

**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
LIFELINE/LINK UP ADVERTISING/OUTREACH
ANNUAL REPORT
JUNE 1, 2011**

Company: Kennebec Telephone Co., Inc

Address: 220 S. Main

PO Box 158

Kennebec, SD 57544-0158

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.companywebsiteaddress.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 the Lifeline/Link Up information is published annually in the company newsletter which 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
Lifeline

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 29 day of Dec A.D., 2010 and that the succeeding publications were severally
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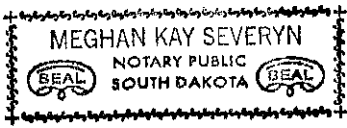
and the last publication on Wednesday, the 29 day of Dec, 2010, that the full sum of fees charged for publishing the same, to-wit; the sum of \$ 45.00 insures solely to the editor of The Lyman County Herald. That no agreement or understanding for any division thereof had been made with any other person, and that no part thereof has been agreed to be paid to any person whatsoever.

Connie Penny

 Notary Public

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of Dec, 2010
 My Commission expires _____, 20____

Meghan Kay Severyn
 My Commission Expires
 March 12, 2015



Kennebec Telephone Co., Inc. provides basic and enhanced telecommunications services within its service area. Basic services are offered at the following rates:

Single Party Residence Service \$16.00/month
 Single Party Business Service \$25.00/month

Local residence and business service includes:

- Voice grade access to the public telephone network
- Single-party flat-rated local service free of per minute charges
- Dual tone multi-frequency signaling (touch-tone) service
- Access to directory assistance service
- Access to other operator services
- Access to 911 emergency services
- Access to Interexchange (long distance) services
- Toll limitation for qualifying low-income consumers

Lifeline and Link Up telephone assistance programs are available for qualifying low income subscribers. These programs provide for connection and monthly service discounts on telephone service. To qualify, a subscriber must: participate in Medicaid; participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (f/k/a the Food Stamps program); participate in the Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF) program; participate in the National School Lunch (NSL) free lunch program; receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI); receive Federal Public Housing Assistance; receive Low Income Housing Energy Assistance; or have household income that is at or below 135 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. Toll blocking at no charge and reduced deposits are also available. The basic services described above are offered to all consumers in Kennebec and Presho service area. If you have any questions regarding telecommunications services, please call Kennebec Telephone's office at (605)869-2220.

KENNEBEC TELEPHONE CO., INC.



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 you have any questions please call 869-2220. Thank you.

Regards,

Crystal Brakke
Marketing Assistant/CSR

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: (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

Lifeline / Linkup

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.

Blackberry 8330

Would you like to be able to keep track of your day to day schedule by using your cell phone? With a Blackberry 8330 you can receive your emails and have your monthly calendar with you at all times. This phone also has a camera with video capture, Bluetooth capabilities, a memory card, and a headphone jack. Other neat features include a GPS navigation, QWERTY keyboard, and a track-

ball navigation. If you would like to purchase one with no contract, it will cost you \$360, \$296 for a 1 year contract, or \$248 for a 2 year contract. If you are interested in this phone or any other phone we offer, feel free to give us a call.



The leaping leprechaun says to hop on into Kennebec Telephone and sign up for KLD's Unlimited Long Distance and save a pot of gold. Sign up by the end of March and receive \$5 off your next month bill.



We would like to thank everyone whom stopped by our booth at the Kennebec Business Appreciation and the Farm and Home Show in Preshe.

