

**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
LIFELINE/LINK UP ADVERTISING/OUTREACH
ANNUAL REPORT
JUNE 1, 2008**

Company: Beresford Municipal Telephone
Address: 101 N. 3rd St.
Beresford, S.D.
57004
Telephone number: 605.763.2500
Company contact: Patricia Johnson
Study Area Code: 391649

Lifeline/Link Up Advertising/Outreach Activities:

- Advertise in media of general distribution.* (See attached advertisement(s).)
- Letter to existing and new customers regarding the availability of Lifeline/Link Up.* (See attached letter.)
- Company's Lifeline/Link Up information in directory.
- Company's Lifeline/Link Up information available on Company website.
(www.companywebsiteaddress.com)
- Company's information posted on USAC website.
- Other (describe): _____

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Margaret Abbas, reporter

Sixty-five percent of phar-
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pendently owned and operated.

Beresford Municipal Telephone Lifeline/Linkup Program

Individuals and families who reside in Beresford Municipal Telephone service area and are receiving assistance benefits or have a low or fixed income may be eligible to receive discounted telephone installation and/or service. Please contact Beresford Municipal Telephone's customer support at (605) 763-2500 or (605) 763-2008 for information on the Lifeline/Linkup program.

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Statement

10/25/2007

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BERESFORD REPUBLIC
P.O. Box 111
Beresford SD 57004 0111

Phone Number: (605) 763-2006

Next closing date: November 29, 2007

ID# 98

Beresford Municipal Telephone Co.
101 N. 3rd St.
Beresford SD 57004

Date	Description	Units	Debit	Credit
10/25/2007	Beresford Republic display Lifeline	6.000 inches	27.00	
	Balance Due		27.00	

*611-4380-7100Z
Publication Expense
Added 11-1-07*

Current	30	60	90	90+
27.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

BERESFORD MUNICIPAL TELEPHONE CUSTOMERS

Lifeline, Link Up, and Toll Limitation Service support provide discounts to eligible low-income consumers to help them establish and maintain telephone service. **Note:** Telecommunications carriers cannot charge a Lifeline customer federal USF fees on the local service portion of their telephone bill.

What type of discount is available?

Lifeline assistance lowers the cost of basic, monthly local telephone service. Eligible consumers can receive up to \$8.25 per month in discounts.

Eligible residents of Indian reservations or tribal lands can receive up to an additional \$25 in Lifeline support, but must pay at least \$1 for basic monthly service.

Link Up reduces the cost of initiating new telephone service. Eligible consumers can receive a 50% discount off of the one-time costs associated with initiating telephone service, up to a maximum of \$30. Eligible consumers also qualify for a deferred payment schedule for remaining costs of up to \$200.

Eligible low-income consumers living on tribal lands are eligible for an additional discount of up to \$70 to cover 100% of the charges between \$60 and \$130.

Toll Limitation Service (TLS) support allows eligible consumers who wish to avoid incurring large long distance fees to choose toll blocking or toll control at no cost.

How do I know whether I am eligible?

Eligibility for Lifeline, Link Up, and TLS support *varies by state*. Individuals who reside in states that have their own discount programs qualify for federal Lifeline, Link Up, and TLS support if they meet the eligibility criteria established by their state. In states that do not provide state support, an individual is eligible if he or she participates in one of the following programs:

- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance or Section 8
- Medicaid
- Food Stamps
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- National School Lunch Program's free lunch program

In addition, a consumer may be eligible if his or her household income is at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines. (See attached table.)

Residents of Indian reservations or tribal lands qualify if they participate in any of the programs listed above, have a household income that is at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines, or participate in one of these programs:

- Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) general assistance
- Head Start (income eligible)
- Tribal TANF

How do I apply to receive Lifeline, Link Up, and TLS support discounts?

To apply for Lifeline, Link Up, and TLS discounts please contact Beresford Municipal Telephone Company, 101 N 3rd St., Beresford, SD 57004
Phone: (605) 763-2500 or (605) 763-2008.

Important Notice Regarding the DTV Transition

After February 7, 2009, a television receiver with only an analog broadcast tuner will require a converter box to receive full power over-the-air broadcasts with an antenna because of the Nation's transition to digital broadcasting. Analog-only TVs should continue to work as before to receive low power, Class A or translator television stations and with cable and satellite TV services, gaming consoles, VCRs, DVD players and similar products.

Information about the DTV transition is available from www.DTV.gov and from www.dtv2009.gov or 1-888-DTV-2009 for information about subsidized coupons for digital-to-analog converter boxes.

2008 Federal Poverty Guidelines



100% *

Persons in Family or Household	48 Contiguous States and D.C.	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$10,400	\$13,000	\$11,960
2	\$14,000	\$17,500	\$16,100
3	\$17,600	\$22,000	\$20,240
4	\$21,200	\$26,500	\$24,380
5	\$24,800	\$31,000	\$28,520
6	\$28,400	\$35,500	\$32,660
7	\$32,000	\$40,000	\$36,800
8	\$35,600	\$44,500	\$40,940
For each additional person, add	\$3,600	\$4,500	\$4,140

125%

Persons in Family or Household	48 Contiguous States and D.C.	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$13,000	\$16,250	\$14,950
2	\$17,500	\$21,875	\$20,125
3	\$22,000	\$27,500	\$25,300
4	\$26,500	\$33,125	\$30,475
5	\$31,000	\$38,750	\$35,650
6	\$35,500	\$44,375	\$40,825
7	\$40,000	\$50,000	\$46,000
8	\$44,500	\$55,625	\$51,175
For Each Additional Person, add	\$4,500	\$5,625	\$5,175

135%

Persons in Family or Household	48 Contiguous States and D.C.	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$14,040	\$17,550	\$16,146
2	\$18,900	\$23,625	\$21,735
3	\$23,760	\$29,700	\$27,324
4	\$28,620	\$35,775	\$32,913
5	\$33,480	\$41,850	\$38,502
6	\$38,340	\$47,925	\$44,091
7	\$43,200	\$54,000	\$49,680
8	\$48,060	\$60,075	\$55,269
For Each Additional Person, add	\$4,860	\$6,075	\$5,589

► A consumer may be eligible if their total household income is at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines in states that follow the federal eligibility criteria. Click [here](#) for a list of states using the federal eligibility criteria.

► States that have their own Lifeline and Link-Up Programs may set their own eligibility criteria by increasing OR decreasing total household income limits or choosing not to use total household income as an eligibility criterion.

► Additionally, some states may use total household income as eligibility criteria, but develop their own limits. For information about income based eligibility in these states contact the state commission.

150%

Persons in Family or Household	48 Contiguous States and D.C.	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$15,600	\$19,500	\$17,940
2	\$21,000	\$26,250	\$24,150
3	\$26,400	\$33,000	\$30,360
4	\$31,800	\$39,750	\$36,570
5	\$37,200	\$46,500	\$42,780
6	\$42,600	\$53,250	\$48,990
7	\$48,000	\$60,000	\$55,200
8	\$53,400	\$66,750	\$61,410
For Each Additional Person, add	\$5,400	\$6,750	\$6,210

175%

Persons in Family or Household	48 Contiguous States and D.C.	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$18,200	\$22,750	\$20,930
2	\$24,500	\$30,625	\$28,175
3	\$30,800	\$38,500	\$35,420
4	\$37,100	\$46,375	\$42,665
5	\$43,400	\$54,250	\$49,910
6	\$49,700	\$62,125	\$57,155
7	\$56,000	\$70,000	\$64,400
8	\$62,300	\$77,875	\$71,645
For Each Additional Person, add	\$6,300	\$7,875	\$7,245

* SOURCE: Federal Register, Vol. 73, No. 15, January 23, 2008, pp. 3971-3972

Please Note: The federal poverty guidelines are typically updated in the end of January.