

**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
LIFELINE/LINK UP ADVERTISING/OUTREACH  
ANNUAL REPORT  
JUNE 1, 2009**

Company: Kennebec Telephone Co., Inc.  
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PO Box 158  
Kennebec, SD 57544  
Telephone number: 605-869-2220  
Company contact: Rod Bowar  
Study Area Code: 391668

Lifeline/Link Up Advertising/Outreach Activities:

- X   Advertise in media of general distribution.\* (See attached advertisement(s).)
- X   Letter to existing and new customers regarding the availability of Lifeline/Link Up.\* (See attached letter.)
- X   Company's Lifeline/Link Up information in directory.
- X   Company's Lifeline/Link Up information available on Company website. ([www.kennebectelephone.com](http://www.kennebectelephone.com))
- X   Company's information posted on USAC website.
- X   Other (describe): Provide Lifeline/Link Up handouts at the following events: Kennebec Business Appreciation Night, Kennebec Ag Days, Presho Farm & Home Show, and all open houses. The handouts are available on the information rack at the Kennebec Telephone office. The information is also published once a year in our monthly newsletter that is sent to all our customers (see attached).

\*Required

**Publisher's Affidavit of Publication**

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA )  
 ) SS )  
 COUNTY OF LYMAN

Connie Penny, of said county and state being duly sworn on her oath says: The Lyman County Herald is a weekly newspaper of general circulation and published in Presho, Lyman County, and State of South Dakota; and has been such newspaper during the times hereinafter mentioned; That said newspaper is a legal weekly, that it has a bonafide circulation of more than 200 copies weekly, that it has been published within said County of Lyman more than fifty-two successive weeks next prior to publication of the notice hereinafter mentioned and maintained at the place of publication; That I, the undersigned am editor of said newspaper, in charge of the advertising department thereof, and have personal knowledge of all the facts stated in this affidavit; that the advertisement headed:

Kennebec Telephone Basic & Enhanced Services

a printed copy of which is hereto attached and published in the said newspaper for \_\_\_\_\_ consecutive week(s).

The first publication of said notice in said newspaper aforesaid was on Wednesday, the 15 day of Oct A.D., 2008 and that the succeeding publications were severally

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and the last publication on Wednesday, the 15 day of Oct, 2008, and that the full sum of fees charged for publishing the same, to-wit, the sum of \$ 78.30 insures solely to the editor of The Lyman County Herald. That no agreement or understanding for any division thereof had been made with any other person, and that no part thereof has been agreed to be paid to any person whatsoever.

Samuel Penny  
Notary Public

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16 day of Oct 2008

My Commission expires \_\_\_\_\_ 200\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 NOTARY PUBLIC - SOUTH DAKOTA  
 Commission Expires  
 March 27, 2009

**Notice**

Kennebec Telephone Company Inc. is a telecommunications company that provides basic and enhanced services with its service area.

Basic services are offered at the following rates:  
 Single Party Residence Service \$16.00/month  
 Single Party Residence/Ag Service \$18.00/month  
 Single Party Business Service \$18.00/month  
 Single Party Business Service \$25.00/month

Local residence and business services include:  
 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) service  
 Dual tone multi-frequency signaling (touch tone) service

Lifeline and Link Up telephone assistance programs are also available to qualifying low-income subscribers. These programs provide for connection and monthly service discounts on telephone service. Enhanced Lifeline/Link Up support is available to those qualifying individuals living on Tribal Lands. Enhanced Lifeline/Link Up provides for expanded eligibility requirements and additional telephone service discounts. Subscribers eligible for Lifeline/Link Up and Enhanced Lifeline/Link Up may also receive toll-blocking/service at no charge. Deposits may be waived or reduced.

The services described above are offered to all consumers in Kennebec Telephone Company's service area. If you have any questions regarding our services, please call our office at 869-2220. You are also welcome to visit our business office at 220 S Main Street in Kennebec.

This notice is posted in accordance with South Dakota Public Utilities Commission order IC97-092 and pursuant to 47 United States Section 214(e) and 47 Code of Federal Regulations Section.

After February 17, 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.

The DTV transition will have no effect on your access to Multi-Channel Video Programming Distributor (MVPD) service. Analog sets not connected to an MVPD service may need additional equipment (i.e. converter box) or may have to be replaced.

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



Date

Address

Re: Lifeline/Link Up Program

Dear :

Enclosed is an application for Lifeline/Link Up Assistance. If you are eligible please complete the form and return to us as soon as possible.

If you are not eligible please sign at the bottom of the form where it states information was provided to you and return it in the enclosed envelope.

If questions please call 869-2220. Thank you.

Regards,

Cherry Comp  
Customer Account Rep  
Kennebec Telephone Co., Inc.

CC/cc  
Enclosures

LIFELINE/LINK UP ASSISTANCE APPLICATION

(please print)

Name: Last First M.I.

Address: Street Apt. No.

City: City State Zip Code

Telephone Number (if you have existing service): Telephone Number where you can be reached or receive messages:

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

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

- 2. I am currently receiving assistance benefits from at least one of the following programs (check all that apply):

- Medicaid (e.g. Title XIX/Medical, State Supplemental Assistance). Food Stamps program. Supplemental Security Income (SSI). Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8). Low Income Home Energy Assistance. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. National School Lunch (NSL) free lunch program.

- 3. Or,

My household income is at or below 135 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. (documentation required - see attached self-certification)

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 have read the information on this application and 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

Send the completed application to your local phone company

Lifeline information was provided to me: (please sign) Date:

**SELF-CERTIFICATION FOR LIFELINE/LINK UP APPLICANTS  
QUALIFYING UNDER INCOME-BASED CRITERION**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, certify under penalty of perjury that I qualify for Lifeline/Link Up assistance based on my household income that is at or below 135 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. I further certify under penalty of perjury that there are \_\_\_\_\_ members in my household and that the supporting income documentation presented to my telecommunications provider accurately represents the annual income of all members of my household.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(circle documentation presented to telecommunication provider)

- Prior year's state, federal, or tribal tax return
- Current income statement from an employer or paycheck stub (three consecutive months)
- Social Security statement of benefits
- Veteran's Administration statement of benefits
- Retirement/pension statement of benefits
- Unemployment/Workmen's Compensation statement of benefits
- Federal or tribal notice of letter of participation in General Assistance
- Divorce Decree
- Child support

**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](http://www.DTV.gov) and from [www.dtv2009.gov](http://www.dtv2009.gov) or 1-888-DTV-2009 for information about subsidized coupons for digital-to-analog converter boxes.

# The Connection

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## OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT

- 6 Offices to choose from
- Main Street location
- \$200 a month
- Discounts for Telephone, Cable, and Internet
- Call 869-2220 for more information

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## MANAGER MOMENT

### Thank You

Thank you to everyone for taking time to attend our 100th anniversary picnic. It's a busy time of year for all, so people taking the time to attend means a lot to our family. We were over-whelmed by the turn out, and it was a great chance to spend time with friends. I hope everyone had a good time.

A special thank you to all of those that worked to make this event a success, they are too numerous to mention here.

This seems like a good time to clear up an issue that has been plaguing me as of late. Some people thought I was 100 years old, well that is just not true; yes, I am old but I have not been around 100 years. I have been with Kennebec Telephone since I was 14 years old, so I have been here 32 years.

As we look at the past, Kennebec Telephone Co., Inc. has been through a lot of exciting times with all the technology changes. We are looking forward to all the new and exciting technology changes that are out there in front of us in the up coming years. We want to assure our customers that we will continue to keep up with all the new technologies that roll out.

One more very important thank you: I want to thank my wife Donna and my kids for tolerating me for all these years and for being there for me when I needed them.

Rod Bowar  
General Manager

## LIFELINE / LINK UP

Lifeline is a program that can provide you with basic telephone service at a reduced rate and if you are a first time customer you may apply for the Link Up to help pay 50% of the installation charge. To sign up for Lifeline you need to qualify for one of the following programs:

- \*Medicaid
- \*Food Stamps
- \*Supplemental Security Income
- \*Federal Public Housing Assistant
- \*Low Income Energy Assistance
- \*Temporary Assistance to Needy Families
- \*National School Lunch's

### Free Lunch Program

You may also qualify if your income is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. With this, you must provide documentation of your income eligibility. To sign up for Lifeline, contact our office, and we can send out an application.