

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

Company: Beresford Municipal Telephone Co.

Address: 101 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.  
Beresford, SD 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](http://www.companywebsiteaddress.com))
- Company's information posted on USAC website.
- Other (describe): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\*Required

president and the necessary funds were raised locally. There were skeptics when the Meridian Highway Bridge Company was incorporated in 1919, but con-

I write this to show that the old bridge didn't happen over night. Gurney said he would serve for three months and he was still in a leadership role years later.

Our trip across the Meridian Highway Bridge was more than nostalgic - it was historical.

**LETTERS TO EDITOR**

selfishly don't want development in their backyard and will say or do anything to stop it, and 2) They are pawns for west coast environmental groups that are blindly opposed to almost all development. The billions of dollars in capital investment and thousands of good paying jobs brought to our region in an environmentally responsible manner isn't important to them. But to the millions of hard working Americans having a hard time putting food on the table, development like this is critical.

Hyperton is the shot in the arm that America needs right now. These delay tactics that Save Union County endorses should be criminal. As the old saying goes if you're not moving forward you're going backwards. In times like these, delay is not an option.

Christine Boulware  
Jefferson, SD

- 51. Hunted
- 52. Opinion piece
- 56. Announce
- 57. Boring
- 58. Op. with Indonesia and Algeria as members
- 59. Nasty article
- 60. Crime boss
- 61. French door part
- Down
- 1. Father's guilt
- 2. Trait of great self denial
- 3. Creep
- 4. Oolong for one
- 5. Systems of principles or belief
- 6. Combining form meaning "left"
- 7. \_\_\_ to Billie Joe
- 8. Campaigner for short
- 9. Gap
- 10. All excited
- 11. Area of South Africa
- 12. In a dry laconic manner
- 17. Perry Como's \_\_\_ Loves Manila
- 18. Be bombastic
- 19. Release or emit gas
- 23. Clock standard Abby
- 24. Misfortunes
- 25. "The Turtle" poet
- 27. A pint, maybe
- 28. Chiffade dwelling
- 31. Athletes who have earned a letter in a school sport
- 32. State of being a fixed characteristic
- 33. Mean
- 35. Back
- 36. Boosts
- 37. When it's broken, that's

- 43. Attend
- 44. Paperlike cloth made in the and served cold
- 55. Clump (off)

**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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**Domestic Violence**

The Safe Options Services provides supportive services to victims of abuse - confidentially and free.

If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic partner violence, sexual assault or stalking, call 505-824-5311 for help.

**STAR Publishing**

Forestand Republic - Commercial Journal  
 171 County Street - Albany (Telephone) Harley Leader  
 Publisher  
 Forest, SD 57007

Forestand Telephone & Cable Vision  
 c/o City of Forestand  
 111 N. 4th St.  
 Forestand, SD 57004

STATEMENT

DATE
1/15/09

AMERICAN RIBBELL

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DATE	INVOICE NO	DESCRIPTION	CHARGES	PAYMENTS	BALANCE
11/17/08	0201453	23 HR display on billine/insop	\$27.00		\$27.00
11/17/08	0201453	Factor Promotion	\$27.00		\$54.00
12/17/08	0201459	23 Christmas display program	\$27.00		\$81.00
12/17/08	0201462	23 HR display ad holiday	\$27.00		\$108.00

*611-21380-71002  
 Publication Expense  
 Paid 1-29-09*

CURRENT	30 DAYS	60 DAYS	90 DAYS	AMOUNT DUE
\$108.00	\$108.00			\$108.00

For Billing Questions Please Call Ad Sales at (605) 339-1012

NOTICE  
TO ALL BERESFORD MUNICIPAL TELEPHONE COMPANY CUSTOMERS

LOW INCOME ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Beresford Municipal 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: Beresford Municipal Telephone Company; 101 North 3rd Street; Beresford, SD 57004.

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 Beresford Municipal Telephone Company and advise the company that you are no longer eligible for Lifeline and Link Up.

DIGITAL TV TRANSMISSION NOTICE

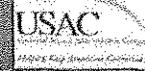
Dear Lifeline & Link-up Customer,

After June 12, 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 with cable and satellite TV services, gaming consoles, VCRs, DVD players and similar products.

Beresford Cablevision anticipates the DTV transition will have no effect to your service. Analog sets not connected to Beresford Cablevision 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](http://www.DTV.gov) or from Beresford Telephone, Cablevision & Internet Company at 605-763-2500 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.

# 2009 Federal Poverty Guidelines



## 100%\*

Persons in Family or Household	48 Contiguous States and D.C.	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$10,830	\$13,530	\$12,460
2	\$14,870	\$18,210	\$16,760
3	\$18,310	\$22,890	\$21,060
4	\$22,050	\$27,570	\$25,360
5	\$25,790	\$32,250	\$29,660
6	\$29,530	\$36,930	\$33,960
7	\$33,270	\$41,610	\$38,260
8	\$37,010	\$46,290	\$42,560
For each additional person, add	\$3,740	\$4,680	\$4,300

## 125%

Persons in Family or Household	48 Contiguous States and D.C.	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$13,530	\$16,913	\$15,575
2	\$18,210	\$22,763	\$20,950
3	\$22,890	\$28,613	\$26,325
4	\$27,570	\$34,463	\$31,700
5	\$32,250	\$40,313	\$37,075
6	\$36,930	\$46,163	\$42,450
7	\$41,610	\$52,013	\$47,825
8	\$46,290	\$57,863	\$53,200
For Each Additional Person, add	\$4,675	\$5,850	\$5,375

## 135%

Persons in Family or Household	48 Contiguous States and D.C.	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$14,621	\$18,266	\$16,821
2	\$19,620	\$24,584	\$22,626
3	\$24,719	\$30,902	\$28,431
4	\$29,768	\$37,220	\$34,236
5	\$34,817	\$43,538	\$40,041
6	\$39,866	\$49,856	\$45,846
7	\$44,915	\$56,174	\$51,651
8	\$49,964	\$62,492	\$57,456
For Each Additional Person, add	\$5,049	\$6,318	\$5,805

\* 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 Lifetime 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	\$16,245	\$20,795	\$18,690
2	\$21,855	\$27,315	\$25,140
3	\$27,465	\$34,335	\$31,590
4	\$33,075	\$41,355	\$38,040
5	\$38,685	\$48,375	\$44,490
6	\$44,295	\$55,395	\$50,940
7	\$49,905	\$62,415	\$57,390
8	\$55,515	\$69,435	\$63,840
For Each Additional Person, add	\$5,610	\$7,020	\$6,450

## 175%

Persons in Family or Household	48 Contiguous States and D.C.	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$18,953	\$23,678	\$21,865
2	\$25,498	\$31,868	\$29,330
3	\$32,043	\$40,058	\$36,855
4	\$38,588	\$48,248	\$44,380
5	\$45,133	\$56,438	\$51,905
6	\$51,678	\$64,628	\$59,430
7	\$58,223	\$72,818	\$66,955
8	\$64,768	\$81,008	\$74,480
For Each Additional Person, add	\$6,545	\$8,190	\$7,525

\* SOURCE: Federal Register, Vol 74, No. 14, January 23, 2009, pp. 4199-4201  
Please Note: The federal poverty guidelines are typically updated in the end of January.