

**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
LIFELINE/TRIBAL LINK UP ADVERTISING/OUTREACH  
ANNUAL REPORT  
JULY 1, 2017**

Company: Valley Telecommunications Cooperative Association, Inc.

Address: PO Box 7 ~ 102 Main Street South

Herreid, SD 57632 -007

Telephone number: 605-437-2615

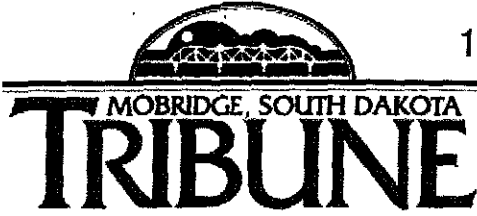
Company contact: Mindi Rueb or Marcia Huber

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 within 1<sup>st</sup> 30 days of service.\* (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



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

Invoice Number      Invoice Date

197276      12/31/2016

Advertiser No.

Amount Due

Due Date

3386

\$101.40

1/30/2017

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 detach top portion and return with your payment.

**INVOICE**

Moberidge Tribune/Reminder		Valley Telco % Accounting Dept		Invoice No. 197276	12/31/2016
Date	Order	Description	Ad Size	SubTotal	Amount
12/26/2016	78849 REM	Display Ad: ROP: Federal Lifeline notice	2 x 5		\$101.40
				Sub Total:	\$101.40
<b>Total Transactions: 1</b>				<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$101.40</b>

**SUMMARY**      Advertiser No.      3386      Invoice No.      197276      Invoice Amount      \$101.40

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

Wishing you a prosperous New Year in 2017! Thank you for advertising!

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!

*Lifeline Notices*

*Vendor - 484  
 Ac 1.6728 (162)*

# Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

COUNTY OF WALWORTH

I, Breezy 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:

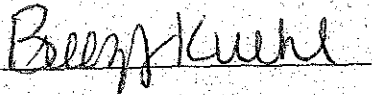
## Federal Lifeline Notice

### Valley Telecommunications

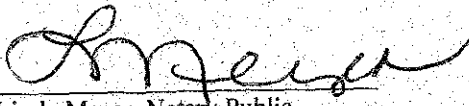
a printed copy of which is hereto attached, was printed and published in said newspaper for two successive weeks upon the following dates, to-wit:

December 21<sup>st</sup>, December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016

that the full amount of the fees charged for publishing the same to-wit: the sum of \$169 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.

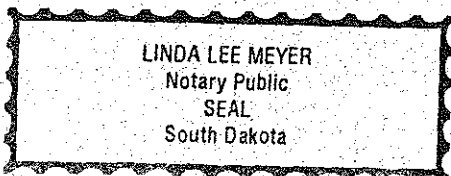


Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016



Linda Meyer, Notary Public  
State of South Dakota  
My commission expires October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021

(Seal)



## Federal Lifeline Notice

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Single Party Residence Service \$18.00/month

Single Party Business Service \$18.00/month

Broadband Service is available, contact Valley for additional information.

Eligible Lifeline telephony services provide voice grade access to the public switched telephone network or its functional equivalent; minutes of use for local service provided at no additional charge to end users; access to emergency 911 and enhanced 911 service to the extent the local government in an eligible carrier's service area has implemented 911 or enhanced 911 systems; and toll limitation at no charge to qualifying low-income consumers. Broadband Service is an available Lifeline Service with minimum standards and benefit port freeze periods.

The Lifeline telephone assistance program provides monthly service discounts to qualifying low-income subscribers. To qualify, a subscriber, or one or more of the subscriber's dependents, or the subscriber's household must receive benefits and provide documentation from one of the following assistance programs: Medicaid; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP); Veteran's Pension and Survivor Benefit; Supplemental Security Income (SSI); Federal Public Housing Assistance; or have household income that is at or below 135 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. The Lifeline program is limited to one benefit per household, consisting of either wireline, wireless and/or broadband service. Lifeline is a government benefit program, and consumers who willfully make false statements in order to obtain the benefit can be punished by fine or imprisonment or can be barred from the program. If an applying consumer is currently receiving Lifeline benefits from an alternate carrier (including a wireless provider), they will need to discontinue their benefits with the alternate carrier prior to receiving benefits from Valley Telecommunications.

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[www.valleytel.net](http://www.valleytel.net)

**Prairie Pioneer**  
**Heartland Publishing, Inc.**

PO BOX 218  
 POLLOCK, SD 57648-0218

Voice: 605-889-2320  
 Fax: 605-889-2361  
 email: pioneer@valleytel.net

# INVOICE

Invoice Number: 46306  
 Invoice Date: Dec 22, 2016  
 Page: 1

**Bill To:**  
 VALLEY TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
 PO BOX 7  
 HERREID, SD 57632

<b>Customer ID</b>	<b>Customer PO</b>	<b>Payment Terms</b>	
V001		Due at end of Month	
<b>Sales Rep ID</b>	<b>Shipping Method</b>	<b>Ship Date</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
			12/31/16

Quantity	Item	Description	Unit Price	Amount
12.00	AD	FEDERAL LIFELINE NOTICE	7.65	91.80
1.00	DS-P	DISCOUNT	4.59	-4.59
<p><i>Vendor- 328</i>  <i>AK 1.6728 (162)</i></p> <p><b>Call today to pay your bill with a credit card.</b></p>				

Subtotal	87.21
Sales Tax	
Total Invoice Amount	87.21
Payment/Credit Applied	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>87.21</b>

Check/Credit Memo No:

# Affidavit of Publication

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:

Federal Lifeline Notice

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

12/27, 20 16 ..... 20 .....  
 ..... 20 ..... 20 .....  
 ..... 20 ..... 20 .....  
 ..... 20 ..... 20 .....  
 ..... 20 ..... 20 .....

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

to wit: the sum of 8721

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  
2nd day of December, 20 16

Mark W. Weber

**MARK W. WEBER**  
 NOTARY PUBLIC  
 STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
 My Commission Expires June 30, 2021

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# Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

County of McPherson

)  
) SS.  
)

\_\_\_\_\_ 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:

Federal Lifeline Notice

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

December 28, 2016

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 \$ 3.50 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  
SEAL  
South Dakota

\_\_\_\_\_  
Publisher

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of

December, 2016

Jodi L. Kallas  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires 08-25-2019

My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

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# AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

**The Northwest Blade**  
P.O. Box 797; Eureka, SD 57437  
605-284-2631

**STATE OF South Dakota: COUNTY OF McPherson**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am authorized by the publisher as agent to make this affidavit of publication.  
Under oath, I state that the following is true and correct.

The Northwest Blade is a newspaper which is published weekly and is of general circulation and is in compliance with South Dakota Newspaper Association legalized Statutes.

The notice has been published in the newspaper listed above.

DATE(S) OF PUBLICATION

12-22-16 Federal Lifetime Notice

NAME OF THE CORPORATION/GOVERNMENT OFFICE: Valley Telecommunications

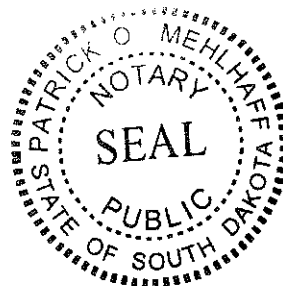
TYPE OF DOCUMENT: Legal

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: Linda Bergman

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME ON THE

22 DAY OF Dec, 2016.

NOTARY SIGNATURE: [Signature]  
EXPIRES: 5-29-21





now: 1-800- \$10.00 each. Rattlesnakes from 4345 or email clawantlerhide@  
\$7.00 each. Phone 605-673- hotmail.com

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outh Dakota  
Network to  
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wspaper or  
etails.

Porcupines



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## Community Calendar

December 29

**Eureka Plumbing**  
Commercial & Residential  
Plumbing - Heating - Air Conditioning

**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

.....  
**FEDERAL LIFELINE NOTICE**  
.....  
**VALLEY**  
.....

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 for .....one..... successive issues.

The First publication being made on the .....21..... day of Dec., 20.....16

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:

.....Twenty-eight.....Dollars and  
.....no.....cents (\$.....28.00.....)

Signed:.....*D.E. Gibson*.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this .....28..... day of Dec., 20.....16

.....*Jenna M Gibson*.....  
Notary Public - Edmunds County, South Dakota  
My commission expires February 26, 2019

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 ) SS  
County of Edmunds )

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.....  
**VALLEY**  
.....

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no.....cents (\$28.00..)

Signed: *D.E. Gibson*.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this .....<sup>28</sup> day of Dec., 20...<sup>16</sup>

*Jenna M. Gibson*.....

Notary Public - Edmunds County, South Dakota  
My commission expires February 26, 2019

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 Fax: 605-889-2361  
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# INVOICE

Invoice Number: 44948  
 Invoice Date: Jun 9, 2016  
 Page: 1

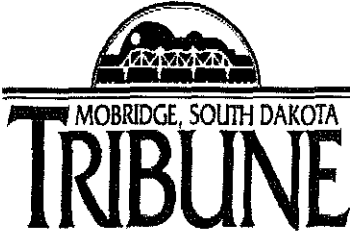
**Bill To:**  
 VALLEY TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
 PO BOX 7  
 HERREID, SD 57632

Customer ID	Customer PO	Payment Terms	
V001		Due at end of Month	
Sales Rep ID	Shipping Method	Ship Date	Due Date
			6/30/16

Quantity	Item	Description	Unit Price	Amount
19.50	AD	UNIVERSAL TELEPHONE SERVICE	7.65	149.18
1.00	DS-P	DISCOUNT	7.46	-7.46
JUL 5 2016				
<p><i>Vendor - 328</i>  <i>Ac 1.6728 (162)</i>  <i>universal service ad</i></p> <p><b>Call today to pay your bill with a credit card.</b></p>				

Subtotal	141.72
Sales Tax	
Total Invoice Amount	141.72
Payment/Credit Applied	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>141.72</b>

Check/Credit Memo No:



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 1413 East Grand Crossing • Moberidge, SD 57601-0250  
 845-3646 • 800-594-9418

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

Transaction Period: 6/1/2016 - 6/30/2016

Advertiser Number: 3386  
 Billing Date: 6/30/2016  
 Due Date: 7/10/2016  
**Amount Due: \$236.60**  
 Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please detach top portion and return with your payment.

**STATEMENT**

JUL 5 2016

Moberidge Tribune/Reminder

6/30/2016

Date	Ref No.	Transaction	Details	Debit	Credit
Balance Forward:				\$85.00	
6/10/2016	180606	Invoice	Universal Telephone Service	\$94.64	
		6/8/2016 TRIB	2 x 7		
			Display Ad: ROP: Universal Telephone Service		
			43303		
6/13/2016	179163	Check			\$85.00
6/17/2016	180819	Invoice	Universal Telephone Service	\$141.96	
		6/13/2016 REM	2 x 7		
			Display Ad: ROP: Universal Telephone Service		

Valley Telco % Accounting Dept  
 Advertiser No: 3386  
 No. of TearSheets: 1

AGING					
Current	1 - 30	31 - 60	61 - 90	91+	
\$236.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	

Balance Forward: \$85.00  
 Debits: \$236.60  
 Credits: \$85.00  
**Amount Due: \$236.60**

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!

Vendor- 484  
 Ak 1.6728 (162)  
 Universal Service ad

N.W. Blade  
PO Box 797  
Eureka, SD 57437 US  
(605) 284-2631

# Invoice

BILL TO  
Valley Telco Cooperative  
102 Main St. S.  
PO Box 7  
Herried, SD 57632

INVOICE #	DATE	TOTAL DUE	DUE DATE	TERMS	ENCLOSED
14666	06/02/2016	\$70.70	07/31/2016	Net 30	

JUL 9 2016

ACTIVITY	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
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## 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.

### 2016 Monthly Charges for Residential Services:

Basic local resident service	\$18.00
<i>(including extended area service to designated nearby service areas)</i>	
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	17.9% (changes quarterly)
<i>(FUSC Charge will change on July 1, 2016)</i>	
Federal Access Charge	\$6.50
<i>Flat rate prescribed by Federal Communications Commission</i>	
Access Recovery Charge	Res \$2.50/Bus \$3.00
<i>(ARC Charge will be \$2.50 as of July 1, 2016 for residential &amp; single line business. Multi line business rate is \$3.00)</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>	



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## Story At Lib

The first Story summer will be held 11, beginning at 1 Kathryn Schulkoski Barry Lapp will be of his favorite chi those attending. welcome. The city in the basement d building. If you ha contact librarian 284-2863.

## 4- Sharpsh to Be Trapsh on Ju

Trapshooting for County 4-H Shoot begin Wednesday 5:30 p.m., at Shoot Range located north of Leola. Adults in participating to attend. Adults welcome, too. will be for 4-H for adults. Youth enrolled in 4-H able to participate Jodi at CorTrust the McPherson C







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Dear Customer:

Valley Telecommunications participates in the Lifeline 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
  - Veterans Pension or Survivors Pension
- 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 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 or broadband service. Each customer can only receive one Lifeline subsidy.

# 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 provider? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

I am applying for **(circle one)**: Telephone Discount Broadband 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. Proof of eligibility is required, please include with application.)

- \_\_\_\_\_ 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)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Veterans Pension or Survivors Pension

## **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).

### 2017 Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines

Number in Residence	135% Guideline (Annual)	Number in Residence	135% Guideline (Annual)
1	\$16,281	5	\$38,853
2	\$21,924	6	\$44,496
3	\$27,567	7	\$50,139
4	\$33,210	8	\$55,782

For each additional person after 8, add \$5,643 to the annual guideline.

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

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 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
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

## Who is Eligible?

**Telephone service must be in the applicants name.** The subscriber, one or more of the subscriber's dependents 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)
- \* Veterans Pension or Survivors Pension
- \* Medicaid (TitleXIX/Medical, State Supplemental Assistance)
- \* Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

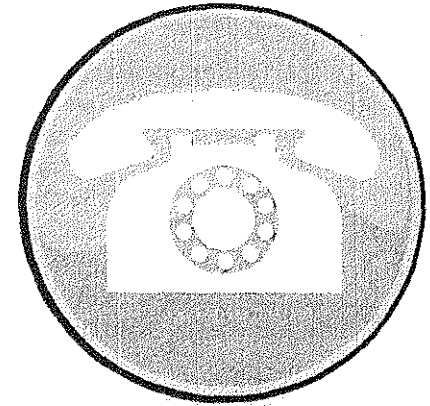
## Other Ways to Qualify

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	2017 Requirement
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# What Is Lifeline?

## The Program

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

- \* The Lifeline program provides a reduction in basic monthly telephone or broadband service of \$9.25. The credit applies to the main account 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 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)).

*\*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/broadband 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 with this brochure (include documentation) and mail it to:

**Valley Telecommunications Coop  
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 PLAN



## 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.

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## Lifeline

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- \* 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?

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 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

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## 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 "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 wireless or landline telephone service or broadband service.**

**The customer can only receive one Lifeline subsidy.**

- \* Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (Food Stamps)
- \* Federal Housing Assistance (Section 8)
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- \* Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- \* Veterans Pension or Survivors Pension

OR

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

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1	\$16,038
2	\$21,627
3	\$27,216
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5	\$38,394
6	\$43,983
7	\$49,586
8	\$55,202
For each additional person add:	\$ 5,616

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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.

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