

**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
LIFELINE/LINK UP ADVERTISING/OUTREACH
ANNUAL REPORT
JUNE 1, 2010**

Company: Kennebec Telephone Co., Inc.

Address: 220 S. Main

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))

- X Company's information posted on USAC website.

- X Other (describe): Provide Lifeline/Link Up handouts at the following events: Kennebec Business Appreciation Night, Presho Farm & Home Show and all open houses. The handouts are available on the information rack at the Kennebec Telephone Office. Also, this information is published annually 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:

Life Line Notice

a printed copy of which is hereto attached and published in the said newspaper for 1 consecutive week(s).

The first publication of said notice in said newspaper aforesaid was on Wednesday, the 25 day of March A.D., 2009
that the succeeding publications were severally
Wednesday, the ___ day of ___ A.D., 2009
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and the last publication on Wednesday, the 25 day of March, 2009, that the full sum of fees charged for publishing the same, to-wit; the sum of \$ 52.80 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.

Connie Penny
Meghan Kay McGillivray, Notary Public

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25 day of March 2009
My Commission expires 3-12-15, 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 Residence/Business Service \$18.00/month
Single Party Business Service \$25.00/month
Local residence and business services 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) 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 about 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.



Date

Name
Address
City, State, Zip

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,

Heather Moore
Sales/Marketing Assistant

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).
_____ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).
_____ 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: _____ Date: _____
(please sign)

**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 and from www.dtv2009.gov or 1-888-DTV-2009 for information about subsidized coupons for digital-to-analog converter boxes.

The Connection

Kennebec Telephone Co., Inc.

Manager Moment

There has always been a little bit of confusion about Kennebec Telephones billing due to the different divisions of our company. First we have the monthly telephone bill which has telephone, cable TV, and internet services on there. This bill arrives in the mail around the first of the month.

The second type of bill is a QuickBooks bill that would be for any

digging, construction, PowerCom, computer repair and other work done. These bills show up any-time throughout the month along with a monthly statement at the beginning of each month.

The QuickBooks charges do not get added to your telephone bill; in the past some got moved to the telephone bill. We will only move charges if a customer

requests it on each invoice. There are several explanations for this, and I would be happy to explain them to you sometime if you call or stop in.

Jason Thiry
Marketing 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 Assistance
- * 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.

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