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Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Holt".

ROBERT HOLT  
Local Manager

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October 21, 2013

VIA Certified Mail, RRR  
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Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma  
Gregory Pyle - Chief  
P. O. Box 1210  
Durant, OK 74821

Dear Mr. Pyle:

The recent revisions to procedures Eligible Telecommunications Carriers and Providers "ETC" who are eligible for Universal Service Fund support require the ETC to assure all Tribal authorities of its commitment to their Tribal areas and to document the interaction with all Tribal representatives.

Oklatel Communications serves a small portion of the northern edge of the Choctaw Nation as noted on the attached map. It has been serving that area since the 1950's, and has seen many changes in the technology available to use in providing service. We continue to upgrade our facilities to bring all types of telecommunications services to any and all residences of our service area. Today, all of our customers have available the full suite of voice grade services, access to 911, toll restriction and limitation if desired, and all of the customer calling features. Broadband related services are available and we continue to upgrade of the speeds available, though they may vary by location.

The Lifeline and LinkUp programs that are provided through certificated ETCs are vital to meet the communication needs of those individuals with financial assistance. We continually promote the existence of those programs to area residents in order to aid in the expansion of connectivity and ask that you help expand the awareness of the programs.

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Muscogee (Creek) Nation  
George Tiger – Principal Chief  
P. O. Box 580  
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Dear Mr. Tiger:

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Oklatel Communications serves a small portion of the southern and eastern edge of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation as noted on the attached map. It has been serving that area since the 1950's, and has seen many changes in the technology available to use in providing service. We continue to upgrade our facilities to bring all types of telecommunications services to any and all residences of our service area. Today, all of our customers have available the full suite of voice grade services, access to 911, toll restriction and limitation if desired, and all of the customer calling features. Broadband related services are available and we continue to upgrade of the speeds available, though they may vary by location.

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**Oklatel Communications, Inc.**

**Study Area Code: 432013**

**Rates, Terms and Conditions for Lifeline Service**

**Response to Form 481, Line 1210**

Local exchange service rates and charges as specified below are for basic local exchange service, including Tone Dialing Service, and facilities only. The rates for other ancillary services not specifically shown below are presented in Oklatel Communications, Inc.'s tariff(s) on file with the Oklahoma Corporation Commission. Unless otherwise specified, the rates and charges quoted below are for a period of one month, payable in advance and provide unlimited flat rate calling within the local exchange calling scope.

**Residential Local Exchange Access Line Rates:<sup>(1)(2)</sup>**

<b>Exchange Name</b>	<b>R-1 Rate</b>	<b>Res. EAS Charge</b>
Council Hill	\$ 15.85	\$ -
Dustin	\$ 15.85	\$ -
Hanna	\$ 15.85	\$ -
Hitchita	\$ 15.85	\$ -
Indianola	\$ 15.85	\$ -
Scipio	\$ 15.85	\$ -

<sup>(1)</sup> Above listed fees do not include mandatory taxes, fees and surcharges, including, but not limited to Oklahoma Universal Service Fund charges, 9-1-1 fees, and municipal franchise fees.

<sup>(2)</sup> Qualified Lifeline customers are eligible for Lifeline credits or discounts as outlined in the attached Lifeline tariff.

LOCAL EXCHANGE TARIFF

LIFELINE SERVICE

I. Applicability

- A. 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.
- B. Eligible customers will receive a credit as set forth in Section IV. Lifeline Credits below, to be applied to their basic local exchange access service.
- C. 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.
- D. All charges, either recurring or nonrecurring, for any service or feature other than Lifeline Service shall be billed at the tariffed rate.
- E. Lifeline Service shall not be available on a retroactive basis.

II. Designated Services Available to Lifeline Customers (1)

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 (2)

III. Eligibility Requirements

- A. 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.
- (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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LIFELINE SERVICE

III. Eligibility Requirements (Continued)

1. The applicant or customer must meet the requirements for eligibility for either Medicaid, Food Stamps, federal public housing, Low-Income Energy Assistance Program, or Supplemental Security Income. 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
  2. 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
  3. Are eligible for or receive assistance or benefits, as certified by the Oklahoma Tax Commission, pursuant, pursuant to the Sales Tax Relief Act, section 5011 et seq. of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes.
  4. For federal income tax purposes, the applicant is not a dependant unless over sixty years of age.
- B. 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.
- C. Upon receipt of the applicant's documentation establishing eligibility as stated above, the Company will begin providing the credit.
- D. 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.
- E. The Lifeline service credit will be discontinued for customers who no longer meet the eligibility requirements for the Lifeline Service credit.

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**LIFELINE SERVICE**

IV. Lifeline Credits

	<u>Monthly Credit (1)</u>
1) federal subscriber line charge credit	(2)
2) initial federal credit to residential access line	\$1.75
3) initial state credit to residential access line	\$1.17
4) additional federal credit to residential access line (3)	\$0.58

- (1) Credit amount will not exceed the total of the subscriber line charge and the residential local exchange rate. In no instance will a subscriber's monthly local exchange rate be less than \$2.50 after application of the Lifeline credits.
- (2) Lifeline Service has been certified by the FCC, therefore, eligible Lifeline customers will receive the appropriate waiver of the Subscriber Line Charge (SLC) as specified by the FCC.
- (3) Half of the amount specified on line 3, not to exceed \$1.75.

LOCAL EXCHANGE TARIFF

LIFELINE SERVICE

I. Eligibility Requirements for Lifeline Service On Tribal Lands AT

A. The applicant or customer seeking to obtain Lifeline Service on Tribal Lands (see definition in B.1 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.

- 1. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP" f/k/a Food Stamps)
- 2. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) AT
- 3. Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- 4. Medical Assistance (Medicaid/Sooner Care) AT
- 5. Vocational Rehabilitation (including aid to the hearing impaired)
- 6. Oklahoma Sales Tax Relief
- 7. Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations ("FDPRI") AT
- 8. Federal Public Housing
- 9. Low Income Energy Assistance Program DT
- 10. Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance; (1) AT
- 11. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) tribally-administered block grant programs; (2)
- 12. Head Start Programs (only applicant or customer who satisfy the income qualifying eligibility provision); or
- 13. National School Lunch Program (only applicant or customer who satisfy the income standard of the program for free meals).
- 14. My income is at or less than 135% of the Federal Poverty level. Customer has provided sufficient proof of income as set forth in 47 C.F.R. § 54.400(f). AT

B. The applicant or customer must also certify:

- 1. Residence on Tribal Lands as described in Title 25, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 20.1, paragraph (v).
- 2. 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.
- 3. The applicant must not be a dependent for Federal Income Tax purposes, unless the applicant is over the age of 60.

C. 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 and 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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LIFELINE SERVICE

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

D. 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.

E. 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.

F. 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.

II. Lifeline Credits on Tribal Lands DT

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 its Twelfth Report and Order entered into in CC Docket No. 96-45 and as set forth below:

A. If a customer indicates eligibility to receive Lifeline credits as, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP" f/k/a Food Stamps), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Medical Assistance (Medicaid/SoonerCare), Vocational Rehabilitation (including aid to the hearing impaired), Oklahoma Sales Tax Relief, Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations ("FDPIR"), Federal Public Housing, Low Income Energy Assistance Program, then the Customer should receive credits as follows:

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Monthly Credit<sup>(1)</sup>

Federal Lifeline Credit:	\$9.25	CR
Oklahoma Universal Service Fund Credit	\$1.17	CR

Additional Federal Credit to Residential Access Line necessary to reduce customer's bill to \$1.00 (See footnote (2) below)

(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 its Twelfth Report and Order entered in CC Docket No. 96-45.

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II. Lifeline Credits on Tribal Lands (Continued)

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B. If a customer indicates his eligibility to receive Lifeline credits as only one or more of the following: 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:

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Monthly Credit <sup>(3)</sup>

Federal Lifeline Credit:

\$9.25

CR

Additional Federal Credit to Residential Access Line necessary to reduce customer's bill to \$1.00 (See footnote (4) below)

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(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 its Twelfth Report and Order entered in CC Docket No. 96-34.

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**ATTACHMENT - LINE 3026**

**ATTACHMENT REDACTED IN ENTIRETY**