

**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
LIFELINE/LINK UP ADVERTISING/OUTREACH
ANNUAL REPORT
JUNE 1, 2012**

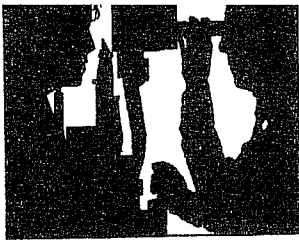
Company: City of Faith Telephone Co.
Address: Box 368
Faith, SD 57626

Telephone number: 605-967-2261
Company contact: Debbie Brown
Study Area Code: 391653

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)
- Company's information posted on USAC website.
- Other (describe): _____

*Required



Wednesday,
APRIL 18, 2012
Dr. Prosser
Wednesday,
MAY 2, 2012
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Schedule for Faith Clinic
For Appointment call: 1-800-648-0760

NOTICE

Faith Municipal Telephone Company provides basic and enhanced telecommunications services within its service area. Basic services are offered at the following rates:

Single Party Residence Service – \$9.50/month

Single Party Business Service – \$17.00/month

Local residence and business service includes:

- Voice grade access to the public telephone network
- Single-party 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) services
- Dual tone multi-frequency signaling (touch-tone) service
- Toll limitation for qualifying low-income consumers

Lifeline and Link Up telephone assistance programs are also 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 one of the following programs: Medicaid; the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (f/k/a the Food Stamps Program); the Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF) program; the National School Lunch (NSL) free lunch program; Supplemental Security Income (SSI); Federal Public Housing Assistance; Low Income Housing Energy Assistance; or have household income that is at or below 135 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. Subscribers eligible for Lifeline and Link Up may also receive toll blocking service at no charge.

The basic services described above are offered to all consumers in Faith Municipal Telephone Company's service area. If you have any questions regarding telecommunications services, please call Faith Municipal Telephone Company's office at (605)967-2261.

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MILLER DALE will be delivering chickens and pot pies April 25th. To place an order please call Alice Maier 739-5231 or 499-9663. F30-3tc

CARD OF THANKS

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Dianne Hellekson

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NOTICES

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Moving?

Notify The Faith Independent of your change of address before moving or as quickly possible, so as not miss a single issue



CITY OF FAITH

P.O. Box 368
206 Main Street
FAITH, SOUTH DAKOTA 57626
Ph: (605) 967-2261

Dear Customer.

Lifeline, Link Up, and Toll Blocking support is available from Faith Municipal Telephone Company. These programs provide discounts to eligible low-income consumers to help them establish and maintain telephone service.

Lifeline assistance lowers the cost of basic, monthly local telephone service. Eligible consumers can receive up to \$8.25 per month in discounts. In addition, the Federal Universal Service Charge is not assessed to consumers participating in Lifeline.

Link Up reduces the cost of initiating new telephone service by providing a 50% discount off of the one-time costs associated with initiating telephone service, up to a maximum of \$30. Eligible consumers also qualify for a deferred payment schedule for remaining costs of up to \$200.00.

Toll Blocking allows eligible consumers to choose this option at no cost. Also, by choosing this option, consumers are usually not charged a deposit.

Customers are eligible if they participate in one of the following programs:

- Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA) or Section
- Medicaid
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), f/k/a Food Stamps
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- National School Lunch Program's free lunch

In addition, consumers are eligible if their household income is at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines. Consumers who qualify based on household income must provide supporting documentation.

To apply for this low-income assistance, please contact the City Office at 967-2261.

Sincerely,

Debbie Brown
Business Manager

BILLING NAME & ADDRESS DISCLOSURE

When you place a calling card call, or accept a collect call or third-number billed call, your telephone company is required to provide your billing name and address to the telecommunications service provider that handled the call, if that provider requests. Your telephone company will continue to provide billing name and address information to telecommunications service providers for other account matters, such as customer service, servicing your account, to prevent fraud or when you move from one location to another.

LOW INCOME ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Faith 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 participate in at least one of the following public assistance programs to be eligible: Medicaid, Food Stamps, Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Federal Housing Assistance.

WHAT DO THE PROGRAMS PROVIDE?

Lifeline provides eligible subscribers with a credit of \$6.50 each month on the basic service portion of the telephone bill. The credit applies 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 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% 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. Application forms are available at our office at: Faith Municipal Telephone Company, PO Box 368, Faith, SD 57626.

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

PAY-PER-CALL BILLING RIGHTS

Some companies offer a variety of informational services using phone numbers beginning with 900. There is usually a charge for calls to these numbers. The price and content of these services are established by the companies providing the information.

For 900 billing disputes or inquiries, please call your local telephone company. You have 60 days from the date of the bill to dispute a 900 billing error review. You have the right to withhold payment of the disputed 900 charges during the billing error review. No collection activity for disputed 900 charges will occur while the charges are under investigation. After investigation, if it is determined that the disputed 900 charges are legitimate, the long distance company, or the information provider, may proceed with outside collections against your account for nonpayment of these charges. Your local and long distance service cannot be disconnected for nonpayment of 900 charges. Failure to pay legitimate 900 charges may result in involuntary blocking of access to 900 services. Voluntary blocking of access to 900 services is available upon request from your local telephone company.

Link-Up and Lifeline Assistance Application/Certification

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Phone number where you may be reached or receive messages: _____

Have you previously received connection (Link-Up) assistance at this address? _____
(If "yes," you are not eligible for Link-Up assistance at this time.)

Are you requesting:

Low-Income telephone connection assistance (Link-Up)? _____

Low-Income monthly telephone bill assistance (Lifeline)? _____

Indicate with a check mark any of the following programs in which you participate:

- _____ Medicaid
- _____ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), f/k/a Food Stamps
- _____ Federal Public Housing Assistance – Section 8
- _____ Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- _____ Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) Program
- _____ National School Lunch (NSL) Free Lunch Program

Is your household income at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines? _____
(Documentation required)

Certification:

I certify under penalty of perjury that the above information is true. I understand I must meet the above qualifications to receive assistance from these programs and I agree to notify my telecommunications provider when I am no longer eligible for Lifeline.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

2012 Federal Poverty Guidelines - 135%



Household Size	48 Contiguous States and D.C.	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$15,080	\$18,860	\$17,361
2	\$20,426	\$25,542	\$23,504
3	\$25,772	\$32,225	\$29,646
4	\$31,118	\$38,907	\$35,789
5	\$36,464	\$45,590	\$41,931
6	\$41,810	\$52,272	\$48,074
7	\$47,156	\$58,955	\$54,216
8	\$52,502	\$65,637	\$60,359
For each additional person, add	\$5,346	\$6,683	\$6,143

*Some states may use a different household income level as their Lifeline eligibility criterion.

* SOURCE: Federal Register, Vol. 77, No. 13, January 26, 2012, pp. 4034-4035

Please Note: The Federal Poverty Guidelines are typically updated in the end of January