SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION LIFELINE/LINK UP ADVERTISING/OUTREACH ANNUAL REPORT JUNE 1, 2009

Company:	McCook Cooperative Telephone Company
Address:	330 S. Nebraska St. P.O. Box 630 Salem, SD 57058
Telephone no	umber: (605)425-2238
Company co	ntact: Bryan K. Roth
Study Area C	Code: 391669
Lifeline/Link l	Jp Advertising/Outreach Activities:
X	Advertise in media of general distribution.* (See attached advertisement(s).)
X	Letter to existing and new customers regarding the availability of Lifeline/Link Up.* (See attached letter.)
	Company's Lifeline/Link Up information in directory.
X	Company's Lifeline/Link Up information available on Company website. ((www.triotel.net)
X	Company's information posted on USAC website.
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Dept. of Veterans Affairs - HRMS 2501 West 22nd St.; PO Box 5046 Sioux Falls, SD 57117



SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Project NH 0081(85)61 PCN 01KV

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Date: March 16th, 2

Time: 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 Place: Army National Gua

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A presentation will take place shortly after 5:3 staff will be available with displays to discuss answer your questions. During this time, you nity to present written comments.

Information will be available on the acquisition assistance and the environmental, social and project's location and design.

Notice is further given to individuals with disab public meeting is being held in a physically ac tify the SDDOT ADA Coordinator at least 48 h you have special needs for which this agency ments. The telephone number for making spe 773-3540 or 1-800-877-1113 (Telecommunicat

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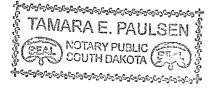
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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)

COUNTY OF McCOOK)

TROY SCHWANS of said County and State, being first duly sworn on his oath, says THE SALEM SPECIAL is a weekly newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in Salem, McCook County and State of South Dakota, and has been such newspaper during the times hereinafter mentioned; that the said newspaper is a legal newspaper, that it has a bonafide circulation of more than 200 copies weekly, that it has been published within said County of McCook for more than fifty-two successive weeks prior to the publication of the notice hereinafter mentioned and has been printed during said period and at the present time, in whole in an office maintained at said place of publication, and that I, the undersigned, am publisher or employee of said newspaper, in charge of the advertising department thereof, and have personal knowledge of all facts in this affidavit;

that the advertisement headed
Low Income Assistance
a printed copy of which is hereto attached, was printed and published in the newspaper for 1 weeks; that said notice was published in the issues of said paper on the dates as follows, to wit:
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January 1 ,2009.
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that \$ 2.00 being the full amount of the fees for publication of the annexed notice, insures solely to the benefit of the publisher of the said newspaper; that no agreement of understanding for a division thereof has been made with any person; and that no part thereof has been agreed to be paid to any person whomsoever.
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TIM AMDAHL, Clerk

Jasper Township

Meeting

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The Farmer Town Board meeting was held Jan. 16 for February and March 2. Members present were Sheila Wolf, chairman, Herman Krumm and Mike Wolf, trustees and Yvonne Krumm, Finance officer.

Bills paid in Jan. were as follows:

S.E. Electric, 77.00; Board Salary, 76.95; March 2, S.E. Electric. 77.00; Alex Herald, 6.97; S.D. Towns and Townships Bond, 200.00; S.D. Towns and Township Dues, 132.70; Board Salary, 76.95; Marlene Wolf, Snow Removal, 100.00.

Meeting Adjourned. Yvonne Krumm, F.O.

EQUALIZATION MEETING:

The Equalization Board meeting f the Town of Farmer will be March 6 at 7 p.m. at the Krumm resience. Written notices of intent to opeal assessed valuations must e given to the clerk by March 10. YVONNE KRUMM, Clerk Town of Farmer

Equalization Meeting

The equalization board meeting of Wayne Township will be March 16 at 1 p.m. at the home of Dick Doyle. Written notices of intent to appeal assessed valuation must be given to the clerk by March 10.

DICK DOYLE, Clerk Wayne Township

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Equalization Meeting

The equalization board meeting of Spring Lake Township will be March 16 at 8 p.m. at the Epiphany Parish Hall. Written notices of intent to appeal assessed valuation must be given to the clerk by March 10.

LARRY EICH, Clerk Spring Lake Township

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The equalization board meetingof Taylor Township will be March 16 at 1 p.m. at the Emery Fire Hall. Written notices of intent to appeal assessed valuation must be given to the clerk by March 12.

GREG ROSKENS, Clerk Taylor Township

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DOUG DEGEN, Clerk Hanson Township

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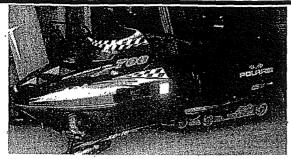
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Notice to McCook Cooperative Telephone Company

Lifeline, Link Up, and Toll Limitation Service support provide discounts to eligible low-income consumers to help them establish and maintain telephone service. Note: Telecommunications carriers cannot charge a Lifeline customer federal USF fees on the local service portion of their telephone bill.

What type of discount is available?

Lifeline assistance lowers the cost of basic, monthly local telephone service. Eligible consumers can receive up to \$8.25 per month in discounts.

Link Up reduces the cost of initiating new telephone service. Eligible consumers can receive up to a 50% discount off of the one-time costs associated with initiating telephone service. Eligible consumers also qualify for a deferred payment schedule for remaining costs of up to \$200.

Toll Limitation Service (TLS) support allows eligible consumers who wish to avoid incurring large long distance fees to choose toll blocking or toll control at no cost.

How do I know if I am eligible?

An individual is eligible for Lifeline, Link Up, and TLS support if he or she participates in one of the following programs:

- Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance or Section 8
- Medicaid (NOT MEDICARE)
- Food Stamps
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- National School Lunch Program's free lunch program
- In addition, a consumer may be eligible if his or her household income is at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines:

2008 Estimated Income Requirements for a Household at or Below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines

Persons in Family Unit	48 Contiguous States and D.C.	Alaska	Hawaii	
1	\$14,040	\$17,550	\$16,146	
2	\$18,900	\$23,625	\$21,735	
3	\$23,760	\$29,700	\$27,324	
4	\$28,620	\$35,775	\$32,913	
5	\$33,480	\$41,850	\$38,502	
6	\$38,340	\$47,925	\$44,091	
7	\$43,200	\$54,000	\$49,680	
8	\$48,060	\$60,075	\$55,269	
For each additional person, add	\$4,860	\$6,075	\$5,589	

How do I apply to receive Lifeline, Link Up, and TLS support discounts?

To apply for Lifeline, Link Up, and TLS discount please call our office at 605-425-2238, email heatherk@triotel.net, or stop by at 330 S. Nebraska St. in Salem, SD.

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2	\$14,000	\$17,500	\$16,100	2	\$17,500
3	\$17,600	\$22,000	\$20,240	3	\$22,000
4	\$21,200	\$26,500	\$24,380	4	\$26,500
5	\$24,800	\$31,000	\$28,520	5	\$31,000
6	\$28,400	\$35,500	\$32,660	6	\$35,500
7	\$32,000	\$40,000	\$36,800	7	\$40,000
8	\$35,600	\$44,500	\$40,940	8	\$44,500
For each additional person, add	\$3,600	\$4,500	\$4,140	For Each Additional Person, add	\$4,500

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2	\$17,500	\$21,875	\$20,125
3	\$22,000	\$27,500	\$25,300
4	\$26,500	\$33,125	\$30,475
5	\$31,000	\$38,750	\$35,650
6	\$35,500	\$44,375	\$40,825
7	\$40,000	\$50,000	\$46,000
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- > A consumer may be eligible in their total nousehold income is at or below 185%, of the rederal poverty guidelines the states that follow the federal eligibility criteria. Click here for a list of states using the federal eligibility criteria.
- States that have their own Eleline and tenk ten Programs may set their own eligibility criteria by increasing OR decreasing total household income limits choosing:not to use total household:income eligibility criterion.
- Additionally, some states may use total household income as eligibility criteria, but develop their own limits. For information about income based eligibility in these states contact the state commission.

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5	\$37,200	\$46,500	\$42,780	5	\$43,400	\$54,250
6	\$42,600	\$53,250	\$48,990	6	\$49,700	\$62,125
7	\$48,000	\$60,000	\$55,200	7	\$56,000	\$70,000
8	\$53,400	\$66,750	\$61,410	8	\$62,300	\$77,875
For Each Additional Person, add	\$5,400	\$6,750	\$6,210	For Each Additional Person, add	\$6,300	\$7,875

^{*} SOURCE: Federal Register, Vol. 73, No. 15, January 23, 2008, pp. 3971-3972 Please Note: The federal proverty guidelines are typically updated in the end of January.