

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

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/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.companywebsiteaddress.com](http://www.companywebsiteaddress.com))
  
- Company's information posted on USAC website.
  
- Other (describe): \_\_\_\_\_
  
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\*Required

**FAITH MUNICIPAL TELEPHONE 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 \$18.00/month
- Single Party Business Service \$29.00/month

Services can also be bundled with broadband internet access service (BIAS). Contact Faith Municipal Telephone Company for more information.

Local residence and business service includes:

- Voice grade access to the public telephone network
- Minutes of use for local service provided at no additional charge
- Access to 911 emergency services
- Toll limitation for qualifying low-income consumers

Lifeline is a non-transferable government assistance program available for qualifying subscribers on a monthly basis for voice or bundled voice and broadband service. One discount is available per household. Toll blocking at no charge and reduced deposits are also available with the Lifeline Program. By applying for and receiving the Lifeline discount, subscribers agree to remain with the service provider for 60 days for voice services and 12 months for broadband services.

To qualify for Lifeline, subscribers must provide documentation showing they either have a household income that is at or below 135 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, or the subscriber, one or more of the subscriber's dependents, or the subscriber's household must receive benefits from one of the following assistance programs:

- Medicaid
- Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8)
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Veteran's Pension and Survivor Benefit
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

A subscriber who lives on Tribal lands and is an eligible resident of Tribal lands is eligible for Tribal Lifeline service if the subscriber, one or more of the subscriber's dependents, or the subscriber's household participates in any of the

above-listed qualifying assistance programs or one of the following Tribal-specific federal assistance programs: Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance; Tribally Administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families; Head Start (if income eligibility criteria are met); or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR). Tribal subscribers may also qualify if the household income is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

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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**Public Notice**

Arrow Public transit, intends to apply for funds under Section 5311 of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act for the continued operation of public transportation project with in the City of Lemmon, which lies within Perkins County of South Dakota and for the City of Bison, which lies in Perkins County of South Dakota.

This notice offers the opportunity for a public hearing, submittal of service proposals or comments regarding the project. Interested public or private transit or paratransit providers are invited to comment on this proposal or submit proposals to provide the service. Requests for a public hearing, comments or requests for copy of Arrow Public Transit proposal should be directed to Arrow Public Trans, 111 4th St. W., Lemmon, south Dakota 57638 by July 1, 2017.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

WHEREAS, SDCL Chpt.12-5 authorizes municipalities to lease municipally owned property to private individuals; and

WHEREAS, the City of Faith is the owner of certain real property, hereinafter described, commonly known as The portions of the SW1/4 of Section 21 and the NW1/4 of Section 28, Township 12 North, Range 17 E.B.H.M., Meade County, South Dakota, which are adjacent to the southwest border of Durkee Lake of approximately 344 acres and WHEREAS, the City of Faith will conduct a public hearing pursuant to the requirements set forth in SDCL Chpt. 12-5 the City Council will adopt a Resolution of Intent to Enter Into Lease on the 5th of July, 2017 during a regularly scheduled City Council Meeting beginning at 7:28 P.M (MST) in the Community Room of the Community Center to determine if it is in the best interest of the City to lease the above described.

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend. Individuals needing assistance pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the City Finance Office (605-967-2261) in advance of the meeting to make any necessary arrangements.

Published June 14, 2017 at the total approximate cost of \$13.43

**NOTICE OF BIDS**

Notice is hereby given that the Common Council for the City of Faith, South Dakota will receive sealed bids for the lease of 344 acres more or less, located on the South West side of the Durkee Lake, Meade County, South Dakota. Lease will be for a six month period beginning July 6, 2017 and ending November 30, 2017.

Bids will be received by the Mayor and Council until 7:30 P.M. MST on the 5th day of June, 2017 at which time the bids will be publicly opened in the Community Room of the Faith Community Center, Faith, South Dakota.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check, bank draft or cashier's check in the amount of the bid. Each sealed bid must be clearly marked "Bid for Leasing Durkee Lake Land".

The Mayor and Council reserve the

right to reject any and all bids and to accept the bid that offers the greatest advantage of and in the best interest of the City of Faith, South Dakota

City of Faith, South Dakota  
Debbie Brown, Finance Director

June 14 & June 21, 2017  
proximate cost of \$2

**Notice**  
Due to family relocation, a Tower Stool has been sold. If you are requesting that it be brought in for repair without a name, please contact me as soon as possible at 605-967-2418. My furniture repair business has no charge but in the event there will be an charge in the paper.



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**Dr. David J.**

**OPTOMET**

Faith, SD

## 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 a federal telephone assistance program 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.

### 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 \$9.25 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.

### 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 the above assistance program, you are no longer eligible for Lifeline. You are obligated by law to notify Faith Municipal Telephone Company and advise the company that you are no longer eligible for Lifeline.

## 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.

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# Your community-based telecom provider is pleased to offer Lifeline service — providing discounted telephone or internet service for eligible consumers.

The Lifeline Universal Service Program is a government supported program available to qualified, low-income consumers and offers a discount for eligible services. Eligible services include telephone and internet service (the latter as of December 2, 2016). If you are an existing telephone service subscriber receiving the monthly Lifeline discount, you can continue to apply that discount to your home or cell phone voice service. But you can only receive a discount on ONE option — telephone or internet.

## How to Qualify for a Lifeline Discount

You must participate in at least one of the following programs to be eligible for a Lifeline Program discount:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
- Supplemental Security Income
- Medicaid
- Federal Public Housing Assistance
- Veterans Pension and Survivors Benefit Program
- Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance
- Tribally-administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
- Food Distribution on Indian Reservations
- HEAD Start
- Income Below the Federal Poverty Guideline

If you signed up for a Lifeline discount through the National School Lunch Program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, your phone or internet provider will ask you to confirm your enrollment in one of the above, eligible programs when they do your next eligibility confirmation.

## Services Eligible for the Lifeline Discount

Lifeline telephone and internet services will have to provide certain minimum features. Lifeline-discounted services must offer at least:

- 500 minutes per month for cell phone voice plans
- 500 MB per month at 3G speeds for cell phone data plans
- 150 GB per month at 10/1 upload/download speeds for home internet plans

Exception: In those areas where the provider does not offer speeds at or above 10/1 download/upload speeds, they must provide the highest performing, generally available home internet plans, which must be at least 4/1 download/upload.

## Changing Companies

If you decide to apply your monthly Lifeline discount to either home internet service or a data plan for your cell phone, you must remain with the company that provides your service for at least 12 months. After that, you are free to switch to a different company. If you move to a different state or to an area where your company does not offer service, let your company know. They will guide you through the process of changing companies.

If you sign up for new home or cell phone voice service, you need to stay with your company for at least 2 months. If you choose to apply your discount to a bundle, ask the company which change policy applies.



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