SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION LIFELINE/LINK UP ADVERTISING/OUTREACH ANNUAL REPORT JUNE 1, 2011

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Lifeline/Link Up Advertising/Outreach Activities:

<u>XX</u>	Advertise in media of general distribution.* (See attached advertisement(s).)
XX	Letter to existing and new customers regarding the availability of Lifeline/Link Up.* (See attached letter.)
XX	Company's Lifeline/Link Up information in directory.
XX	Company's Lifeline/Link Up information available on Company website. (<u>www.goldenwest.com</u>)
_XX	Company's information posted on USAC website.
<u></u> XX	Other (describe):Public Notice in Newspaper, Notepads, On-hold
	message

*Required

General Lifeline/Link-Up Advertisements



Black Hills Ruwow Ad October 2010



We Have An Announcement!

Méet your Announcer, Jim Thompson

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so at www.livewithit.com.

Thompson's dedication to his profession has been recognized by many individuals and ongenizations and made him and idon to the metastry. Has recognition and awards include: the South Dakota Sports Hall

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Enhanced Lifeline & Link-Up

Dial 1155 For More Information



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Are you missing out on this program? Enhanced

Lifeline & Link-Up

Enhanced Lifeline and Link-Up are government programs that offer qualified low income households, on tribal lands, a discount on their monthly local phone hill and a reduction on phone installation charges.

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- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
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Don't Lose Touch With Any of Your Loved Ones Enhanced Lifeline & Link-Up

With the Enhanced Lifeline & Link-Up programs available from Golden West, you receive reliable home phone service for as little as \$1.00 a month and staying in touch is a phone call away.

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> Plus, the Link-Up Program helps you save money on phone installation costs. Sluffer Mar

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Lifeline Link-up Advertisement in Company Directory



Lifeline & Link-Up Lower your monthly phone costs. Lower your installation cost.

With the Enhanced Lifeline & Link-Up Program available from Golden West, you can get reliable phone service for as little as \$7100° a MONTH

Anyone living on tribal land and currently participating in at least one of these programs - will qualify:

Food Stamps • Medicaid • Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA) • Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) • Supplemental Security Income (SSI) • Tribal Head Start (those meeting the income qualifying standard) • Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) general assistance programs • Tribally administered Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)
• Tribal National School Lunch Program's Free Lunch Program
• Income Based Guideline – you may also qualify if your income level falls at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. Estimated income levels range from \$14,621 for a single person household to \$49,964 for a family of eight.

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With the Lifeline & Link-Up Program available from Golden West, you can receive a discount of \$²⁵ a MONTH on your basic monthly phone service.

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Both Lifeline programs cover the cost of restricting unauthorized long distance calls. Charges for long distance, calling features, lease programs, 911 charges, hearing impaired fund and sales lax are not covered under this program. The Lifeline discount applies to the primary phone line only.

March 2010 Director



Dial 1155

from any Golden West phone to request a Lifeline application.

Lifeline Link-up Information on Company Website



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Friday, May 20th 2011 | 9:24 AM Welcome to Golden West

Internet @ goldenwest.net

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Local Phone

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Lifeline / Link-Up Assistance



Everyone has a friend or relative they worry about, especially during the wintertime. Cold temperatures, difficult driving conditions and sometimes even the lack of transportation make it difficult to stay in touch with those you love.

With the Lifeline & Link-Up Program you can take away that worry and stay connected for as little as \$1 a month. And best of all, the Lifeline Program even covers the cost of restricting unauthorized long distance calls.

What do the programs provide?

LIFELINE provides eligible subscribers with a monthly credit of \$8.25 on the basic service portion of their telephone bill. The credit applies on the main home telephone line listed in the name of the eligible telephone company subscriber. Lifeline subscribers may also receive blocking of long distance calls on their telephone line at no charge.

LINK-UP provides eligible subscribers with reduced connection charges for their basic home telephone service. This reduction is 50 percent of the applicable charges or \$30.00, whichever is less. Link-Up also provides for deferred payment of connection charges without interest. It does not cover the cost of wiring inside your home and is limited to one time per home address per subscriber.

ENHANCED LIFELINE Assistance for Residents of Tribal Lands provides eligible subscribers with discounts that reduce the basic service (Basic Monthly Telephone Service includes: Residential Access Line, End-User Charge and Touch-Tone) portion of their telephone bill to \$1.00. The credit applies on the main home telephone line listed in the name of the eligible telephone company subscriber. Lifeline subscribers may also receive blocking of long distance calls on their telephone line at no charge.

ENHANCED LINK-UP provides eligible Tribal Land Subscribers with reduced connection charges for their basic home telephone service. This reduction is 50 percent of the applicable charges or \$30.00, whichever is less. Expanded Link-Up provides an additional \$70 to cover 100 percent of any remaining initial charges between \$60 and \$130. Link-Up also provides for deferred payment of connection charges without interest. It does not cover the cost of wiring inside your home and is limited to one time per home address per subscriber.

HOW DO I BECOME INELIGIBLE?

When you no longer participate in any of the qualifying public assistance programs, you

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are no longer eligible for Lifeline or Link-Up. You are obligated by law to notify Golden West and advise the company that you are no longer eligible for Lifeline and Link-Up.

- <u>Eligibility Requirements PDF</u>
- Tribal Land Eligibility Requirements PDF
- Phone Numbers for Information / Assistance PDF

To see if you are eligible for Lifeline and Link-Up, please review these forms listed above or call 1155 from any Golden West phone.

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Lifeline Link-up Information on USAC Website



Telephone Assistance Programs for Low Income Households

Selected state: South Dakota

Please select your local phone company from the list below.

(Not all phone companies are listed. Please call your local phone company for more information if they are not listed here.) Golden West Telecommunications $|G_0|$

Lifeline and Link Up Information for Golden West Telecommunications Customers in South Dakota

Landline Service

Lifeline is a government program that offers qualified low income households a discount on their monthly local telephone bill. Each state has its own guidelines to qualify. The application and qualification process differs by state and sometimes by individual phone company.

· How much can I save?

You will save up to \$8.25 on your basic monthly bill. These benefits apply to your local telephone service charges that you purchase as measured service (including local usage), or as part of a service, or as flat rate service. These benefits will also cover your <u>subscriber line charge</u>.

- How do I know if I am eligible? Program based eligibility:
 - Federal Public Housing Assistance / Section 8
 - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
 - Medicaid
 - Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
 - Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
 - National School Lunch (free program only)
 - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
 - · Additional eligibility criteria may apply to residents of federally recognized tribal lands

Income based eligibility:

Total household income at or below 135% of the <u>Federal Poverty Guidelines</u>.

Are there any restrictions?

Lifeline can only be used for the primary telephone line in a household. You may purchase additional services available to a non-Lifeline customer except if on LOTS program or other tribal programs. You must establish phone service prior to applying for the Lifeline discount. The name on the phone bill must match the name of the household member participating on the eligible program with the exception of the National School Lunch free Program.

• How do Lapply?

To apply for Lifeline call Solix on your Golden West phone directly at 1155 or 1-866-279-2161. You may find more information about Lifeline and other telephone services available from Golden West Telecommunications at http://www.goldenwest.com. An application can be obtained via phone.

· What proof of eligibility do I need to provide?

You will be asked for proof of your eligibility by submitting a form signed under penalty of perjury that you receive benefits from or a copy of any dated document which verifies your participation in one of the qualifying programs listed above. Proof of total household income may be required for income based qualification. Your Lifeline benefits will take effect when proof of eligibility is received.

 How do I continue to receive Lifeline benefits? Eligibility is reviewed periodically. Your benefits will be discontinued when you no longer meet the eligibility requirements or when proof of eligibility is not received. Customers who are no longer eligible for Lifeline benefits must notify their service provider.

http://www.lifelinesupport.org/li/low-income/lifelinesupport/browser/Default.aspx

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Other Useful information

There are other options that can help you save money, including free toll blocking, waived deposit with toll blocking and voluntary limit on long distance calling (toll control).

Link Up helps households reduce the cost of initiating telephone service. This program pays some of the cost of connecting local telephone service to your home or activating wireless phone service. However, Link Up does not cover the cost of wiring inside your home.

- How much will I save?
 Link Up will pay 50% of your installation charges for total discount of \$11.63. (Maximum benefit \$30.00) An additional discount may apply to residents of <u>federally recognized tribal lands</u>.
- How do I know if I am eligible?
 If you qualify for Lifeline, you also qualify for Link Up.
- Are there any restrictions? Link Up can only be used for the charges for activating a primary telephone line or moving existing service to a new address. Charges related to wiring and telephone jacks within your home and wireless handsets are not eligible for the Link Up discount.
- How do I apply?
 To apply for Link Up you will follow the same application process as Lifeline and the same proof of eligibility as Lifeline.

Being a Lifeline or Link Up customer does not protect you from being disconnected if you fail to pay your telephone bill.

Lifeline and Link Up discounts cannot be applied to an outstanding balance owed to your phone company.

Lifeline can only be applied to one wireless OR wireline telephone per household.

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Other Lifeline/Link-up Advertising & Outreach

As a part of its service commitment to its substrikes. Golden West provides solve grade access to the public switched retwork, interweitunge curriers, tolocommunications relay service and 41 femergency services. Golden West also provides access to operator services and directory assistance. Each local exchange access line includes a primary directory listing at no charge and a phone directory. Furthermore, customers can report service trouble to the company 24 y 7.

Golden West understands the importance of consumers having access to quality local telephone service. To help consumers obtain and keep their local service, Golden West offers reduced rates to eligible consumers under two programs: **Effektive** is a monthly discount on local service charges and Link-Up pays up to 50% of residential phone start-up fees. Qualifying individuals subscribing to residential service who are eligible for **Lifeline** and **Link-Up** telephone assistance programs will receive discourse off hasie local charges and are eligible for toll blocking at no charge. Additional information may be obtained by Enling 1155 from a Golden West phone.

Colden West is a telecommunications carrier committed to perviding highquality basic and enhanced services at masonable rates to all subscribers throughout its service territory. Rusic services are offered at the following monthly rates:

Single-Party Residence \$255 - \$17.27 depending on exchange
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 Single-Party Business \$1250 - \$31.55 depending on exchange
 Touch-Tone Dialing \$1.00 - \$1.50 depending on exchange
 Emergency \$11 Service Fee 0.786 - \$3.00 depending on exchange

Basic services are offered to all consumers in Golden West's service territory at the nates, terms and conditions, specified in the Company's tariff on Be with the South Delotts Public Utificies Commission, Nebruska Public Service Commission and the Wearning Public Service Commission. If put have questions regarding services or rates **dial 777** from any Colden West phone, call tail free **S66-279-2161** or email us at **info@goldenwest.com**.



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Golden West Enhanced LifeLine and Link-Up \$ **O**O a month Get your local phone for only Dial 1155 from any Golden West phone to request an application or visit the lifeline link at www.goldenwest.com. Notepads - Hand out in Pine Ridge office.

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Golden West ON HOLD Messages Script

HBO INFO

Played in August and September 2010 and January-June 2011.

We Entertain at Home. Golden West offers pay-per-view moves with our Golden West Cable TV. From the comfort of your home view a variety of movies such as How to Train Your Dragon, Oceans, Robin Hood and more.

SHOWTIME INFO

With the Lifeline and Link-Up Program available from Golden West, you can bring your family and friends together and get reliable local phone service for as little as \$1.00 per month. Best of all, the Lifeline Program even covers the cost of restricting unauthorized long distance calls. Dial 1155 from any Golden West phone to request a Lifeline application or visit the lifeline link at www.goldenwest.com

With e-Statement from Golden West, you have one less bill to take up your precious time. View your monthly bill on-line. E-Statement is free, fast and convenient. We'll notify you when your monthly statement is available to view. Go to goldenwest.com to register.

Combine your cable television, telephone, caller ID, your local phone service and 150 minutes of long distance into one bundle and SAVE money.

We have pumped up our Internet speeds. Now receive up to twice the speed at 6Mbps on any SmartPAK bundle or DSL Blue package. That's right up to twice the speed at the same cost.

Join the facebook network. Golden West has launched facebook and wants you to "LIKE" us. Go to goldenwest.com/facebook and get updates on the Big 10 games, watch trailer for new movies on Pay-Per-View, see photos from local events such as parades and home shows. Best of all tell us how we are doing. What's not to "LIKE"?

The NFL Red Zone has arrived! This football experience will change Sunday afternoons forever. The NFL Red Zone whips around every NFL game on Sunday afternoons to deliver touchdowns and exciting moments LIVE in high-definition. When a team goes inside the 20 yard line you travel there with them

to see the crucial plays in real time. Sign-up NOW, only \$49.95 for the regular NFL Season.

Thank you for calling Golden West...one of our customer service representatives will be with you in a moment.....