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June 1, 2005

Beth Salak, Director
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Attn: Tariff Section
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Dear Ms. Salak:

Pursuant to Florida Statute 364.051, attached for filing with the Commission are the following pages of BellSouth's General Subscriber Service Tariff:

General Subscriber Service Tariff

- Section A3 - Seventh Revised Page 121.1
- Fourth Revised Page 121.1.1
- Section A4 - Seventh Revised Page 8
- Third Revised Page 9

The purpose of this filing is to modify the Lifeline and Link-Up tariffs. The effective date for the tariff changes is June 15, 2005.

Acknowledgment, date of receipt and authority number of this filing are requested.

Your consideration and approval will be appreciated.

Yours very truly,



Regulatory Director

Attachments

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Description of Proposed Tariff

The purpose of this General Subscriber Services Tariff filing is to modify the Lifeline and Link- Up tariffs as follows:

- (1) Reseller Certification language has been added to both Lifeline and Link-Up in compliance with order FCC 04-87, dated April 29, 2004.
- (2) Tribal Lifeline and Tribal Link-Up programs have been modified to add the Head Start Program (for qualified recipients who may income eligible) as an additional program eligibility option.
- (3) The maximum monthly dollar amount of additional federal Lifeline support for Tribal Lifeline service has been increased from \$25.00 to \$30.00.
- (4) Lifeline and Link-Up programs have been modified to add the National School Lunch's free lunch program as an eligibility option.

The proposed effective date of this filing is June 15, 2005.

Estimated Revenue Impact

This filing has no revenue impact.

A3. BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

A3.31 Lifeline (Cont'd)

A3.31.2 Regulations (Cont'd)

B. Eligibility

1. To be eligible for a Lifeline credit, a customer must be a current recipient of any of the following low income assistance programs.
 - a. Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), previously known as AFDC
 - b. Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
 - c. Food Stamps
 - d. Medicaid
 - e. Federal public housing/Section 8
 - f. Low Income Home Energy Assistance Plan (LIHEAP)
 - g. National School Lunch's free lunch program (NSL)
2. Additionally, customers not receiving benefits under one of the preceding programs, and whose total gross annual income does not exceed 125% of the federal poverty guidelines, meet the requirements of a State established means test and may apply directly to the Office of Public Counsel (OPC) for eligibility certification.
3. All applications for service are subject to verification with the state agency responsible for administration of the qualifying program.

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C. Certification

1. Proof of eligibility in any of the qualifying low income assistance programs should be provided to the Company at the time of application for service; or eligible Lifeline subscribers may enroll in the Lifeline program by signing a document certifying under penalty of perjury that the customer participates in one of the Florida Lifeline eligible programs and identifying the qualifying program. The Lifeline credit will not be established until the Company has received such signed document. If the customer requests installation prior to the Company's receipt of such signed document the requested service will be provided without the Lifeline credit. When eligibility documentation is provided subsequent to installation, the Lifeline credit will be provided on a going forward basis.
2. BellSouth working in conjunction with the appropriate state agencies will verify subscriber eligibility twice over a period of one year. Information obtained during such verification audit will be treated as confidential information to the extent required under State and Federal laws. The use or disclosure of information concerning enrollees will be limited to purposes directly connected with the administration of the Lifeline plan.
3. When a customer is determined to be ineligible as a result of verification, the Company will contact the customer. If the customer cannot provide eligibility documentation, the Lifeline credit will be discontinued and at such time the customer will be transitioned to the Lifeline Transitional Discount (LTD), as set forth in A3.23 of this tariff.
4. Resellers providing Lifeline service from this tariff are responsible for determining proof of eligibility prior to requesting the service. *As set forth in 47 C.F.R. § 417(a) and (b), a reseller must provide a certification, upon request, to BellSouth that it is complying with all FCC and applicable State requirements governing Lifeline/Link-Up programs, including certification and verification procedures. Resellers are required to retain the required documentation for three (3) years and be able to produce the documentation to the Commission or its Administrator to demonstrate that they are providing discounted services only to qualified low-income customers as outlined in B.1. and B.2. preceding. Disclosure requirements described in 2. preceding are applicable to resellers of Lifeline service.*

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A3. BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

A3.31 Lifeline (Cont'd)

A3.31.3 Rates and Charges

A. General

1. Lifeline is provided as a monthly credit on the eligible residential subscriber's bill for local service.
2. Service Charges in Section A4. are applicable for installing or changing Lifeline service.
3. Link-Up connection assistance in Section A4. may be available for installing or relocating Lifeline service.
4. The Secondary Service Charge in Section A4. is not applicable when existing service is converted intact to Lifeline service.

B. The total Lifeline credit consists of one federal credit plus one Company credit.

1. Federal credit

	Monthly Credit	USOC
(a) Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)	\$10.00	ASGFA
(b) Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	10.00	ASGFS
(c) Food Stamps	10.00	ASGFC
(d) Medicaid	10.00	ASGS1
(e) Federal public housing/Section 8	10.00	ASGFP
(f) Low Income Home Energy Assistance Plan (LIHEAP)	10.00	ASGFL
(g) State Means Test (OPC Certified)	10.00	ASGTC
(h) National School Lunch's free lunch program (NSL)	10.00	ASGFN (N)

2. Company credit

(a) All programs, one per Lifeline service	3.50	CRA
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A3.31.4 Tribal Lifeline

A. Description of Service

Qualified residents of federally recognized tribal lands may receive up to *thirty dollars (\$30.00)* per month in additional federal Lifeline support for their residential service. A *one dollar (\$1.00)* minimum charge is applicable for basic local service. (C)

B. Regulations

1. Tribal Lifeline support is in addition to traditional Lifeline support.
2. All Lifeline regulations are applicable to Tribal Lifeline.

C. Eligibility

To qualify, in addition to meeting the tribal land residency requirement, the customer may be a current recipient of any of the programs identified for Lifeline, or may be a recipient of one of the following federal programs:

1. BIA (Bureau of Indian Affairs) General Assistance
2. TANF tribally administered block grant program
3. Head Start Program (income eligible)

(N)

D. Rates and Charges

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1. General

- a. The charge for basic local service will not be less than *one dollar (\$1.00)* per month. (T)
- b. The Tribal Lifeline credit is in addition to state and federal Lifeline credits preceding.

A4. SERVICE CHARGES

A4.7 Link-Up (Cont'd)

A4.7.2. Regulations (Cont'd)

B. Eligibility

1. To be eligible for a Link-Up credit, a customer must be a current recipient of any of the following low income assistance programs.
 - a. Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), previously known as AFDC
 - b. Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
 - c. Food Stamps
 - d. Medicaid
 - e. Federal public housing/Section 8
 - f. Low Income Home Energy Assistance Plan (LIHEAP)
 - g. National School Lunch's free lunch program (NSL) (N)
2. Additionally, customers not receiving benefits under one of the preceding programs, and whose total gross annual income does not exceed **one hundred and twenty-five percent (125%)** of the federal poverty guidelines, meet the requirements of a State established means test and may apply directly to the Office of Public Counsel (OPC) for eligibility certification. (T)
3. All applications for service are subject to verification with the state agency responsible for administration of the qualifying program.

C. Certification

1. Proof of eligibility in any of the qualifying low income assistance programs should be provided to the Company at the time of application for service. Link-Up eligible subscribers may receive the Link-Up credit by signing a document certifying, under penalty of perjury, that the customer participates in any of the qualifying low income assistance programs. The Link-Up credit will not be established until the Company has received such signed document. If the customer requests installation prior to the Company's receipt of such signed document, the requested service will be provided without the Link-Up credit.
2. The use or disclosure of information concerning enrollees will be limited to purposes directly connected with the administration of the Link-Up plan.
3. Resellers providing Link-Up service from this Tariff are responsible for determining proof of eligibility prior to requesting the service. *As set forth in 47 C.F.R. § 417(a) and (b), a reseller must provide a certification, upon request, to BellSouth that it is complying with all FCC and applicable State requirements governing Lifeline/Link-Up programs, including certification and verification procedures. Resellers are required to retain the required documentation for three (3) years and be able to produce the documentation to the Commission or its Administrator to demonstrate that they are providing discounted services only to qualified low-income customers as outlined in B.1. and B.2. preceding. Disclosure requirements described in 2. preceding are applicable to resellers of Link-Up service.* (C)

A4.7.3 Rates and Charges

- A. The federal credit available for a Link-Up connection is **thirty dollars (\$30.00)** maximum or fifty percent (50%) of the installation and service charges from this Tariff, whichever is less. (T)
- B. Link-Up is identified and provisioned by the USOC LNK.

A4.7.4 Tribal Link-Up

A. Description of Service

Qualified residents of federally recognized tribal lands may receive up to **seventy dollars (\$70.00)** in additional federal Link-Up support for their residential service. The additional credit is available to cover regulated charges applicable for the initial connection of service, such as installation and service charges, line extension and special construction charges. All Link-Up regulations are applicable to Tribal Link-Up.

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A4. SERVICE CHARGES

A4.7 Link-Up (Cont'd)

A4.7.4 Tribal Link-Up (Cont'd)

B. Eligibility

To qualify, in addition to meeting a tribal land residency requirement, the customer may be a current recipient of any of the programs identified for Lifeline, Link-Up, or may be a recipient of one of the following federal programs:

1. BIA (Bureau of Indian Affairs) General Assistance
2. TANF tribally administered block grant program
3. Head Start Program (income eligible)

C. Rates and Charges

1. A federal credit of up to *seventy dollars* (\$70) is available to cover *one hundred percent* (100%) of the connection charges between *sixty dollars* (\$60.00) and *one hundred and thirty dollars* (\$130.00).
2. The Tribal Link-Up credit is in addition to the Link-Up credits preceding.

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A3. BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

A3.31 Lifeline (Cont'd)

A3.31.2 Regulations (Cont'd)

B. Eligibility

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 - g. National School Lunch's free lunch program (NSL) (N)
2. Additionally, customers not receiving benefits under one of the preceding programs, and whose total gross annual income does not exceed 125% of the federal poverty guidelines, meet the requirements of a State established means test and may apply directly to the Office of Public Counsel (OPC) for eligibility certification.
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1. Proof of eligibility in any of the qualifying low income assistance programs should be provided to the Company at the time of application for service; or eligible Lifeline subscribers may enroll in the Lifeline program by signing a document certifying under penalty of perjury that the customer participates in one of the Florida Lifeline eligible programs and identifying the qualifying program. The Lifeline credit will not be established until the Company has received such signed document. If the customer requests installation prior to the Company's receipt of such signed document the requested service will be provided without the Lifeline credit. When eligibility documentation is provided subsequent to installation, the Lifeline credit will be provided on a going forward basis. (E)
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A3. BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

A3.31 Lifeline (Cont'd)

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2. Company credit

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A. Description of Service

Qualified residents of federally recognized tribal lands may receive up to thirty dollars (\$25.00-30.00) per month in additional federal Lifeline support for their residential service. A one dollar (\$1.00) minimum charge is applicable for basic local service. (C)

B. Regulations

1. Tribal Lifeline support is in addition to traditional Lifeline support.
2. All Lifeline regulations are applicable to Tribal Lifeline.

C. Eligibility

To qualify, in addition to meeting the tribal land residency requirement, the customer may be a current recipient of any of the programs identified for Lifeline, or may be a recipient of one of the following federal programs:

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3. Head Start Program (income eligible) (N)

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D.E. Rates and Charges (C)

1. General

- a. The charge for basic local service will not be less than one dollar (\$1.00) per month. (C)
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A4. SERVICE CHARGES

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A4.7.2. Regulations (Cont'd)

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2. The use or disclosure of information concerning enrollees will be limited to purposes directly connected with the administration of the Link-Up plan.
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GENERAL SUBSCRIBER SERVICE TARIFF

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~~D. Rates and Charges~~

~~1. A federal credit of up to \$70 is available to cover 100 percent of the connection charges between \$60.00 and \$130.00.~~

~~2. The Tribal Link Up credit is in addition to the Link Up credits preceding.~~

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A4. SERVICE CHARGES

A4.7 Link-Up (Cont'd)

A4.7.4 Tribal Link-Up

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C. Rates and Charges

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2. The Tribal Link-Up credit is in addition to the Link-Up credits preceding.

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