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May 27, 2014

Steve Pego , Chief  
Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe  
7070 E Broadway Rd  
Mt Pleasant, MI 48858

Dear Chief Pego:

Winn Telephone Company (Winn), an independent telecommunications provider serving the Isabella County, Michigan area, wishes to engage with the Saginaw Chippewa government about some potential opportunities for broadband expansion on Tribally-owned lands (The Isabella Reservation) within our service area. Winn has been providing telecommunications services to the area for almost 100 years, and we are interested in learning about any additional telecommunications and broadband needs that your community may have.

In November 2011, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) comprehensively reformed the Universal Service Fund (USF) which helps companies like Winn provide state-of-the-art communications services in high-cost and rural areas. Among the reforms, the FCC adopted a rule requiring Eligible Telecommunications Carriers who receive high-cost USF support to engage with Tribal leaders about broadband deployment on Tribally-owned lands and report annually on five specific outreach activities. In July 2012, the FCC's Office of Native Affairs Policy (ONAP) issued specific guidance on outreach and engagement activities between telecommunications providers and Tribal governments. These outreach and engagement activities must take place **annually**.

Winn is pleased to invite you and other leaders from the Saginaw Chippewa government to discuss additional ways that we can meet your telecommunications and broadband needs. Specifically, Winn would like to discuss the following items:

- Needs assessment and deployment planning focused on anchor institutions (such as schools, libraries and health centers);
- Feasibility and sustainability planning;
- Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;
- Rights of way, permitting, facilities siting, environmental and cultural preservation processes;
- Compliance with Tribal business licensing requirements.

Winn is interested in learning whether your community has any specific broadband needs that our company may be able to meet, depending on the scope and scale of the project. For example, are there any members of your community within our service area who currently

do not have access to broadband? Are there any needs such as distance learning or tele-medicine that Winn could help facilitate? We also want to make sure that we continue to respect your cultural heritage, property rights, business customs, and any other rules and procedures of your government.

Winn is a locally-owned company. We are dedicated to serving and employing members of our community and we want to ensure that residents and businesses on the Isabella Reservation within our service area are receiving the best voice and broadband services that we can offer.

Winn extends this invitation to set up an in-person meeting or conference call with members of your Tribal government at your earliest convenience. Please contact Kevin Fryover manager at telephone # 248-928-4191 or email [kfryover@winncommunications.net](mailto:kfryover@winncommunications.net). We look forward to discussing this important issue with you.

Sincerely,

Kevin Fryover  
Manager  
Winn Telephone Co



## LIFELINE ADMINISTRATION SERVICE PROCESSES APPLICATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING COMPANIES

Ace Communications	Chapin Telephone Company	Sand Creek Telephone Company
Allband Communications Coop.	Chippewa County Telephone Company	Southwest Michigan Communications
Allendale Telephone Company	Climax Telephone Company	Springport Telephone Company
Baraga Telephone Company	Deerfield Farmers' Telephone Co.	TDS Telecom
Barry County Telephone Company	Hiawatha Telephone Company	Thumb Cellular
Blanchard Telephone Company	Kaleva Telephone Company	Upper Peninsula Telephone Company
Bloomington Communications	Lennon Telephone Company	Waldron Telephone Company
Carr Telephone Company	Michigan Central Broadband Co.	Westphalia Broadband, Inc./Comlink
CenturyLink of Michigan	Midway Telephone Company	Westphalia Telephone Company
CenturyLink of Midwest Michigan	Ogden Communications	Winn Telecom
CenturyLink of Northern Michigan	Ontonagon County Telephone Co.	Winn Telephone Company
CenturyLink of Upper Michigan	Pigeon Telephone Company	

For more information, please call 1-866-321-2323.

If your phone company is not on the list above, please contact them directly to apply for Lifeline discounts.

## APPLICANT ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

## PLEASE READ AND INITIAL EACH OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS TO INDICATE THAT YOU UNDERSTAND AND AGREE:

- I understand and consent to Lifeline Administration Service providing my Lifeline service account information, including but not limited to, my name, residential address, phone number, date of birth, the last 4 digits of my social security number, the date on which my Lifeline service was initiated/terminated, the amount of Lifeline support provided, and the means through which I qualified for Lifeline, to the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC), USAC's agents and/or the National Lifeline Accountability Database to ensure the proper administration of the Lifeline program. I understand that if I fail to provide this consent, Lifeline Administration Service will deny me Lifeline service.
- Lifeline is a non-transferable benefit and the subscriber may not transfer his or her benefit to any other person.
- Lifeline is a federal benefit and willfully making false statements to obtain the benefit can result in fines, imprisonment, de-enrollment or being barred from the program.
- Lifeline support is only available for a single phone line at my principal residence and no one else in my household is receiving Lifeline discounts. (A "household" is defined as any individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses.)
- Violation of the one-per-household limitation constitutes a violation of the Federal Communication Commission's rules and will result in the subscriber's de-enrollment from the program and potentially prosecution by the US government.
- I understand that if I am identified as receiving more than one Lifeline benefit, all telephone service providers involved may be notified so that I may select one service and be de-enrolled from the other(s).
- I will notify my telephone company within 30 days if I no longer qualify for Lifeline and I may be subject to penalties if I fail to do so.
- I will notify my telephone company within 30 days of any changes to my residential address.
- I will be required to certify my continued eligibility for Lifeline at least once a year and know failure to do so will result in termination of my participation in the program.

## APPLICANT SIGNATURE

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that the information provided in this application and supporting documentation is true and complete.

Signature:

Date:

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M.P.S.C. No. 1R

4th Revised Sheet No. 7  
Cancels 3th Revised Sheet No. 7

LOCAL TELEPHONE EXCHANGE SERVICE

BASIC SERVICE RATES

Exchange: WINN

A. GENERAL

The rates shown below entitle the customer to local dialed calls without charges (except semi-public) to all stations bearing the designation of a central office of the following exchanges that comprise the Local Service of the Blanchard Exchange.

Winn Blanchard Edmore Mt. Pleasant Riverdale Shepherd Vestaburg

Winn will block calls dialed 1-plus to stations within the Winn, Blanchard, Edmore, Mt. Pleasant, Riverdale, Shepherd and Vestaburg exchanges. Winn will treat calls dialed without 1-plus to the Local Service Area as local calls and Winn will bill those calls according to this tariff.

B. MONTHLY RATES

<u>Class of Service</u>	<u>1-Party Without Telephone Set</u>	
<u>Business</u>		
One-Party	\$ 25.17*	(1)
6 or fewer lines	25.17*	
7 or more lines	21.59*	
<u>Educational</u>	22.67*	
<u>Residence</u>	21.28*	(1)

\* The charges for basic local exchange service and end user common line charges were integrated and rates were increased effective December 1, 2001.

C. LOCAL MOU RATE

For calls dialed to a station bearing the designation of the Winn central office, the Company will not charge a local MOU rate.

For calls dialed to a station bearing the designation of the Blanchard, Edmore, Mt. Pleasant, Riverdale, Shepherd, and Vestaburg exchanges, the Company will charge the following:

First 2,000 Conversation MOU in each billing period	\$0.00 per Conversation MOU
Each Conversation MOU over 2,000 that billing period	\$0.05 per Conversation MOU

The Company will measure Conversation MOU from the time when the Company's switching equipment receives answer supervision to the earlier of when the Company's switch receives disconnect supervision from either its switch or the terminating switch. The Company will measure local Conversation MOU to the next higher whole MOU per call.

The Company will not bill the end user for non-conversation time related to local calls.

Local Conversation MOU billing will not apply to 0-plus and 0-minus calls.

The Company will not provide call record detail for local usage on the monthly bills.

No Conversation MOU are carried forward from month to month.

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## LOCAL TELEPHONE EXCHANGE SERVICE

## LIFELINE SERVICE

## A. DESCRIPTION

1. Lifeline Service applies discounts to monthly recurring rates for qualifying residential customers. These discounts are applied to existing tariffed rates and charges for residential telephone service.
2. In order to be eligible for Lifeline service a residential customer's annual income must be at or below 150% of the poverty level as determined by the United States Office of Management and Budget and as approved by the State Treasurer, or the customer must participate in one of the following federal assistance programs: (a) Medicaid; (b) Food Stamps; (c) Supplemental security income; (d) Federal public housing assistance; (e) Low-income home energy assistance program; (f) National school lunch program's free lunch program; (g) Temporary assistance for needy families (N)
3. Lifeline Service includes the services and functionalities enumerated in by the F.C.C. as follows: voice grade access to the public switched network; local usage; dual tone multi-frequency signaling or its functional equivalent; single-party service or its functional equivalent; access to operator services; access to interexchange service; access to directory assistance; and toll blocking for qualifying customers.
4. Other services can be provided with the Lifeline service at applicable rates and charges.

## B. REGULATIONS

1. Regulations specified elsewhere in the Company's tariffs apply to Lifeline service.
2. Lifeline service is available only with residence services, excluding foreign exchange service. Lifeline service is limited to one line per household at the customer's primary residence.
3. A miscellaneous service charge does not apply when Lifeline Service is added or discontinued the only work being done. ce when that is

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## LOCAL TELEPHONE EXCHANGE SERVICE

## LIFELINE SERVICE

## B. REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

4.
  - a. A discount of 20% of the Basic Local Exchange rate or \$11.25, whichever is greater, on the monthly rate for residential exchange service for Lifeline customers is applicable. For Lifeline customers 65 years of age or more, the discount will be 25% of the Basic Local Exchange rate or \$12.35, whichever is greater. The total discount shall not exceed 100% of all end-user common line charges and the Basic Local Exchange rate. (C)
  - b. The credit will be applied in the following order: (1) The Interstate End User Access Charge, National Exchange Carriers Association, Inc., Tariff FCC. No. 5, Access Service. (2) The balance of the credit, if any, will be applied as a credit to the basic residential service. (D)
  - c. The Company will provide, at the qualifying customer's option, toll blocking service at no charge. The Company defines toll blocking as a service provided by the Company that lets the customer elect not to allow the completion of outgoing toll calls from their telecommunications channel.
  - d. The Company will not require a service deposit in order to initiate Lifeline Service if the qualifying customer voluntarily elects toll blocking services.
  - e. The Company will not disconnect Lifeline Service for non-payment of toll charges by qualifying customers.
5. The Lifeline plan will apply after receipt and processing of a completed Company or community/government provided application, including documentation indicating that the household income meets the eligibility standards established above.
6. Customers of Lifeline Service must notify the Company of any changes which would affect qualification. Reverification of eligibility will take place on an ongoing basis. When the customer is no longer eligible for Lifeline service, the Lifeline discount will be discontinued and regular tariff rates and charges would apply.

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MPSC No. 1R

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Cancels 1st Revised Sheet No. 13.2

LOCAL TELEPHONE EXCHANGE SERVICE

LIFELINE SERVICE

C. MONTHLY RATE FOR NON LIFELINE CUSTOMERS

A rate specified in MECA's Tariff M.P.S.C. No. 25, Part XVII, Section 7.1.2.1 applies per exchange access line to cover the costs of the Lifeline service, to the Telephone Company intrastate services as listed below:

Business and Residence exchange services excluding Lifeline customers.

PBX Trunk Services

Centrex Services

The rate for business Centrex station lines will be computed based on the trunk Equivalence Table specified in the Company's Tariff M.P.S.C. No. 2R.

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LIFELINE SERVICE

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**ATTACHMENT - LINE 3026**

**ATTACHMENT REDACTED IN ENTIRETY**