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Form 481 Line No. 610 Description of Functionality in Emergency Situations

Griggs County Tel has:

- Established reasonable provisions to meet emergencies resulting from failures of lighting or power service, sudden and prolonged increases in traffic, or from fire, storm, or acts of God including provisions for emergency power that provide:
 - A minimum of four hours of battery service in each central office.
 - A permanently installed power unit in exchanges, or
 - Mobile power units that can be delivered on short notice and which can be readily connected in offices without installed emergency power facilities.

- Informed employees as to the procedures to be followed, including reasonable rerouting of traffic around damaged facilities and the deployment of emergency power, in the event of emergency in order to prevent or mitigate interruption or impairment of telecommunications service.

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Form 481 Line No. 1010 Descriptive document for Voice Services Rate Comparability

Line 1010 – Description of Voice Services Rate Comparability: Provide a detailed description of how your pricing of fixed voice services is no more than two standard deviations above the applicable national average urban rate for voice service, as published annually by the Wireline Competition Bureau, as required in 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(10).

On March 20, 2014 the Wireline Competition Bureau announced results of the Urban Rate Survey for Voice Services; as part the FCC Public Notice DA 14-384. Referenced in this public notice are the results required to meet the rate comparability as noted:

“Based on the survey responses, the Bureau also calculated the reasonable comparability benchmark for voice services to be \$46.96. 9

9. Id. at 17694, para. 84.”

As required Griggs County Tel hereby certifies that its current fixed voice services for residential subscribers as defined in the USF/ICC Transformation Order is below \$46.96.

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 Form 481 Line No. 1210 Lifeline Plans Terms and Conditions

Lifeline Terms and Conditions

1. Griggs County Tel (Company) offers lifeline program-supported service to qualified low-income residential consumers for one telephone line per eligible household. The lifeline program provides discounts to eligible low-income consumers to help them establish and maintain telephone service. Lifeline assistance lowers the cost of basic, monthly local telephone service. Eligible consumers can receive \$9.25 per month in discounts. In addition, the Federal Universal Service Charge is not assessed to consumers participating in Lifeline. Toll Blocking prevents the placement of all long distance calls for which a subscriber would be charged. Toll Blocking is available to eligible consumers at no cost. Also, by choosing the option, consumers are usually not charged a deposit.

Lifeline Program Eligibility Information

Program Based Eligibility

Consumers are eligible for Lifeline if they, one of their dependents or their household participate in one of the following qualifying assistance programs:

- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8)
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Medicaid
- National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and receives lunch through the program
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

Lifeline applicant must present documentation demonstrating eligibility either through participation in one of the qualifying federal assistance programs or through income-based means.

Acceptable documentation of program-based eligibility includes: current or prior year's statement of benefits from a qualifying program; notice letter of participation in a qualifying program; program participation documents; or another official document evidencing the consumer's participation in a qualifying program.

Income Based Eligibility

In addition, consumers are eligible for Lifeline if their household income is at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines.

2014 Federal Poverty Guidelines – 135%

<u>Household Size</u>	<u>48 Contiguous States and D.C.</u>
1	\$ 15,755
2	21,236
3	26,717
4	32,198
5	37,679
6	43,160
7	48,641
8	54,122
For Each Additional Person, Add	5,481

Acceptable documentation of income eligibility includes: prior year's state, federal or Tribal tax return; current income statement from an employer or paycheck stub; social security statement of benefits; Veterans Administration statement of benefits; retirement/pension statement of benefits; unemployment/workmen's compensation statement of benefits; federal or Tribal notice of letter participating in General Assistance; or a divorce decree or child support award or other official document containing income information.

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Lifeline Terms and Conditions (Continued)

Lifeline Program Eligibility Information (Continued)

Recertification of Lifeline Eligibility

Lifeline recipients are required to recertify their eligibility annually. Failure to properly recertify a recipient's continued eligibility for the Lifeline program will result in termination of the Lifeline recipient's monthly Lifeline discount and de-enrollment from the Lifeline Program.

Additional Lifeline Program Information

The Lifeline program is limited to one benefit per household, consisting of either wireline or wireless service. A household is defined, for purposes of the Lifeline Program, as an individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses. Lifeline is government benefit program, and consumers who willfully make false statements in order to obtain the benefit can be punished by fine or imprisonment or can be barred from the program.

2. The Local services for (Company) that serve as its Lifeline Plans are in Compliance with the Essential telecommunications service as specified in North Dakota Chapter 49-21 4.c as follows:
 - C. Primary flat rate residence basic telephone service including the following service elements:
 - 1) Billing and collecting of the telecommunications company's charges for the service
 - 2) Primary directory listing
 - 3) Access to assistance
 - 4) Access to emergency 911 service and emergency operator assistance in the local exchange areas in which emergency 911 service is not available
 - 5) Except as provided in section 49-02-01.1, mandatory, flat-rate extended area service to designated nearby local exchange areas.
 - 6) Transmission service necessary for the connection between the end user's premises and the local exchange central office switch including a trunk connection that has inward dialing and necessary signaling service such as touchtone used by end users for service.

3. The Company's flat rate plans include unlimited local exchange calling including usage to designated nearby local exchange areas. The flat rate plans do not include any toll usage. The rates for any toll usage are determined by the rate plans of the Toll Provider(s) that are selected by lifeline end users.

4. The Company has met and will meet the requirements of eligible telecommunications carrier advertising. This includes:
 - a. A full description of available services in the Company's Official telephone directory, including the process to be used by customers to qualify for lifeline and link-up service.
 - b. Advertising of the available universal service in media of general circulation in the Company's designated service area. Availability may be advertised in newspapers, company newsletters, company or civic internet sites, bill stuffer, direct mailings, or other means intended to convey availability throughout the designated service area.

5. The specific Company terms and conditions for the Companies Lifeline Plans are set forth in pages included in Exhibit 1, attached.

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Exhibit 1

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MLGC 4PACK BUNDLE

Combine these four popular services at one low rate and saves you more than \$85 each month. The MLGC 4Pack Bundle includes:

Residential Local Telephone including Voicemail with Email Notification, Caller ID, Call Waiting, Call Forwarding and 3-Way Calling

Long Distance Telephone (1,200 minutes)

20 Mbps Internet

E-Basic Cable TV

COMPARE AND SAVE

MLGC 4Pack Bundle Pricing**	\$114.99/month
Individual Retail Pricing	\$201.72/month
Savings of	\$86.73/month

*Some restrictions apply **Excluding taxes and FCC charges

TELEPHONE

MONTHLY TELEPHONE CHARGES

Local Residential Service	\$18.25
Local Business Service	\$24.25

CALLING FEATURE RATES

Caller ID	\$5.00
Caller ID with Call Waiting	\$8.00
Call Forwarding	\$2.10
Call Waiting	\$3.00
3-Way Calling	\$3.00
Inside Wire	\$1.00
Voice Mail with Email Notification	\$3.50

TELEPHONE INSTALL FEE

Installation Fee	\$25.00
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ND LONG DISTANCE RESIDENTIAL RATES

10¢ Nationwide Plus (\$3.95/month)	In-State	\$0.10/min
	State-to-State	\$0.10/min
	Canada	\$0.10/min
Flat Rate Plan	In-State	\$0.15/min
	State-to-State	\$0.10/min
	Canada	\$0.12/min

ND LONG DISTANCE BUSINESS RATES

10¢ Nationwide Plus (\$4.95/month)	In-State	\$0.10/min
	State-to-State	\$0.10/min
	Canada	\$0.10/min
Flat Rate Plan	In-State	\$0.14/min
	State-to-State	\$0.08/min
	Canada	\$0.12/min

Prices exclude taxes and FCC charges

INTERNET

RESIDENTIAL	WITH PHONE	WITHOUT PHONE
5 Mbps/1 Mbps	\$35.99/month	\$65.99/month
10 Mbps/1.5 Mbps	\$55.99/month	\$85.99/month
20 Mbps/2 Mbps	\$93.99/month	\$123.99/month
BUSINESS	WITH PHONE	WITHOUT PHONE
5 Mbps/1 Mbps	\$45.99/month	\$75.99/month
10 Mbps/1.5 Mbps	\$65.99/month	\$95.99/month
20 Mbps/2 Mbps	\$105.99/month	\$135.99/month

Installation Fee (Waived by signing a one year contract) \$99.00

Prices exclude taxes and FCC charges

CABLE TV

MONTHLY CABLE TV RATES

E-Basic Cable TV (Channels 2-78)	\$47.93
Digital Tier** (Digital, Music and HD Channels)	\$19.95
HBO**	\$18.00
Showtime/TMC/Flix**	\$16.00
Cinemax**	\$10.00
Starz/Encore**	\$16.00
All 4 Premiums**	\$46.00
DVRHD Receiver Lease	\$9.00
HD Receiver Lease	\$5.00
Cable Card Lease	\$2.50
Installation Fee	\$40.00

**Video equipment is required to view programming

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