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SPECIAL EQUIPMENT, SERVICES, AND PROGRAMS

A. LIFELINE TELEPHONE SERVICE

1. Lifeline Telephone Service Options

a. Description

1. Lifeline Discounted Service

This service provides a flat rate federal discount of \$9.25, consisting of a \$6.50 reduction of the Federal Subscriber Line Charge and a \$2.75 reduction in the monthly rate for local exchange telephone service for residential customers. Qualified customers may choose any type or grade of local telephone service, including bundled services that are normally offered by the Company.

1 A. Additional Lifeline Discount

This service provides the discount as outlined in A.1.a.1 above and may provide an additional discount equal to the serving company's increase in residential basic local exchange service, as authorized by the NYS Department of Public Service in Case No. 07-C-0349, released March 4, 2008, whereby the NY Commission authorized certain companies to increase basic local service rates up to \$2.00 per year for 2 years. The discount can be found on Addendum 1 of the individual Company tariff for those companies offering the Additional Lifeline Discount.

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A. LIFELINE TELEPHONE SERVICE (cont'd)

1. Lifeline Telephone Service Options (cont'd)

b. General

Qualified customers may choose to apply the federal Lifeline credit to any of the company's local service offerings, including any local bundled service offering, basic local service, or message rate service. Message rate Lifeline service is available only where central office facilities permit.

For connection of new service, service connection charges apply unless the customer qualifies for connection assistance under the Tribal Lands Link Up program.

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Service connection charges do not apply to change existing service from:

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- 1. Message or flat rate services to Lifeline service.
- 2. Lifeline service to non-Lifeline services.

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A. LIFELINE TELEPHONE SERVICE (cont'd)

2. Regulations

a. These services are restricted to low income residential customers. To qualify for Lifeline service a customer must certify and provide documentation as income eligible. For a consumer to be eligible under the income requirements, the consumer's household income as defined in § 54.400(f) of the FCC Rules must be at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines for a household of that size or a recipient of benefits from any one of the following Entitlement Programs:

- 1. Medicaid; (C)
- 2. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) F/K/A Food stamps; (C)
- 3. Supplemental Security Income;
- 4. Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8);
- 5. Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP);
- 6. National School Lunch Program's free lunch program;
- 7. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/SafetyNet; (C)
- 8. Veterans Disability Pension
- 9. Veterans Surviving Spouse Pension

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A. LIFELINE TELEPHONE SERVICE (cont'd)

2. Regulations (cont'd)

b. The Lifeline discount is effective upon receipt of a completed form of eligibility. If the form is not returned, no further action is taken by the Company to establish eligibility.

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c. The Company, in coordination with appropriate agencies and the Lifeline Customer, will require Lifeline customers to be re-certified, on an annual basis. Lifeline customers will need to certify that they continue to be eligible to receive these Lifeline benefits and that they are not receiving benefits from another company. If a customer is identified as being ineligible, the customer will be notified that unless the information is shown to be in error, the Lifeline discount will be discontinued. The customer will be billed for discounts received for the time that they were proven to be ineligible for the service.

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3. Locality Charge Waiver

Customers receiving Lifeline Telephone Service will have applicable locality charges waived each month while they are receiving the Lifeline Assistance.

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4. Voluntary Toll Blocking (Restriction)

Customers receiving Lifeline service can voluntarily request and receive toll blocking (call restriction), third number billing/collect call restriction without a monthly charge. There will be no record order charge to add these types of restrictions (blocking).

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F.	Group Six (Local Exchange Service)			
	Burdett		Residential	Business
	Flat Rate Exchange Service (Basic Service)			
	Individual Line.....	\$19.05		\$19.05 (C)
	Two Party Line.....	\$N/A		\$N/A
	Four Party Line.....	\$N/A		\$N/A
	Multi-Premises (per premise)	\$N/A		\$N/A
	Trunk Rate.....	\$N/A		\$20.03
	Joint User Service.....	\$13.53		\$ 13.53 (C)
	Message Rate Exchange Service (Individual Line Only)			
	Untimed Message.....	\$N/A		\$N/A
	Allowance.....	N/A Calls		N/A Calls
	Timed Message.....	\$N/A		\$N/A
	Basic Budget.....	\$N/A		\$N/A
	Auxiliary Line.....	\$N/A		\$N/A
	Trunk Rate (first trunk).....	\$N/A		\$N/A
	Allowance.....	\$N/A		\$N/A
	Trunk Rate (each additional trunk)	\$N/A		\$N/A
	Allowance.....	\$N/A		\$N/A
	Message Unit.....	\$N/A		N/A Calls
	Timed Unit			
	First/N/A Minute.....	\$N/A		\$N/A
	Each Additional Minute	\$N/A		\$N/A

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F. Group 6 (Local Exchange Services)

Lodi	Residential	Business	
Flat Rate Exchange Service (Basic Service)			
Individual Line.....	\$16.55	\$16.55	(C)
Two Party Line.....	\$N/A	\$N/A	
Four Party Line.....	\$N/A	\$N/A	
Multi-Premises (per premise)	\$N/A	\$N/A	
Trunk Rate	\$N/A	\$20.18	
Joint User Service	\$12.28	\$12.28	(C)

Message Rate Exchange Service (Individual Line Only)

Untimed Message.....	\$N/A	\$N/A	
Allowance.....	N/A Calls	N/A Calls	
Timed Message.....	\$N/A	\$N/A	
Basic Budget.....	\$N/A	\$N/A	
Auxiliary Line.....	\$N/A	\$N/A	
Trunk Rate (first trunk)...	\$N/A	\$N/A	
Allowance.....	N/A Calls	N/A Calls	
Message Unit.....	\$N/A	\$N/A	
Timed Unit.....			
N/A First N/A Minute.....	\$N/A	\$N/A	
Each Addition Minute.	\$N/A	\$N/A	

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F. Group Six (Local Exchange Services)

East Pembroke

	Residential	Business	
Flat Rate Exchange Service (Basic Service)			
Individual Line	\$18.30	\$18.30	(C)
Two-Party Line	\$N/A	\$N/A	
Four-Party Line	\$N/A	\$N/A	
Multi-Premises (per premise)	\$N/A	\$N/A	
Trunk Rate	\$N/A	\$23.03	
Joint User Service	\$13.15	\$ 13.15	(C)
Message Rate Exchange Service (Individual Line Only)			
Untimed Message.....	\$N/A	\$N/A	
Allowance.....	N/A Calls	N/A Calls	
Timed Message.....	\$N/A	\$N/A	
Basic Budget.....	\$N/A	\$N/A	
Auxiliary Line.....	\$N/A	\$N/A	
Trunk Rate (first trunk).....	\$N/A	\$N/A	
Allowance.....	N/A Calls	N/A Calls	
Trunk Rate (each additional trunk).....	\$N/A	\$N/A	
Allowance.....	N/A Calls	N/A Calls	
Message Unit.....	\$N/A	\$N/A	
Timed Unit			
First N/A Minutes.....	\$N/A	\$N/A	
Each Additional Minute.....	\$N/A	N/A	

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F. Group Six (Local Exchange Services)

Prattsburgh

	Residential	Business	
Flat Rate Exchange Service (Basic Service)			
Individual Line.....	\$18.30	\$18.30	(C)
Two-Party Line.....	\$N/A	\$ N/A	
Four-Party Line.....	\$N/A	\$N/A	
Multi-Premises (per premise).....	\$N/A	\$N/A	
Trunk Rate.....	\$N/A	\$23.02	
Joint User Service.....	\$13.15	\$13.15	(C)
Message Rate Exchange Service (Individual Line Only)			
Untimed Message.....	\$N/A	\$N/A	
Allowance.....	N/A Calls	N/A Calls	
Timed Message.....	\$N/A	\$N/A	
Basic Budget.....	\$N/A	\$N/A	
Auxiliary Line.....	\$N/A	\$N/A	
Trunk Rate (first trunk).....	\$N/A	\$N/A	
Allowance.....	N/A Calls	N/A Calls	
Trunk Rate (each additional trunk).....	\$N/A	\$N/A	
Allowance.....	N/A Calls	N/A Calls	
Message Unit.....	\$N/A	\$N/A	
Times Unit			
First N/A Minute.....	\$N/A	\$N/A	
Each Additional Minute.....	\$N/A	\$N/A	

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F. Group 6 (Local Exchange Services)

Pulteney	Residential	Business	
Flat Rate Exchange Service (Basic Service)			
Individual Line	\$16.55	\$16.55	(C)
Two-Party Line	\$N/A	\$N/A	
Four-Party	\$N/A	\$N/A	
Multi-Premises (per premise)	\$N/A	\$N/A	
Trunk Rate	\$N/A	\$20.18	
Joint User Service	\$12.28	\$12.28	(C)
Message Rate Exchange Service (Individual Line Only)			
Untimed Message.....	\$N/A	\$N/A	
Allowance.....	N/A Calls	N/A Calls	
Timed Message.....	\$N/A	\$N/A	
Basic Budget.....	\$N/A	\$N/A	
Auxiliary Line.....	\$N/A	\$N/A	
Trunk Rate (first trunk)	\$N/A	\$N/A	
Allowance.....	N/A	N/A Calls	
Trunk Rate (each additional trunk)	\$N/A	\$N/A	
Allowance.....	N/A Calls	N/A Calls	
Message Unit.....	\$N/A	\$N/A	
Timed Unit			
First N/A Minute.....	\$N/A	\$N/A	
Each Additional Minute.....	\$N/A	\$N/A	

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Odessa

	Residential	Business	
Flat Rate Exchange Service (Basic Service)			
Individual Line.....	\$19.05	\$19.05	(C)
Two-Party Line.....	\$N/A	\$N/A	
Four-Party Line.....	\$N/A	\$N/A	
Multi-Premises (per premise).....	\$N/A	\$N/A	
Trunk Rate.....	\$N/A	\$24.00	
Joint User Service.....	\$13.53	\$13.53	(C)
Message Rate Exchange Service (Individual Line Only)			
Untimed Messages.....	\$N/A	\$N/A	
Allowance.....	N/A Calls	N/A Calls	
Timed Messages	\$N/A	\$N/A	
Basic Budget.....	\$N/A	\$N/A	
Auxiliary Line.....	\$N/A	\$N/A	
Trunk Rate (first trunk).....	\$N/A	\$N/A	
Allowance.....	N/A Calls	\$N/A Calls	
Trunk Rate (each additional trunk).....	\$N/A	\$N/A	
Allowance.....	\$N/A	\$N/A	
Message Unit			
First N/A Minute.....	\$N/A	\$N/A	
Each Additional Minute.....	\$N/A	\$N/A	

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Basic Local Exchange Service Credit

Basic Local Exchange Service Credit

In April of 2006, the Company received a distribution of funds due to the dissolution of the Rural Telephone Bank (RTB). In March of 2008, the Company received approval to increase its rates by \$2.00 for two years as part of the Framework for Regulatory Relief. The Company will apply the proceeds it received as a result of the dissolution of the Rural Telephone Bank (RTB), in part, to offset basic local exchange rate increases for all customers except Lifeline customers. Lifeline Customers will be eligible for the below "Additional Lifeline Credit, as outlined in the Commission Order. The company will issue the following monthly credits, differentiated by the type of service, as follows:

Type of Service	Amount of RTB Bill Credit Per Local Exchange Access Line
Residential Individual Line	\$4.00

Additional Lifeline Service Credit

Additional Lifeline Service Credit*

Effective	Amount of Additional Lifeline Credit Per Residential Basic Local Exchange Access Line
March 1, 2013	\$7.00 (C)

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