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WESTERN TELEPHONE COMPANY

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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
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Pam Bonrud, Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
Capitol Building, 1st Floor
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

Dear Ms. Bonrud:

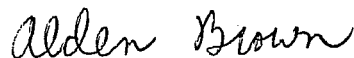
In response to South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (SDPUC) Docket TC 05-058, Western Telephone Company (Western) is enclosing the following:

- a revised Lifeline/Link Up application form reflecting the additional eligibility criteria established in FCC 04-87, released April 29, 2004;
- a copy of Western's promotional materials;
- a copy of Western's latest Lifeline/Link Up advertisement;
- documents pertaining to Western's income-based criterion certification procedures; and
- a copy of the verification letter sent to a random sample of Western's Lifeline participants.

Western advertises Lifeline/Link Up annually (most recently in the fall of 2004) in the Faulk County Record. In addition, brochures are available in the front office and Lifeline/Link Up details are posted on Western's website.

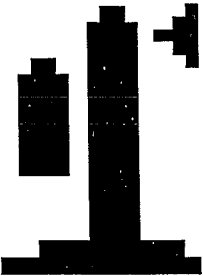
Please call our office with any questions regarding the enclosed Lifeline/Link Up materials or Western's Lifeline/Link Up procedures.

Yours truly,



Alden Brown
Vice President and Manager

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Verification of Consumers' Continued Eligibility for Lifeline

Date: 05-17-05

To: Vice President – High Cost and Low Income Division
Universal Service Administrative Company
2000 L Street, NW, Suite 200
Washington, DC 20036

This letter is to certify that Western Telephone Company has procedures in place to verify the continued eligibility of a statistically valid random sample of its Lifeline customers. The results are provided in the chart below.

To the extent any Lifeline customers qualify based on their income, I certify that my company has income verification procedures in place and that, to the best of my knowledge, the company was presented with corroborating income documentation.

I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the Study Area(s) listed below.

Company name	Company SAC	State	Number of Lifeline customers surveyed	Number of Lifeline customers found to be ineligible
Western Telephone Company	391688	SD	15	0

Signed,

Alden Brown

[Signature of Officer]

Alden Brown

[Printed Name of Officer]

Vice President

[Title of Officer]

PO Box 128, Faulkton, SD 57438

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**LIFELINE AND LINK UP PLAN
OF WESTERN TELEPHONE COMPANY**

The Western Telephone Company submits this plan pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.401(d). Western Telephone Company has been designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission ("SDPUC") and, as such, must make Lifeline and Link Up service available to qualifying low-income consumers as set forth in the Commission's Final Order and Decision; Notice of Entry of Decision dated November 18, 1997, issued in Docket TC97-150 (In the Matter of the Investigation into the Lifeline and Link Up Programs), which is attached as Exhibit A, and consistent with the criteria established under 47 CFR §§ 54.400 to 54.417, inclusive.

A. General

1. The Lifeline and Link Up programs assist qualified low-income consumers by providing for reduced monthly charges and reduced connection charges for local telephone service. The assistance applies to a single telephone line at a qualified consumer's principal place of residence.

2. A qualified low-income consumer is a telephone subscriber who participates in at least one of the following public assistance programs:

- a. Medicaid
- b. Food Stamps
- c. Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- d. Federal Public Housing Assistance
- e. Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LHEAP)

3. A qualified low-income consumer is eligible to receive either or both Lifeline and Link Up assistance.

4. Western Telephone Company will advertise the availability of Lifeline and Link Up services and the charges therefore using media of general distribution and in accord with any rules that may be developed by the SDPUC for application to eligible telecommunications carriers.

5. In addition, Western Telephone Company, as required by the Final Order and Decision; Notice of Entry of Decision of the SDPUC (Exhibit A), will indicate in its annual report to the SDPUC the number of subscribers within its service area receiving Lifeline and/or Link Up assistance. In addition, this information will be provided to the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC").

6. Information as to the number of consumers qualifying for Lifeline and/or Link Up assistance cannot currently be provided by Western Telephone Company

because it has no access to the government information necessary to determine how many of its telephone subscribers are participating in the above referenced public assistance programs. Without this information, Western Telephone Company cannot provide, at this time, even a reasonable estimate of the number of its subscribers who, after January 1, 1998, will be receiving Lifeline and/or Link Up service. Information as to the number of its low-income subscribers qualifying for Lifeline and/or Link Up can be provided after applications for Lifeline and Link Up assistance have been received by Western Telephone Company.

7. In accord with the SDPUC's Final Order and Decision; Notice of Entry of Decision, Western Telephone Company will make application forms available to all of its existing residential customers, to all new customers when they apply for residential local telephone service, and to other persons or entities upon their request.

B. Lifeline

1. Lifeline service means a retail local service offering for which qualified low-income consumers pay reduced charges.
2. Lifeline service includes 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 emergency services, access to operator services, access to interexchange service, access to directory assistance, and toll limitation.
3. Qualified low-income subscribers are required to submit an application form in order to receive Lifeline service. In applying for Lifeline assistance, the subscriber must certify under penalty of perjury that they are currently participating in at least one of the qualifying public assistance programs listed in Section A.2, above. In addition, the subscriber must agree to notify Western Telephone Company when they cease participating in the qualifying public assistance program(s).
4. The total monthly Lifeline credit available to qualified consumers is \$5.25. Western Telephone Company shall provide the credit to qualified consumers by applying the federal baseline support amount of \$3.50 to waive the consumer's federal End-User Common Line charge and applying the additional authorized federal support amount of \$1.75 as a credit to the consumer's intrastate local service rate. The federal baseline support amount and additional support available, totaling \$5.25, shall reduce Western Telephone Company's lowest tariffed (or otherwise generally available) residential rate for the services listed above in Section B.3. Per the attached SDPUC Final Order and Decision; Notice of Entry of Decision, the SDPUC has authorized intrastate rate reductions for eligible telecommunications carriers making the additional federal support

amount of \$1.75 available. The SDPUC did not establish a state Lifeline program to fund any further rate reductions. (Exhibit A, Findings of Fact VII and VIII; and Conclusions of Law II and III).

5. Western Telephone Company will not disconnect subscribers from their Lifeline service for non-payment of toll charges unless the SDPUC, pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.401(b)(1), has granted the company a waiver from the non-disconnect requirement.

6. Except to the extent that Western Telephone Company has obtained a waiver from the SDPUC pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.101(c), the company shall offer toll limitation to all qualifying low-income consumers when they subscribe to Lifeline service. If the subscriber elects to receive toll limitation, that service shall become part of that subscriber's Lifeline service.

7. Western Telephone Company will not collect a service deposit in order to initiate Lifeline service if the qualifying low-income consumer voluntarily elects toll blocking on their telephone line. However, one month's local service charges may be required as an advance payment.

C. Link Up

1. Link Up means:

(a) A reduction in the customary charge for commencing telecommunications service for a single telecommunications connection at a consumer's principal place of residence. The reductions shall be 50 percent of the customary charge or \$30.00, whichever is less; and

(b) A deferred schedule for payment of the charges assessed for commencing service, for which the consumer does not pay interest. The interest charges not assessed to the consumer shall be for connection charges of up to \$200.00 that are deferred to a period not to exceed one year.

2. Charges assessed for commencing service include any charges that are customarily assessed for connecting subscribers to the network. These charges do not include any permissible security deposit requirements.

3. The Link Up program shall allow a consumer to receive the benefit of the Link Up program for a second or subsequent time only for a principal place of residence with an address different from the residence address at which the Link Up assistance was provided previously.

Western Telephone Company
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By Alden Brown Vice President / Manager
Name Position

Lifeline/Link Up

Income-Based Criterion Documentation Process

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1. Customer completes Lifeline/Link Up Application
2. Customer completes Self-Certification for Applicants Qualifying Under Income-Based Criterion
3. Customer presents income documentation for all household members
4. Business office representative verifies documentation
5. Business office representative documents verification utilizing verification form
6. Business office representative files:
 - a) Lifeline/Link Up Application
 - b) Customer self-certification document
 - c) Business office verification document

**Lifeline/Link Up
Income-Based Criterion
Certification of Documentation Process**

I, Alden Brown, hereby certify, under penalty of perjury, that Western Telephone Company has in place Lifeline/Link Up income-based criterion documentation procedures. I further certify, under penalty of perjury, that, to the best of my knowledge, Western Telephone Company was presented with and reviewed appropriate income-based criterion documentation before implementing Lifeline/Link Up for applicants qualifying under this criterion.

Alden Brown
Signature

Vice President
Title

11-19-2004
Date

**Lifeline/Link Up
Income-Based Criterion Documentation
Business Office Verification Document**

Number of Household Members _____

Household Income _____

Income Documents	Household Member #1	Household Member #2	Household Member #3	Household Member #4	Household Member #5
prior year's federal tax return					
prior year's state tax return					
employer's current income statement					
paycheck stubs (3 months)					
Social Security statement (3 months)					
pension statement (3 months)					
veteran's benefits statement (3 months)					
Other (specify)					

Business Office Representative

Date

LIFELINE/LINK UP ASSISTANCE APPLICATION
(Please Print)

Name: _____
 Last First M.I.
Address: _____
 Street Apt. No.
City: _____
 City State Zip Code

Social Security Number: _____

Telephone Number (if existing service): _____

Can be Reached Number (if new service): _____
(Area code + 7 digit number)

I am applying for: _____ Lifeline (monthly telephone service discount)
 _____ Link Up (telephone connection charge discount)

Note: Telephone service MUST be in applicant's name.

I qualify for Lifeline/Link Up assistance because (check all that apply):

- _____ I participate in Medicaid.
- _____ I participate in the Food Stamps program.
- _____ I receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI).
- _____ I receive Federal Public Housing Assistance.
- _____ I receive Low Income Housing Energy Assistance.
- _____ I participate in the Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF) program.
- _____ I participate in the National School Lunch (NSL) free lunch program.
- _____ My household income is at or below 135 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.
(documentation required)

I agree to notify the telephone company when I no longer qualify based on the above criteria.

I CERTIFY UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS TRUE. I understand that I must meet at least one of the above qualifications to receive Lifeline/Link Up assistance on my primary residential telephone line.

Signature

Date

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November 18, 2004

Dear Customer:

You currently participate in Western Telephone Company's Lifeline assistance program. The Federal Communications Commission recently issued an order that requires telephone companies like ours to annually verify a sample of Lifeline customer's continued eligibility.

If you are still eligible for Lifeline assistance, please complete the enclosed application and return it to us by **January 15, 2005**. Please note the three new eligibility criteria: National School Lunch free lunch program; Temporary Aid to Needy Families; and income at or below 135% of Federal Poverty Guidelines (see table below).

Family Members	Income
1	\$12,569
2	\$16,862
3	\$21,155
4	\$25,448
5	\$29,741
6	\$34,034
7	\$38,327
8	\$42,620
For each additional member add \$4,293	

No additional information is needed if you participate in one or more of the eligible programs. However, the new income eligibility criterion requires documentation of income eligibility. Such documentation includes a customer's prior year's state or federal tax return, a current income statement from an employer or paycheck stub, a Social Security statement of benefits, or other such official documents. If your documentation does not cover an entire year please provide three consecutive month's worth of the same type of document.

Please note: income is all income actually received by all members of the household. Income includes salary before deductions for taxes, public assistance benefits, social security payments, pensions, unemployment compensation, veteran's benefits, inheritances, alimony, child support payments, worker's compensation benefits, gifts and lottery winnings. The only exceptions are student financial aid, military housing and cost-of-living allowances and irregular income from occasional small jobs such as baby-sitting or lawn mowing.

If you qualify based on household income, please come to our office at 111 9th Avenue N., Faulkton, with the required documentation. All other applicants recertifying are welcome to drop the application off at the Faulkton office, or you may mail it back to us in the enclosed return envelope.

Please feel free to call us at 598-6217 with any questions you may have regarding the application or the Lifeline/Link Up programs.

Sincerely,

Carmen Brown

Carmen Brown
Office Supervisor

Enclosures

**NOTICE
TO ALL WESTERN TELEPHONE COMPANY CUSTOMERS**

LOW INCOME ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Western Telephone Company is authorized to provide two federal telephone assistance programs that were developed in response to concerns about the affordability of telephone service for low income citizens.

- The Lifeline program provides reduced monthly charges to telephone subscribers who qualify
- The Link Up program provides reduced connection charges to telephone subscribers who qualify.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Subscribers must have household income that is at or below 135 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines or must participate in at least one of the following public assistance programs to be eligible:

Medicaid	Low Income Home Energy Assistance
Food Stamps	Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
Federal Housing Assistance	Temporary Aid to Needy Families
National School Lunch free lunch program	

WHAT DO THE PROGRAMS PROVIDE?

Lifeline provides eligible subscribers with a waiver of the \$6.50 monthly Subscriber Line Charge and an additional credit of \$1.75 each month on the basic service portion of the telephone bill. The waiver and credit apply on the main home telephone line listed in the name of the eligible telephone company subscriber. Lifeline subscribers also may receive blocking of long distance calling on their telephone line at no charge.

Link Up provides eligible subscribers with reduced connection charges for their basic home telephone service. This reduction is 50 percent of applicable charges or \$30.00, whichever is less. Link Up also provides for deferred payment of connection charges without interest. It does not cover the cost of wiring inside the home and is limited to one time per home address per subscriber.

HOW DO I APPLY?

If you meet the eligibility requirements, you must completely fill out and sign an application form. In addition, if you qualify because your household income is at or below 135 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, documentation is required. More details on this documentation requirement and application forms are available at our office at: Western Telephone Company; 111 9th Ave. N.; P.O. Box 128; Faulkton, SD 57438.

COULD I BECOME INELIGIBLE?

When you no longer are eligible to participate in any of the above assistance programs, you are no longer eligible for Lifeline or Link Up. You are obligated by law to notify Western Telephone Company and advise the company that you are no longer eligible for Lifeline and Link Up.

Date: _____ Phone # Given _____

Name: _____

Mailing & E-911 Address: _____

Current Employment: _____

Previous Service with Us: YES NO

Name of Bank: _____

Do you want Automatic Banking: YES NO (need deposit slip)

Personal or Lease Phone: _____

Long Distance Carrier: _____

(Sprint, AT&T, MCI, WorldCom, Excel, Western Telephone, etc.)

Do you want Cable TV: YES NO

Do you want any Premium Channels: YES NO (HBO, Cinemax, Showtime, TMC, Encore)

Do you want Internet: YES NO High Speed: YES NO

Are you eligible for Lifeline Assistance: YES NO

A \$20.00 Deposit and a \$20.00 Installation charge are required in advance for telephone service.

Temporary Install Charge - \$35.00

Cable TV Hook-Up Charge - \$29.95

Dial Up Internet Hookup Charge - \$20.75

High Speed Internet Hookup Charge - \$35.00

LIFELINE Program

Lifeline provides basic telephone service to eligible subscribers at a reduced monthly rate.

Lifeline subscribers may also receive long distance blocking on their telephone free of charge.

LINK-UP Program

Link-Up provides eligible subscribers with a **50% reduction (up to \$30)** for connection and line extension charges for basic home telephone service.

Deferred payments of connection charges, without interest, may be arranged for Link-Up subscribers.

Qualifications

People currently participating in at least one of the programs listed below would qualify for Lifeline and Link-Up programs. **You also qualify if your income is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines** (For example A South Dakota family of four with an annual income at or below \$24,840 would now be eligible).

Qualifying Programs:

- ♦ Medicaid (eg., Title XIX/Medical, State Supplemental Assistance)
- ♦ Food Stamps
- ♦ Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- ♦ Federal Public Housing Assistance
- ♦ Low Income Energy Assistance (LIEAP)
- ♦ Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)
- ♦ National School Lunch's Free Lunch Program (NSL)

To Apply:

Contact your local telephone company for an application.

Need Help?



LIFELINE/ LINK-UP Programs

Assistance for Basic Home Telephone Service

SD Public Utilities Commission
State Capitol Building
500 E Capitol Ave
Pierre, SD 57501

1-800-332-1782

HOW to APPLY for LIFELINE and/or LINK-UP ASSISTANCE

Contact your local telephone company for an application. Listed below are some of the questions or information the telephone company may request:

1. Which program are you applying for? Lifeline? Link-up? Both?
2. Are you currently receiving assistance benefits from any of the following programs?

- Medicaid (e.g., Title XIX/Medical, State Supplemental Assistance)
- Food Stamps
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance
- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance (LIEAP)
- Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)
- National School Lunch's Free Lunch Program (NSL)

Income Criteria—income is at or below 135% of Federal Poverty guidelines*

*(Please check with your local telephone company to see if this criterion is in effect. Income must be at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. You will be asked to list the number of individuals in your household. In order to qualify under this criterion, you must provide documentation of income eligibility. Documentation may consist of a copy of a prior year's state, federal or tribal tax return, three consecutive months of income statements or paycheck stubs from your employer, a Social Security statement of benefits, a Veterans Administration statement of benefits, a retirement/pension statement of benefits, an Unemployment/Workmen's Compensation statement of benefits, federal or tribal notice letter of participation in Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance, a divorce decree or child support document.)

**Call your local
telephone company
for an application!**
Western Telephone Co.

am-Zell News

Becker - 472-0842

United Methodist inference was held at on Nov. 14 at 3 p.m. members attended with re Anders as "Presiding pastor Dave gave the All three churches gave ports and budgets. the meeting, a nice served by the Cresbard

Kaye and Kevin Harr w little granddaughter ruel, she is the daugh- hannon and Shelley Aberdeen.

Rockham American John J. Tomson Post #57 e Veterans Day banquet auklton Legion Hall. A mber of Veterans and enjoyed a nice program al. Janelle Becker was the speaker for this servance.

United Methodist Church rative board met on Nov. 10 with 7 members pres- ir Kevin Harr called the to order. Sec. Gloria ave the minutes from the meeting. Treasurer Kaye ve her report, both were l as read. There was dis- on the pancake breakfast as held on Nov. 7. The g of the Green will be on . Church will be at 4:30 O MORNING CHURCH! ng church a pot luck sup- be observed.

am Methodist Christmas rvice will be at 6:30 p.m. will be not December strative board meeting. rd will be having sday night Advent ss. The board will meet n January. ight: "Take care that the at looks out from your mir- ch morning is a pleasant ou may not see it again all ut others will."

the Principal

By F.H.S. Principal
Brenda Kwasniewski

behalf of the staff at the ton School, I would like to the Faulkton and Orient rican Legion Auxiliaries for ts on Tuesday, Nov. 16, Seneca American for the treats on day, Nov. 17. It is special mbered so nicely.

will not be school on day and Friday, Nov. 25-26, of Thanksgiving Break. Mobile Science Lab will be Monday, Tuesday, and nesday, Nov. 29-December 1. oys basketball starts Monday, 20.

Jan Melius will be here on esday, Nov. 30, for a Character unt presentation to the sev- th grade.

Midterm reports will be pre- red on Wednesday, Dec. 1. Mrs. Heidenreich will be tending the state oral inter- tion contest on Friday and turday, Dec. 3-4. She is on the ate advisory council. At the iting of this article, I did not ow if any of our students quali- for state competition.

Mrs. Wagner will be taking ikki Bowar to the North Area onors Band in Aberdeen on riday and Saturday, Dec. 3-4. The junior high/high school hristmas Concert is Tuesday, ec. 7, at 7:30 p.m.

The FCCLA group will be host- ing an Indian Taco Supper on Friday, Dec. 10, from 4:30-6:30 in conjunction with the Herreid bas- ketball games.

Music Booster popcorn sales end on Friday, Dec. 10.

Those students who have regis- tered will be taking the ACT test on Saturday, Dec. 11.

The FCCLA group will hold their regular monthly meeting on Monday, Dec. 13.

The K-6 Christmas Concert is Monday, Dec. 13, at 7:30 p.m.

Jan Melius will be here on Tuesday, Dec. 14, for a Character Counts presentation to the sev- enth grade.

There will be cheer camp and supper on Thursday, Dec. 16, in

ball game.

School will be dismissed at 2:30 on Tuesday, Dec. 21. There will not be school from Dec. 22 through Dec. 31, because of Christmas break.

Because of Thanksgiving break, I will not have an article next week.

Athletic events in the next couple weeks are:

Nov. 23: junior high girls' basketball here with Ipswich at 6:00

Nov. 29: junior high girls' basketball at Warner at 6:00

Dec. 2: high school wrestling with Hamlin and Clark at Clark

Dec. 4: high school wrestling tournament at Clark

Dec. 6: junior high girls' basketball here with Gettysburg at 6:30

Dec. 9: junior high girls' basketba at Highmore at 4:00; high school girls' basket-

Dec. 10: high school girls' basketba here with Herreid starting at 7:00
Dec. 11: high school wrestling tourna- ment here

21 - 27.
The members of this organiza- tion want to recognize that stron- families are the core of stron- communities and encourage you to spend time with your loved ones.

Calli Adams
Faulkton FCCLA vice president
of public relations

Letter to the editor:

Dear Editor:

To honor the importance of fam- ilies, the Faulkton FCCLA Chapter will be presenting roses

Faulkton Area Arts Council presents

Journey of Promises

a Christmas Cantata by Joseph M. Martin

Sunday, Dec. 5

4:00 p.m. at
Our Savior Lutheran Church, Faulkton

* Featuring the cantata by the Faulkton Area Chorus under the direction of James Wagner

* The concert begins with a performance by the United Church of Christ, Ipswich, Bell Choir

* Following the concert, coffee, hot cider and a dessert will be served in the fellowship hall of the church.

A free will offering will be taken
Additional support received for this project from Faulk County Branch of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans



The family of
Lena Gutenkauf
invites you to attend her

90th

Birthday Celebration!

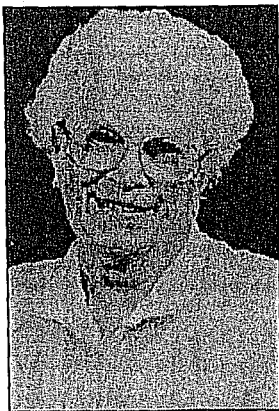
Sat., Nov. 27

from 2-4 p.m. CST.

St. Boniface Church

Seneca, SD

Cards can be mailed to:
Lena Gutenkauf
33315 155th Street
Onaka, SD 57466



The honoree requests no gifts

Thank you all . . .

A big thank you to Loretta Ketterling, Dacotah Bank, Dean & Alice Sangster, Business & Professional Association, Farmers Union Insurance and Common Sense Mfg. for the beautiful plants & flowers; to Western Telephone, Louise Brown, Carmen Brown; Faulk County Record; Marlene Hammond; and Barney & Jeanne Lesselyoung for their gifts for our grand opening, & to so many others for their encouragement and good wishes; to Jeanne Lesselyoung, Marlene Hammond, Brenda Hogg and Falyng Hogg for your long hours of work opening week. Last, but not least, to our husbands for their help and for putting up with our long absences from home while getting everything ready for the big week! **Donna & Mary at the Lite House**

THANK YOU . . .

Thanksgiving time is here again, its time to reflect & give thanks to those who have blessed one's life - so here goes.

Thanks to everyone (and there are many) who made my stay in South Dakota the last 5 1/2 years a lot of fun & enjoyable.

Special thanks go to: The WELCA Ladies of Orient Lutheran and Our Saviors. Those quilting days & fellowship time were great.

The coffee group at the Miranda Elevator. Harley, you brew the best recycled coffee in the state of S.D.

Marvin Beidler & Dale Wilkinson for all your help, support & drop in visits to the farm.

The Senior Citizens of Cresbard for your friendship, love & fellowship. The Fest Inn & Vonnice Gabriel for those great senior meals.

Last, but not least, to Terry & Bev Huss for always being there for me when I needed someone to talk to, when I needed help around the farm or whatever situation came my way. You are truly an example of what a neighbor should be.

Thanks Again & May God Grant You
& Yours Special Blessings & A Happy Thanksgiving.

Gladys (Johnson) Danahy.

PS: We are Delmer & Blanche Johnson & we approve of this message. We too, want to send our Thanks & God's Blessings.

Notice to Western Telephone Company customers:

Western Telephone Company provides basic and enhanced telecommunications services within its service areas. Basic services are offered at the following rates:

Faulkton and Orient

Single Party Residence Service\$16.00/month
Single Party Business Service.....\$16.00/month

Cresbard

Single Party Residence Service\$18.00/month
Single Party Business Service.....\$25.00/month

Local residence and business service includes:

- Voice grade access to the public telephone network
- Flat-rated local exchange service free of per minute charges
- Access to directory assistance service
- Access to other operator services
- Access to 911 emergency services
- Access to interexchange (long distance) services
- Dual tone multi-frequency signaling (touch-tone service)

Lifeline and Link Up telephone assistance program are also available for qualifying low-income subscribers. These programs provide for connection and monthly service discounts on telephone service. To qualify a subscriber must: participate in Medicaid; participate in the Food Stamps program; participate in the Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF) program; participate in the National School Lunch (NSL) free lunch program; receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI); receive Federal Public Housing Assistance; receive Low Income Housing Energy Assistance; or have household income that is at or below 135 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. Subscribers eligible for Lifeline and Link Up may also receive toll blocking service at no charge.

The basic services described above are offered to all consumers in Western Telephone Company's service area. If you have any questions regarding telecommunications services, please call Western's office at (605) 598-6217.



Western Telephone Co.

598-6217/324-3642 - 111 9th Ave. N. in Faulkton