

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

Company: Ft. Randall Telephone Company

Address: 227 South Main Street

Clara City MN 56222-0800

Telephone number: (320) 847-2211

Company contact: Bruce Hanson

Study Area Code: 1660

**Lifeline/Link Up Advertising/Outreach Activities**

- Advertise in media of general distribution.\*
- Letter to existing and new customers regarding the availability of Lifeline/Link Up.\* (See attached Attachment "A".)
- Company's Lifeline/Link Up information in directory.
- Company's Lifeline/Link Up information available on Company website. (\_\_\_\_\_)
- Company's information posted on USAC website.
- Other (describe): At the time of installation, the customer receives both an application and information regarding eligibility (see Attachment "B").

\* Required



## **Phone Discounts for Low-Income Users**

As a Fort Randall Telephone customer, you may qualify for one of three programs that provide assistance to you in paying your telephone bill. This federally funded program will provide a credit each month on your phone bill. Some limitations apply; please contact our office (605) 384-3993

This Ad was placed in the Wagner newspaper.

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**Phone Discounts for Low-Income Users**

As a South Dakota consumer, you may qualify for one of the three programs that provide assistance with paying your telephone bill. Data shows that many South Dakota consumers are not aware of their eligibility for these programs.

**Lifeline:**

This is a federally funded program that will provide a credit of up to \$9.13 each month on your phone bill. To be eligible, you must be enrolled in one of the following programs:

- Medicaid (Medical Assistance)
- Food Support (food stamps)
- Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance
- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- National School Free Lunch Program
- Individuals that do not qualify under the above criteria but live on a federally recognized reservation may qualify if the applicant receives benefits from one of the following programs: Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance;
- Tribally administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families; Head Start (only those meeting its income qualifying standard); or the National School Lunch Program's free lunch program. Tribal Lifeline credit value goes down to \$1.00 a month.

If you are not of the above programs, but your income is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, you may also apply for and receive the discount. You will need to attach proof of your income to your application.

**Link -Up:**

This national program will pay up to 50% of your local telephone service connection and installation charges, up to a maximum of \$30.

Eligibility requirements are the same as for Lifeline list above.  
Telephone Equipment Distribution (TED) Provides equipment for those who have hearing loss, speech, and/or mobility impairments that limit their use of a standard telephone.

To be eligible, you must:

- Have phone service or applied for phone service; and
- Meet income guidelines.
- Contact the Department of Human Services for more information or an application

Persons in Family Unit	48 Contiguous State and D.C.	
1	\$13,784	
2	\$18,482	
3	\$23,180	
4	\$27,878	
5	\$32,576	
6	\$37,274	
7	\$41,972	
8	\$46,670	
For Each Additional Person add		\$4,698

Contact Fort Randall Telephone Company for more information or an application (605) 384-3993





**FORT RANDALL**  
TELEPHONE COMPANY  
Helping People Communicate Since 1951



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**I am eligible to receive:**

- a Lifeline monthly telephone service discount
- a Link-Up telephone connection charge discount

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Telephone Number (for current customers) (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone service must be in applicant's name

*Please answer the following questions (check appropriate lines):*

1.  I live on "Tribal Land."

"Tribal Land" for purposes of these Assistance Programs includes BIA's definitions of "reservation."

The term reservation means any federally recognized Indian Tribe's:

- Reservations
- Pueblo
- Colony
- and Indian Allotments

*Questions concerning this requirement should be directed to your local Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) office.*

1. I am currently receiving assistance benefits from at least one of the following program(s):  
*Check all that apply.*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Medicaid (e.g., Title XIX/Medical, State Supplemental Assistance) | <input type="checkbox"/> Head Start (meeting income qualifying standards)          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food Stamps   | <input type="checkbox"/> National School Lunch Program's free lunch program        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental Security Income (SSI)                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) general assistance program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Public Housing Assistance                                 |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Low-Income Home Energy Assistance                                 |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Assistance for Needy Families ("TANIF")                 |  |

I agree to notify my local telephone company when I am no longer participating in any of the above qualifying public assistance programs.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the above information is true. I have read the information on this application and understand that I must meet the above qualifications to receive Lifeline and/or Link-Up assistance on my primary residential phone line.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Your signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*