

**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
LIFELINE/TRIBAL LINK UP ADVERTISING/OUTREACH
ANNUAL REPORT
JULY 1, 2015**

Company: Valley Telecommunications Cooperative Association, Inc.

Address: PO Box 7

102 Main Street South

Herreid, South Dakota 57632

Telephone number: (605) 437-2615

Company contact: Mindi Rueb

Study Area Code: 391685

Lifeline/Tribal 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/ Tribal Link Up.* (See attached letter.)

- Company's Lifeline/Tribal Link Up information in directory.

- Company's Lifeline/Tribal Link Up information available on Company website. (www.valleytel.net)

- Company's information posted on USAC website.

- Other (describe): _____

*Required

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Region T1

The "Lifeline" Telephone Assistance Plan is available to Valley Customers.

You may qualify for a discount of \$9.25 on your telephone bill if you participate in any of the following programs, or meet income guidelines...

This benefit can only be received on either wireless or landline telephone service. The customer can only receive one Lifeline subsidy.

- * Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (Food Stamps)
- * Federal Housing Assistance (Section 8)
- * Low Income Home Energy Assistance
- * Medicaid (Title XIX/Medical)
- * Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- * Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- * National School Lunch (NSL) free lunch program



Call Valley's Business Office at 437-2615 for details.

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Letter to Customers



Dear Customer:

Valley Telecommunications participates in the Lifeline Telephone assistance program. Lifeline assistance is available if the subscriber, one or more of the subscriber's dependents or the subscribers' household receives benefits from one of the following qualifying federal assistance programs:

- Medicaid
 - SNAP - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (formerly Food Stamps)
 - Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
 - Federal Public Housing Assistance
 - Low Income Housing Energy Assistance
 - Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF)
 - National School Lunch (NSL) free lunch program.
- Or
- Individuals whose household income is at or below 135 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines are also eligible for Lifeline assistance.

If you are eligible for Lifeline assistance under any of the programs listed above, please complete the enclosed application.

If you qualify for Lifeline assistance based on household income, please complete the enclosed application and Income Certification Form, attach the required documentation* and return it to our office in the enclosed return envelope.

*Documentation of income eligibility includes the previous year's state or federal tax return, a current income statement from an employer or paycheck stub, a Social Security statement of benefits, or other such official documents. If your documentation does not cover an entire year, please provide three consecutive month's worth of the same type of document. Please note that *income* is all income actually received by all members of the household. Income includes salary before deductions for taxes, public assistance benefits, Social Security payments, pensions, unemployment compensation, veteran's benefits, inheritances, alimony, child support payments, worker's compensation benefits, gifts and lottery winnings. The only exceptions are student financial aid, military housing and cost-of-living allowances and irregular income from occasional small jobs such as baby-sitting or lawn mowing.

If you require assistance completing the forms, please feel free to stop by our office at 102 Main St in Herreid or you may contact our business office at 437-2615 and we will be happy to assist you.

Please note that Federal Communications Commission (FCC) guidelines require telephone companies, like ours, to annually verify a sample of Lifeline customers' for continued eligibility in the program. You may be required to complete the application and/or provide additional information on a yearly basis for random sampling purposes. This benefit can only be received on either wireless or landline telephone service. Each customer can only receive one Lifeline subsidy.



Consent to Provide Lifeline Subscriber Information to the National Lifeline Accountability Database

The Federal Communications Commission has established the National Lifeline Accountability Database ("Database") to detect and prevent consumers from receiving more than one discounted telephone service under the federal Lifeline program.

Under federal law, Valley Telecommunications is required to check/query this Database prior to signing up Lifeline subscribers and is also required to provide to the federal administrator of this Database the following information regarding each new and existing Lifeline subscriber:

- The Lifeline subscriber's full name;
- The Lifeline subscriber's full residential Address;
- The Lifeline subscriber's date of birth;
- The last four digits of the Lifeline subscriber's Social Security number or Tribal Identification Number (if the subscriber is a Tribal member and does not have a Social Security number);
- The telephone number associated with the Lifeline service;
- The date on which the Lifeline service was initiated;
- The date on which the Lifeline service was terminated (if applicable);
- The amount of Lifeline service support being sought for the subscriber;
- The means through which the subscriber qualified for Lifeline service (income or program-based, Medicaid, etc.).

The above information related to your Lifeline service is being provided by Valley Telecommunications to the federal administrator (the "Universal Service Administrative Company" and/or its agents) of the National Lifeline Accountability Database to verify that you, as a Lifeline applicant and/or subscriber, are not receiving more than one Lifeline benefit, and to otherwise ensure proper administration of the Lifeline program.

I, the Lifeline applicant/subscriber, acknowledge that Valley Telecommunications will transmit to the federal administrator of the National Lifeline Accountability Database the above-referenced information about my Lifeline account and/or service for inclusion into the Database, and hereby consent to transmission of the information for purposes allowed by law relating to administration of the Lifeline program.

I further understand that a failure to provide this consent to release my Lifeline account and/or service information to the federal administrator for inclusion in the National Lifeline Accountability Database will result in a denial of or de-enrollment from Lifeline service.

Signature

Date

Lifeline Assistance Certification Form

(Please Print or Type)

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Residential Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
(Do not use a P.O. Box address.)

Is your residential address a permanent address? Yes _____ No _____

Billing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
(If different from residential address.)

Social Security Number (last four digits): _____

Date of Birth: _____

Telephone Number: _____ (if existing service)

Telephone number where you can be reached or receive messages: _____

Are you currently receiving Lifeline assistance through any other telephone provider? Yes _____ No _____

I am certifying eligibility for : _____ Lifeline (monthly telephone service discount)

I, one or more of my dependents or my household currently participate in one or more of the following programs:
(Check all that apply.)

- _____ Medicaid (e.g. Title XIX/Medical State Supplemental Assistance)
- _____ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as Food Stamps)
- _____ Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- _____ Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8)
- _____ Low-Income Energy Home Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- _____ Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- _____ National School Lunch Program's Free Lunch Program

OR

_____ My household income is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. The number of individuals in my household is: _____.

If not currently participating in one or more of the programs listed above, I qualify for Lifeline because my household income does not exceed 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (see table below).

2015 Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines

Number in Residence	135% Guideline (Annual)	Number in Residence	135% Guideline (Annual)
1	\$15,889	5	\$38,353
2	\$21,505	6	\$43,969
3	\$27,121	7	\$49,585
4	\$32,737	8	\$55,201

For each additional person after 8, add \$5,616 to the annual guideline.

Please note that there is more information needed on the back of this page.

Important Information

Lifeline is a federal government assistance benefit and willfully making false statements to obtain the benefit can result in fines, imprisonment, de-enrollment, or being barred from the program.

Only one Lifeline service is available per household. A household is defined, for the purposes of the Lifeline program, as any individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address as one economic unit. An "economic unit" consists of all adult individuals contributing to and sharing in the income and expenses of a household. A household may include related and unrelated persons. A household is not permitted to receive Lifeline benefits from multiple providers. Violation of the one-per-household limitation constitutes a violation of the Federal Communications Commission's rules and will result in your de-enrollment from the program. Lifeline is a non-transferable benefit and you may not transfer your benefit to any other person.

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that:

- (1) I meet the income-based or program-based eligibility criteria for receiving Lifeline, provided in 47 C.F.R. § 54.409;
- (2) I will notify the carrier within 30 days if, for any reason, I no longer satisfy the criteria for receiving Lifeline including, as relevant, if I no longer meet the income-based or program-based criteria for receiving Lifeline support, I am receiving more than one Lifeline benefit, or another member of my household is receiving a Lifeline benefit;
- (3) If I move to a new address, I will provide that new address to the telephone company within 30 days;
- (4) If I provided a temporary residential address to the telephone company, I will meet requirement to verify my temporary residential address every 90 days;
- (5) My household will receive only one Lifeline service and, to the best of my knowledge, my household is not already receiving a Lifeline service;
- (6) The individual named on the documentation provided previously to demonstrate program-based eligibility, if not me, is part of my household.
- (7) I acknowledge that I may be required to re-certify my continued eligibility for Lifeline at any time, and my failure to re-certify as to my continued eligibility will result in de-enrollment and the termination of my Lifeline benefits pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.405(e)(4);
- (8) I acknowledge that providing false or fraudulent information to receive Lifeline benefits is punishable by law; and
- (9) The information contained in this Re-Certification Form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature

Date

Return this completed Re-Certification form to Valley Telecommunications. The company will contact you if any additional information is needed to prove your continued eligibility.

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Dear Customer,

If you qualify for the Lifeline discount based on income criteria, you MUST complete this form. If you qualify based on program criteria, you DO NOT need to complete this form.

Customer Name	Customer Telephone Number	Date	Time
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****Please complete the following section and return to Valley with supporting income documentation. The documentation will be verified and certified, and may be returned to you upon your request.**

Self Certification for Lifeline Under Income-Based Criteria

I, _____, certify under penalty of perjury that I qualify
(Customer requesting Lifeline/Link-up Assistance)
 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 Valley Telecommunications Coop., Assn., Inc. accurately represents the annual income of all members of my household. I agree to notify Valley Telecommunications Coop., Assn., Inc., if/when I no longer qualify for Lifeline Assistance under the income based criteria. I certify that neither I, nor anyone else in my household, is currently receiving Lifeline program benefits for wireless or traditional telephone service and I understand the program rules state that no qualifying Consumer is permitted to receive more than one Lifeline subsidy concurrently.

Customer's Signature: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

Customer's Printed Name: _____

Please list the following information for all household members, including yourself.

FULL NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	AMOUNT OF INCOME CONTRIBUTED TO HOUSEHOLD	SOURCE OF INCOME
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

lifeline application (by income)
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(FOR COMPANY USE ONLY – CUSTOMER DO NOT COMPLETE)

Company Certification for Receipt of Income Supporting Documentation

I acknowledge that Valley Telecommunications Coop., Assn., Inc. has received self-certification and income documentation from the applicant as listed above. I certify that the documentation provided by this applicant is proprietary and for the sole purpose of verifying income-based eligibility in the Lifeline/Link-Up telephone assistance programs.

Customer Service Representative, Valley Telecommunications Coop., Assn., Inc.

Witness

Date and Time

Date and Time

Lifeline Income Based Self-Certification
Income Certification and Company Certification for Receipt of Income Documentation

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WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Telephone service must be in the applicants' name. The subscriber, one or more of the subscriber's dependants or the subscriber's household must receive benefits from one of the qualifying federal assistance programs (documentation required):

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
- Federal Housing Assistance (Section 8)
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance
- Medicaid (Title XIX/Medical, State Supplemental Assistance)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- National School Lunch (NSL) free lunch program

OTHER WAYS TO QUALIFY

A recent FCC ruling has added an additional eligibility criterion that is purely "income-based," and is not tied to subscriber participation in the previously mentioned government assistance programs. You are now eligible to participate in Lifeline if the your income is at, or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

Size of Family Unit 2015 Req.

1	\$15,889
2	\$21,505
3	\$27,121
4	\$32,737
5	\$38,353
6	\$43,969
7	\$49,585
8	\$55,201

For Each Additional Person, Add \$ 5,616

THE TRANSITION TO DIGITAL TV

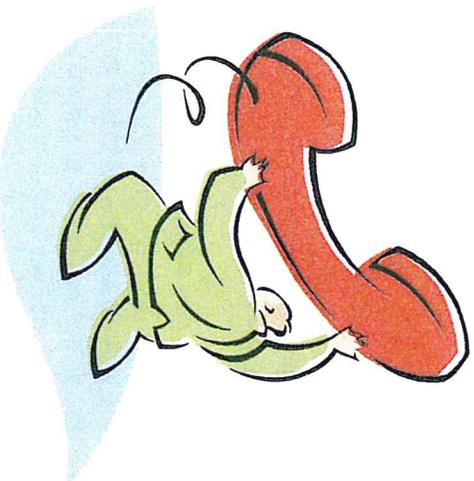
After June 12, 2009, a television receiver with only an analog broadcast tuner will require a converter box to receive full power over-the-air broadcasts with an antenna because of the Nation's transition to digital broadcasting.

Analog-only TVs should continue to work as before 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.

The DTV transition will have no effect on Valley Video TV subscribers. Analog sets not connected to a cable/video tv 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 and from www.dtv2009.gov or 1-888-DTV-2009.

LIFELINE AND LINK-UP TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



Valley Telecommunications Coop Assn Inc.
 PO Box 7 ~ 102 Main St S
 Herreid SD 57632-0007
www.valleytel.net

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 Toll Free: 1-800-437-2615
 Fax: 437-2220

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WHAT IS LIFELINE?

THE PROGRAM

Changes brought about by the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 have resulted in the introduction of low-income assistance programs in South Dakota. Low-income subscribers may qualify to receive reduced monthly and installation charges for basic telephone service.

Valley Telecommunications Cooperative Assn, Inc. 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 a reduction in basic monthly telephone service of \$9.25. The credit applies to the main home telephone line listed in the name of the subscriber. Lifeline subscribers may also receive blocking of long distance calls on their telephone line at no charge.

INCOME CERTIFICATION

If you qualify under the income-based eligibility criteria, and wish to apply for Lifeline Assistance, you must provide our office with supporting documentation of income.* Acceptable documentation of income eligibility includes the prior year's state, federal, or tribal tax return, a current income statement from an employer or paycheck stub, a Social Security statement of benefits, a Veterans Administration statement of benefits, a retirement/pension statement of benefits, and Unemployment/Workmen's Compensation statement of benefits, federal notice of letter of participation in General Assistance, a divorce decree, child support, or other official document. (Subsection 54.410(a))

**Income for eligibility requirements is defined to include "all income actually received by all members of the household." Income is considered "gross" income, prior to taxes. Exceptions to income include student financial aid, military housing, and cost of living allowances, and irregular income from occasional small jobs.*

*****This benefit can only be received on either wireless or landline telephone service. Each customer can only receive one subsidy.****

COULD I BECOME INELIGIBLE?

If you no longer participate in any of the qualifying public assistance programs, you are no longer eligible for telephone assistance under the program based criteria.

By signing and submitting the application, you certify under penalty of perjury that you, in fact, qualify for Lifeline and Link-Up benefits, and if, at any time, you become ineligible, you will notify Valley Telecommunications Cooperative Assn., Inc.

In addition, Valley's compliance with the FCC Regulations will include annual verification of eligibility of program participants. Verification procedures may include random beneficiary audits, periodic submission of documents, or annual self-certification.

HOW DO I APPLY?

If you meet the eligibility requirements, completely fill out and sign the application form provided with this brochure (include documentation) and mail it to:

Valley Telecommunications Cooperative

PO Box 7

Herreid SD 57632-0007

If you are applying for assistance under the income-based criteria, you must also include the supporting documentation of income as indicated.



Telephone Assistance Programs

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Telephone service must be in the applicant's name. The subscriber, one or more of the subscriber's dependants or the subscriber's household must receive benefits from one of the following qualifying federal assistance programs:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
- Federal Housing Assistance (Section 8)
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance
- Medicaid (Title XIX/Medical, State Supplemental Assistance)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- National School Lunch (NSL) free lunch program

(Continued) Telephone Assistance Programs

Other ways to qualify

A recent FCC ruling has added an additional eligibility criterion that is purely "income-based," and is not tied to subscriber participation in the previously mentioned government assistance programs. You are now eligible to participate in Lifeline if your income is at, or below, 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

Size of Family Unit	2015 Requirements
1	\$15,889
2	\$21,505
3	\$27,121
4	\$32,737
5	\$38,353
6	\$43,969
7	\$49,585
8	\$55,201

For each additional person add: \$ 5,616

Income Certification

If you qualify under the income-based eligibility criterion, and wish to apply for Lifeline Assistance, you must provide our office with supporting documentation of income.* Acceptable documentation of income eligibility includes the prior year's state, federal, or tribal tax return, a current income statement from an employer or a paycheck stub (at least 2 months), a Social Security statement of benefits, a Veterans Administration statement of benefits, a retirement/pension statement of benefits, an Unemployment/Worker's Compensation statement of benefits, federal notice of letter of participation in General Assistance, a divorce decree, child support, or other official documentation. (Subsection 54.410(1)).

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(Continued) Telephone Assistance Programs

Could I become ineligible?

If you no longer participate in any of the qualifying public assistance programs, you are no longer eligible for telephone assistance under the program based criterion. In addition, if the Benefit Qualifying Person is no longer eligible for assistance and you DO NOT meet the income guidelines, you are no longer eligible.

By signing and submitting the application, you certify under penalty of perjury that you, in fact, qualify for Lifeline benefits, and if, at any time, you become ineligible, you will notify Valley Telecommunications Cooperative Assn., Inc.

In addition, Valley's compliance with the FCC Regulations will include annual verification of eligibility of program participants. Verification procedures include annual recertification.

How do I apply?

If you meet the eligibility requirements, completely fill out and sign the application form provided and mail it to:

Valley Telecommunications Cooperative
PO Box 7
Herreid, SD 57632

If you are applying for assistance under the income-based criterion, you must also include the supporting documentation of income as indicated.

Lifeline Assistance Application

(Please Print)

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

Address _____ (Street) _____ (City) _____ (State) _____ (ZIP)

Valley Telco Assigned Telephone Number (____) _____ - _____

Number where you can be reached: (____) _____ - _____

Date of Birth: _____ Social Security Number (last 4 digits): _____

NOTE: TELEPHONE SERVICE MUST BE IN APPLICANT'S NAME.

1. I am currently participating in the following program(s): (check all that apply)

- _____ Medicaid (ex. Title XIX/Medical, State Supplemental Assistance)
- _____ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (Food Stamps)
- _____ Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- _____ Federal Public Housing Assistance
- _____ Low-Income Home Energy Assistance
- _____ Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- _____ National School Lunch (NSL) free lunch program

OR

2. _____ My household income is at or below 135 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. (documentation required)

I agree to notify Valley Telecommunications Cooperative Assn., Inc. if/when I no longer qualify based on the above criteria.

I certify under penalty of perjury 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 assistance on my primary residential telephone line. I certify that neither I, nor anyone else in my household, is currently receiving Lifeline program benefits for wireless or traditional telephone service and I understand the program rules state that no qualifying consumer is permitted to receive more than one Lifeline subsidy concurrently.

Your Signature _____ Social Security Number _____ Date _____

TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE PLAN

phone book



The Program

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Valley Telecommunications Coop. Assn., Inc. is authorized to provide the federal telephone assistance program that was developed in response to concerns about the affordability of telephone service for low-income citizens.

Lifeline

The Lifeline program provides a reduction in basic monthly telephone service of \$9.25*. The credit applies to the main home telephone line listed in the name of the subscriber. Lifeline subscribers may also receive blocking of long distance calls on their telephone line at no additional charge.

* May be subject to change by the FCC.

* This benefit can only be received on either wireless or land-line telephone service. Each customer can receive only one subsidy.

Who is Eligible?

* Correcting in next phone book.

Telephone service must be in the applicant's name. The applicant must participate in at least one of the following public assistance programs to be eligible:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
- Federal Housing Assistance (Section 8)
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance
- Medicaid (Title XIX/Medical, State Supplemental Assistance)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
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Other Ways to Qualify

A recent FCC ruling has added an additional eligibility criterion that is purely "income-based", and is not tied to subscriber participation in the previously mentioned government assistance programs. You are now eligible to participate in Lifeline if your income is at, or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. Current guidelines may be obtained by contacting Valley Telecommunications Coop. Assn., Inc. or visit www.universalservice.org.

Income Certification

* Documentation of income eligibility includes the previous year's state or federal tax return, a current income statement from an employer or paycheck stub, a Social Security statement of benefits, or other such official documents. If your documentation does not cover an entire year, please provide three consecutive months worth of the same type of document. Please note that income is all income actually received by all members of the household. Income includes salary before deductions for taxes, public assistance benefits, Social Security payments, pensions, unemployment compensation, veteran's benefits, inheritances, alimony, child support payments, worker's compensation benefits, gifts and lottery winnings. The only exceptions are student financial aid, military housing and cost-of-living allowances and irregular income from occasional small jobs such as baby-sitting or lawn mowing.

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In addition, Valley's compliance with the FCC Regulations will include annual verification of eligibility of program participants. Verification procedures may include random beneficiary audits, periodic submission of documents, or annual self-certification.

How to Apply

Contact Valley Telecommunications Coop. Assn., Inc. to obtain an application and income certification and verification form and provide all supporting documentation to Valley's business office at: PO Box 7, 102 Main St. S., Herreid, SD 57632; or call 437-2615.

the subscriber, one or more of the subscriber's dependents or the subscriber's household must receive benefits from one of the following qualifying federal assistance programs:





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Forms and Policies



Forms

- [Application for Service – Business](#)
- [Application for Service – Residential](#)
- [Lifeline Application](#)
- [Deny Origination Form](#)
- [Lifeline Application](#)
- [Registration for Non-Persons 2012](#)
- [Automatic Payment Plan Authorization Form](#)
- [Total Maintenance Plans](#)
- [Donation/Sponsorship Application](#)

Policies

- [Telephone Collection Policy \(Board Policy No. 108\)](#)
- [Video, Internet, and Wireless Collection Policy \(Board Policy No. 108-A\)](#)
- [Account/Service Activation Policy \(Board Policy No. 108-B\)](#)
- [Network Management Practices Policy Disclosure](#)
- [2013 HAC Compatibility for Wireless Devices](#)

Valley is committed to providing quality services that exceed our customers' expectations with our services, and our customer service. We will provide a company atmosphere that promotes continued growth and prosperity of our employees, company and community.

To learn more [Click Here](#)

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Want to say hello?

Call:
605.437.2615

Write:
P.O. Box 7, 102 Main St. S
Herrerd, SD 57632

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INVOICE

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 Invoice Date: Jun 12, 2014
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Bill To:
 VALLEY TELECOMMUNICATIONS
 PO BOX 7
 HERREID, SD 57632

Customer ID	Customer PO	Payment Terms	
V001		Due at end of Month	
Sales Rep ID	Shipping Method	Ship Date	Due Date
	Airborne		6/30/14

Quantity	Item	Description	Unit Price	Amount
13.50	AD	UNIVERSAL TELEPHONE SERVICE	6.95	93.83
1.00	DS-P	DISCOUNT	4.69	-4.69

Vendor - 328
 Ac 1. 6728 (162)

Subtotal	89.14
Sales Tax	
Total Invoice Amount	89.14
Payment/Credit Applied	
TOTAL	89.14

Check/Credit Memo No:

Call today to pay your bill with a credit card.

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Affidavit of Publication

Valley Telecommunications Universal Telephone Service

Under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, "universal service" means basic telephone service is available to all customers. Universal service is voice grade access to the telecommunications network, local usage at no additional charge, access to emergency 911 services, and toll limitation services to qualifying low income consumers. All of these services are available from Valley Telecommunications in: Eureka, Glenham, Herreid, Hosmer, Ipswich, Leola, Long Lake, Mound City, and Pollock.

2014 Monthly Charges for Residential Services:

Basic local resident service <i>(including extended area service to designated nearby service areas)</i>	\$15.50
Touchtone Service	No additional charge
Single Party Service	No additional charge
Access to emergency service	No additional charge
<i>Local government assesses a \$1.25 tax to pay for special equipment</i>	
Access to operator services	No additional charge
Access to directory assistance	No additional charge
<i>Charges for services provided by Directory Assistance vary and are determined by the long distance company who provided the service.</i>	
Federal Universal Service Charge	16.60% (changes quarterly)
<i>(FUSC Charge will change on July 1, 2014)</i>	
Federal Access Charge	\$6.50
<i>Flat rate rescribed by Federal Communications Commission</i>	
Access Recovery Charge	\$1.00
<i>(ARC Charge will be \$1.50 as of July 1, 2014)</i>	
Lifeline Low Income Discounts	\$9.25
<i>To prevent long distance calls made from your phone, toll blocking is available at no charge to low-income consumers.</i>	



The Home Team Advantage.

Valley Telecommunications Cooperative
102 Main St S ~ PO Box 7
Herreid SD 57632-0007
605-437-2615 or 1-800-437-2615
www.valleytel.net

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA }
COUNTY OF CAMPBELL } ss:

I, Leah Burke, being first duly sworn under oath say: the **Prairie Pioneer** is a legal weekly newspaper of general circulation as required by South Dakota Codified Laws, and any acts amendatory thereto, published to Allan and Leah Burke in said county and state, and has been such legal newspaper during the time hereinafter mentioned; that during all of said time as an employee or officer of said newspaper, I have had personal knowledge of the facts stated in this affidavit; that the advertisement headed:

Universal Telephone Service

A printed copy of which is hereto attached, was printed and published in said newspaper for... successive weeks upon the following dates, to wit:

- 6/12/14 , 20
- , 20
- , 20
- , 20
- , 20
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That the full amount of the fees charged for publishing the same to wit: the sum of \$ 89.15

inures solely to the benefit of the publishers of said newspaper; that no agreement or understanding for any division of this sum has been made with any other person; and that no part of said sum has been agreed to be paid to any person whomsoever.

Leah Burke

subscribed and sworn to before me this
30th day of June, 20 14

GR
GREG BOSCH
Notary Public
State of North Dakota
My Commission Expires May 10, 2020



McPherson County Herald

P.O. Box 170
Leola, SD 57456

Phone: 605-439-3131
Fax: 605-439-5315
Email: herald@valleytel.net

Bill to:

Valley Communications
PO Box 7
Herreid, SD 57632

JUN 30 2014

Date	Size	Description	Unit Price	Total
10-3-12	4x5	Coop Month	60.00	60.00
10-10-12	4x5	Coop Month . . . / 15% Disc.	51.00	111.00
10-23-12		1 Year Subscription	29.00	140.00
10-24-12	3x4.5	CheckOut The Game Ad . . . /15% Dis.	34.42	174.42
11-8-12		Payment	174.42	_____
11-7-12	3x5	Open House Ad	45.00	45.00
11-15-12	Holiday Sponsor	Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years	30.00	75.00
12-30-12		Payment	75.00	_____
12-5-12	Legal	Federal Lifeline Notice	36.00	36.00
12-19-12	3x3.5	Gift Ideas Ad	31.50	67.50
1-7-13		Payment	67.50	_____
2-13-13	3x4	Telikin Ad	36.00	36.00
3-6-13	Legal	Notice of Forfeiture Ad	36.00	72.00
4-8-13		Payment	72.00	_____
5-15-13	3x4	Summer Vacation is Coming Ad	36.00	36.00
6-10-13		Payment	36.00	_____
6-12-13	2x5.5 / Legal	Universal Telephone Service Ad	33.00	33.00
6-19-13	3x4	Free Voice Service Ad	36.00	69.00
7-11-13		Payment	69.00	_____
9-11-13	3x4	Tailgate Party Ad	36.00	36.00
10-4-13		Payment	36.00	_____
11-5-13	Sponsor	Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years	30.00	30.00
12-2-13		Payment	30.00	_____
12-4*11*18-13	Classified Ad	Help Wanted / CSR	23.70	23.70
12-11*-13	3x4.5	High Speed Internet Ad	40.50	64.20
12-11-13	3x3.5	Last Minute Gifts Ideas Ad	31.50	95.70
12-18-13	Legal / 2x6.5	Federal Lifeline Notices	39.00	134.70
1-9-14		Payment	134.70	_____
2-26-14	3x4.5	Device Training Ad	40.50	40.50
3-6-14		Payment	40.50	_____
3-26 & 4-2-14	3x4	Device Training Ad	72.00	72.00
4-3-14		Payment	72.00	_____
6-11-14	2x7 / Legal	Universal Telephone Service	42.00	42.00
			Balance Due	\$42.00

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A/c 1.6613 (162)

Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)
) ss.
 County of McPherson)

_____, of said county and State, being first duly sworn, on oath says: That the McPherson County Herald is a weekly newspaper of general circulation, and a legal newspaper as defined by Section 7070, 1919 Revised Code printed and published in Leola in said County

and State by _____ and has been such newspaper during the time hereinafter mentioned, and that

I, _____, the undersigned am publisher of said newspaper, in charge of the advertising department thereof, and have personal knowledge of all facts stated in this affidavit, and that the advertisement headed:

Valley Teleco
Universal Telephone
Service

a printed copy of which is hereto attached was printed and

published in the said newspaper for 1 successive issues, to-wit: The first publication being made on

June 11, 2014

the second on _____

the third on _____

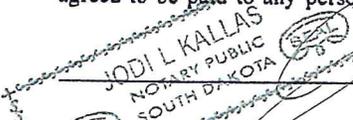
the fourth on _____

the fifth on _____

the sixth on _____

That the full amount of the fees charged for publishing the same,

to-wit: the sum of \$ 42.00 inures solely to the benefit of the publisher of the McPherson County Herald. That no agreement or understanding of any division thereof has been made with any person, and that no part thereof has been agreed to be paid to any person whomsoever.

 JODI L. KALLAS
 NOTARY PUBLIC
 SOUTH DAKOTA

 Publisher

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25 day of

June, 2014



 Notary Public

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The Home Team Advantage.

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102 Main St S ~ PO Box 7

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AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

State of South Dakota)
) SS
 County of Edmunds)

D.E. Gibson of said county, being, first duly sworn on oath says: That he is the publisher or an employee of the publisher of the **Roscoe-Hosmer Independent**, a weekly newspaper, published in the City of Ipswich, in said County of Edmunds, and State of South Dakota; that he has full and personal knowledge of the facts herein stated; that said newspaper is a legal newspaper as defined in SDCL 17-2-2.1 through 17-2-2.4 inclusive; that said newspaper has been published within the said County of Edmunds and State of South Dakota, for at least one year next prior to the first publication of the attached public notice, and that the advertisement headed

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 VALLEY TELECOMMUNICATIONS

UNIVERSAL TELEPHONE SERVICE

a printed copy of which, taken from the paper in which the same was published, and which is hereto attached and made a part of this affidavit, was published in said newspaper forone..... successive issues.

The First publication being made on the ..18..... day of ..June., 20...14

The Second publication being made on the day of, 20....

The Third publication being made on the day of, 20....

The Fourth publication being made on the day of, 20....

The Fifth publication being made on the day of, 20....

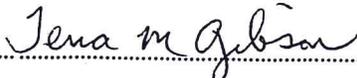
That the full amount of the fee charged for the publication of the attached public notice insures to the sole benefit of the publisher; that no agreement or understanding for the division thereof has been made with any other person, and that no part thereof has been agreed to be paid to any person whomsoever; that the fees charged for the publication thereof are:

.....
 Thirty-sixDollars and

 fortycents (\$.36.40...)

Signed: 

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ..30..... day of ..June., 20...14

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Notary Public - Edmunds County, South Dakota

My commission expires February 26, 2019

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) SS
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PO Box 250
 1413 E. Grand Crossing
 Moberidge, SD
 57601-0250
 845-3646
 800-594-9418

Invoice Number Invoice Date

111557

6/30/2014

Advertiser No.

Amount Due

Due Date

3386

\$110.50

7/10/2014

Valley Telco % Accounting Dept
 PO Box 7
 102 Main St. S
 Herreid, SD 57632
 US

A finance charge of 1.5% will be applied to any account where payment is not received by the 25th.

Amount Enclosed

Please print name and return with your payment

INVOICE

Moberidge Tribune/Reminder

Valley Telco % Accounting Dept

Invoice No. 111557

6/30/2014

Date	Order	Description	Ad Size	SubTotal	Sales Tax	Amount
6/11/2014	42068 TRIB	Display Ad: ROP: Universal Telephone Service	2 x 6.5			\$110.50
Sub Total:						\$110.50
Total Transactions: 1						Total: \$110.50

SUMMARY Advertiser No. 3386 Invoice No. 111557 Invoice Amount \$110.50

Tear Sheets 1 A finance charge of 1.5% will be applied to any account where payment is not received by the 25th.

A fee of 1.5% will be imposed on all balances that are past due.
 Please make checks payable to: Moberidge Tribune.

Thank you for advertising with our paper!

JUL 11 2014

Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

COUNTY OF WALWORTH

I, Breanne Kuehl, having first duly sworn under oath say: The Mobridge Tribune is a legal weekly newspaper of general circulation as required by South Dakota Code of Nineteen Hundred Thirty-Nine, and any acts amendatory thereto, printed and published by the Bridge City Publishing, Inc., in Mobridge, in said county and state, and has been such legal newspaper during the time hereinafter mentioned; that during all of said time as an employee or officer of said newspaper I have had personal knowledge of the facts stated in this affidavit; that the advertisement headed:

Universal Telephone Service

Valley Telco

a printed copy of which is hereto attached, was printed and published in said newspaper for one successive weeks upon the following dates, to-wit:

June 11, 2014

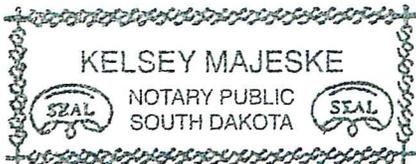
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Breanne Kuehl

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of June, 2014

Kelsey Majeske
Kelsey Majeske, Notary Public
State of South Dakota
My commission expires September, 2018

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