

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
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 to existing service when that is the only work being done.

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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.
- 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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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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