

**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.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.

*Required

Publisher's Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)
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 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

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 28 day of Dec, A.D., 2011 and that the succeeding publications were severally
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and the last publication on Wednesday, the 28 day of Dec, 2011, 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
Just TB
 Notary Public

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of January, 2012

My Commission expires 11/30, 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.

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)

2. I am currently receiving Lifeline from another service (for example Cell phone) Yes No

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

3. 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.

4. 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