price Cap Additional Documentation Worksheet

Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers

<2000>	<i>(check to indicate certification)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<2005>	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Rate of Return Carriers, Proceed to ROR Additional Documentation Worksheet

<3000>	<i>(check to indicate certification)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<3005>	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

(100) Service Quality Improvement Reporting Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<110> Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC? If your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing §54.202(a) "5 year plan" filed with the FCC?	(yes / no)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	
<111> year plan" filed with the FCC?	(yes / no)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	

If your answer to Line <111> is yes, then you are required to file a progress report, on line <112> delineating the status of your company's existing § 54.202(a) "5 year plan" on file with the FCC, as it relates to your provision of voice telephony service.

<112> Attach Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan or, in subsequent years, your annual progress report filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1). If your company is a CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only required to address voice telephony service.

Name of Attached Document (.pdf)

Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 112, contains a progress report on its five-year service quality improvement plan pursuant to § 54.202(a). The information shall be submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate.

- <113> Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets
- <114> Report how much universal service (USF) support was received
- <115> How (USF) was used to improve service quality
- <116> How (USF) was used to improve service coverage
- <117> How (USF) was used to improve service capacity
- <118> Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year.

(900) Tribal Lands Reporting Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<910> Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves

<920> Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

Name of Attached Document (.pdf)

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

- <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.

Select (Yes,No, NA)

(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<1120> Please check this box to confirm no terrestrial backhaul options exist within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(G)

<1130> Please check this box 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	FCC Form 481
Lifeline	OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
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<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans 260406ky1210

Name of attached document (.pdf)

<1220> Link to Public Website HTTP http://www.foothills.net/content.php?c=Green&p=telephone_ratesRes.php

“Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached PDF, 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,
- <1222>** Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan,
- <1223>** Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan.

(2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation Data Collection Form <i>Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers</i>	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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CHECK the boxes below to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental Connect America Phase I support, frozen 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)}	<input type="checkbox"/>
<2011>	3rd Year Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(b)(2)}	<input type="checkbox"/>

Price Cap Carrier Receiving Frozen Support Certification {47 CFR § 54.312(a)}

<2012>	2013 Frozen Support Certification	<input type="checkbox"/>
<2013>	2014 Frozen Support Certification	<input type="checkbox"/>
<2014>	2015 Frozen Support Certification	<input type="checkbox"/>
<2015>	2016 and future Frozen Support Certification	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

<2016>	Certification Support Used to Build Broadband	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Connect America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}

<2017>	3rd year Broadband Service Certification	<input type="checkbox"/>
<2018>	5th year Broadband Service Certification	<input type="checkbox"/>
<2019>	Interim Progress Certification	<input type="checkbox"/>
<2020>	Please check the box to confirm that the attached PDF , on line 2021, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (e)(3)(ii), as a recipient of CAF Phase II support shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.	<input type="checkbox"/>

<2021>	Interim Progress Community Anchor Institutions	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	<input type="checkbox"/>
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(3000) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation	FCC Form 481
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CHECK the boxes below to note compliance on its 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.

Progress Report on 5 Year Plan

<p>(3010) Milestone Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i)} Please check this box to confirm that the attached PDF , on line 3012,</p>	<p>Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>(3011) contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (f)(1)(ii), as a recipient of CAF Phase II support shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.</p>		
<p>(3012) Community Anchor Institutions {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii)}</p>	<p>Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes/No)</p>
<p>(3013) Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2)}</p>		<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes/No)</p>
<p>(3014) If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report 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:</p>		<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>(3015) Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)</p>		<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>(3016) PDF of Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows</p>		<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>(3017) If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation</p>	<p>Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information</p>	<p>260406ky3017</p>
<p>(3018) If the response is no on line 3014, Is your company audited? 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 :</p>		<p><input type="checkbox"/> (Yes/No)</p>
<p>(3019) Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications</p>		<p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>(3020) PDF of Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows</p>		<p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>(3021) Management letter issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit. 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:</p>		<p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>(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,</p>		<p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>(3023) Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant</p>		<p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>(3024) Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.</p>		<p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>(3025) PDF of Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows</p>		<p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>(3026) Attach the worksheet listing required information</p>	<p>Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/></p>

Certification - Reporting Carrier Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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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.	

Certification - Agent / Carrier Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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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>John Staurulakis, Inc</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:	John Staurulakis, Inc
Name of Reporting Carrier:	FOOTHILLS RURAL COOP
Signature of Authorized Officer:	CERTIFIED ONLINE Date: 09/26/2013
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	Ruth Conley
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	CEO
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	606-297-3501
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	260406 Filing Due Date for this form: 10/15/2013
<small>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.</small>	

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:	FOOTHILLS RURAL COOP
Name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	John Staurulakis, Inc.
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	CERTIFIED ONLINE Date: 09/26/2013
Printed name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	Lans Chase
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	Staff Director - Regulatory Affairs
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	770-569-2105
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	260406 Filing Due Date for this form: 10/15/2013
<small>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.</small>	

Attachments

**Foothills Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation's
Demonstration of Complying with Applicable Service Quality Standards and
Consumer Protection Rules**

In establishing this certification in its *2005 ETC Order*,¹ the FCC found that an ETC must make “a specific commitment to objective measures to protect consumers.”² The FCC found that for wireless ETCs, compliance with CTIA’s Consumer Code for Wireless Service would satisfy this requirement” and that the sufficiency of other commitments would be considered on a case-by-case basis.³ In this context, the FCC stated, “to the extent a wireline or wireless ETC applicant is subject to consumer protection obligations under state law, compliance with such laws may meet our requirement.”⁴

Foothills Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation (“Company”) hereby certifies that it is complying with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules. The Company is subject to consumer protection obligations under the Kentucky Revised Statutes (KRS) and Kentucky Administrative Regulations (KAR). These obligations include, but are not limited to, the following: (1) filing a Local Exchange Tariff pursuant to the requirements of KRS Chapter 278.541 to 278.544 and 807 KAR 5:011, which disclose rates, terms and conditions of service to customers; (2) adherence to Kentucky state consumer protection requirements governing telephone providers which include Consumer protections as identified in

¹ *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket No. 96-45, Report and Order, FCC 05-46 (rel. Mar. 17, 2005) (“*2005 ETC Order*”).

² *Id.* at para. 28.

³ *Id.* The FCC noted that under the CTIA Consumer Code, wireless carriers agree to: “(1) disclose rates and terms of service to customers; (2) make available maps showing where service is generally available; (3) provide contract terms to customers and confirm changes in service; (4) allow a trial period for new service; (5) provide specific disclosures in advertising; (6) separately identify carrier charges from taxes on billing statements; (7) provide customers the right to terminate service for changes to contract terms; (8) provide ready access to customer service; (9) promptly respond to consumer inquiries and complaints received from government agencies; and (10) abide by policies for protection of consumer privacy.” *Id.* at n. 71.

⁴ *Id.* at n. 72.

KRS Chapter 278.546, Pricing Procedures as illustrated in KRS Chapter 278.542(1), and Compliance with Anti-Slamming Procedures as adopted in KRS Chapter 278.535; (3) truth-in-billing requirements as required in 807 KAR 5:061, Section 13; and (4) CPNI, Red Flag Rules and other applicable federal and state requirements governing the protection of customers' privacy. Additionally, incumbent local exchange carriers are required by 807 KAR 5:061, Section 4(4) to maintain records of and report monthly various service objectives related to the Provision of Service, 807 KAR 5:061, Section 10(1); Dial Service Requirements, 807 KAR 5:061, Section 15(1) and (2); Answering Time, 807 KAR 5:061, Section 22(1) and (2) and Service Interruption, 807 KAR 5:061, Section 25(3) and (4).

**Foothills Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation’s
Demonstration of Ability to Function in Emergency Situations**

Foothills Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation (“Company”) hereby certifies that it is able to function in emergency situations as set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 47, Part 54, Subpart C, §54.202(a)(2)¹ and the Kentucky Administrative Regulations (KAR), 807 5:061, Section 24. The Company’s network is designed to remain functional in emergency situations without an external power source, is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities, and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations as required by Section 54.202(a)(2). The Company can change call routing translations as needed to reroute traffic around damaged facilities. Changing call routing translations will also allow the Company to manage traffic spikes throughout its network, as emergency situations require.

Specifically, Foothills Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:061. Telephone, Section 24, has a written plan in place to meet service emergencies resulting from failures of power service, sudden and prolonged increase in traffic, fire, storm, or acts of God, and has trained employees on emergency procedure. Each central office building is supplied with standby generators and battery back-up that enable the central office to keep running for at least the minimum of four (4) hours, or until system changes are made to reroute traffic. The Company has battery backup at all office locations and in its electronic equipment sites in accordance with the specifications identified in Section 24 of the 807 KAR, 5:061, Emergency Operations.

¹ Section 54.202(a)(2) requires ETCs that are designated by the Commission to “demonstrate its ability to remain functional in emergency situations, including a demonstration that it has a reasonable amount of back-up power to ensure functionality without an external power source, is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities, and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations.”



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Lifeline

For low income consumers.

The Lifeline Program was designed to preserve and promote telephone services to qualified low income households. The Lifeline Program provides a monthly credit for local service. You must be able to provide proof of participation in a qualifying program to be eligible for Lifeline assistance. Only one Lifeline service is available per household.

To find out if you are eligible to enroll in the Lifeline Program please check the information below or call us at (606) 297-3501 .



Are there any restrictions?

Yes, an individual is allowed to enroll only once during a twelve month period at the same address. Only one Lifeline discount is available per household.

Who is eligible?

You are eligible to enroll in the Lifeline program if you participate in one of the following:

- Kentucky Transitional Assistance Program (K-TAP)

- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance
- Medicaid
- SNAP (formerly Food Stamps)
- Supplementary Security Income (SSI)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- National School Lunch Free Lunch Program
- Income for Household is at, or below, 135% of the Federal Poverty Level

What Benefits does enrollment in Lifeline provide?

Enrollment in Lifeline provides the following benefits:

- Waiver of the Federal Subscriber Line charge
- Reduction in monthly Residence Line charge
- Waiver of deposit for local service
- Free toll blocking service

Lifeline is a government assistance program. It is non-transferrable, and only eligible consumers may enroll. Only one discount is available per household.



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5. BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE (Cont'd)

5.4 Lifeline

5.4.1 Description of Service

1. The Lifeline program is designed to increase the availability of telecommunications services to low income subscribers by providing a credit to monthly recurring local service for qualifying residential subscribers. Basic terms and conditions are in compliance with the FCC's Order on Universal Service in CC Docket 97-157, which adopts the Federal-State joint Board recommendation in CC Docket 96-45, which complies with the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Specific terms and conditions are as prescribed by the Kentucky Public Service Commission and are as set forth in this tariff.
2. Lifeline is supported by the federal and state universal service support mechanisms.

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3. Federal baseline support is available for each Lifeline service and is passed through to the subscriber. In addition state support is available for each Lifeline service and is passed through to the subscriber. The total amount of the eligible credit will not exceed the sum of the state and federal subscriber support or the charge for local service, which includes the access line, the Subscriber Line Charge and local usage.

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5. BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE (Cont'd)

5.4 Lifeline (cont'd)

5.4.2 Regulations

1. **(D)**
2. One low- income credit is available per household and is applicable to the primary residential connection only.
3. A Lifeline customer may subscribe to any local service offering available to other residence customers.
4. Full Toll blocking, if elected, will be provided at no charge to the Lifeline subscriber.
5. The deposit requirement is not applicable to a Lifeline customer who subscribes to full toll blocking. If a Lifeline customer removes full toll blocking prior to establishing an acceptable credit history, a deposit may be required. When applicable, advance payments will not exceed the connection and local service charges for one month.
6. The federal primary inter-exchange carrier charge (PICC) will not be billed to Lifeline customers who subscribe to full toll blocking and do not pre-subscribe to a long distance carrier(s).

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5. BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE (Cont'd)

5.4 Lifeline (cont'd)

5.4.2 Regulations (cont'd)

7. A Lifeline subscriber's local service will not be disconnected for non-payment of regulated toll charges. Local service may be denied for non-payment of local and miscellaneous service in accordance with Section 2 of this Tariff. Access to toll service may be denied for non-payment of regulated tolls. A Lifeline subscriber's request for reconnection of local service will not be denied if the service was previously denied for non-payment of toll charges.
8. Lifeline is not available for resale.

5.4.3 Eligibility

To be eligible for a Lifeline credit, a customer must be a current recipient of any one of the following low-income assistance programs or have income at or below 135 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines [Note 1]. (C)

1. Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
2. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (T)
3. Medicaid
4. Federal public housing / Section 8
5. Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
6. Temporary Assistance to Needy Families program (TANF)
7. National School Lunch's free program (NSL)

All applications for service are subject to verification with the state agency responsible for administration of the qualifying program.

[Note 1] This provision is effective June 1, 2012.

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5. BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE (Cont'd)

5.4 Lifeline (cont'd)

5.4.4 Certification

1. Proof of eligibility in any of the qualifying low-income programs should be provided to the company at the time of application for service. The Lifeline credit will not be established until the Company has received proof of eligibility. If the customer requests installation prior to the company's receipt of proof of eligibility, the requested service will be provided without the Lifeline credit. When eligibility documentation is provided subsequent to installation, the Lifeline credit will be provided on a going forward basis.
2. Proof of eligibility shall be in the form of an affidavit, certifying under penalty of perjury, that the subscriber is receiving benefits under one of the qualifying programs. It is the customer's responsibility to notify the company when the customer is no longer participating in any of the qualifying programs.
3. The company reserves the right to periodically audit its records, working in conjunction with the appropriate state agencies, for the purpose of determining continuing eligibility. Information obtained during such audit will be treated as confidential information to the extent required under State and Federal law. The use or disclosure of information concerning enrollees will be limited to purposes directly connected with the administration of the Lifeline plan.
4. When a customer is determined to be ineligible as a result of an audit, the company will contact the customer. If the customer cannot provide eligibility documentation, the Lifeline credit will be discontinued.

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5. BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE (Cont'd)

5.4 Lifeline (cont'd)

5.4.5 Application of Rates and Charges

1. Lifeline is provided as a monthly credit on the eligible residential subscriber's access line bill for local service.
2. Service charges may be applicable for installing or changing Lifeline service.
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4. Service charges do not apply for converting existing service to Lifeline.

5.4.6 Credit Amount

The Lifeline credit passed through to the customer consists of:

Credit, one per Lifeline per Household, limited to the total amount of charges.

The State and Federal Credit, one per Lifeline.

	<u>Federal</u>	<u>State</u>
Lifeline Credit	\$9.25 (R)	\$3.50

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