

# C.R.S.T Telephone Authority

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June 18, 2012

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Washington, D.C. 20554

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Universal Service Administrative Company  
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South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
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UTILITIES COMMISSION

RE: FCC - WC Docket No. 10-90  
FCC ETC Reporting Requirements - 47 C.F.R. Section 54.313(a)(2) through (6) and (h)

In accordance with 47 C.F.R. Section 54.313(a)(2) through (6) and (h), annual ETC reporting requirements for high-cost recipients, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority (Carrier) hereby submits the following information as specified in Public Notice DA 12-279 released on May 8, 2012.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at (605) 964-2600 or Mona L. Thompson, Interim General Manager at (605) 964-2600 or email at [monat@lakotanetwork.com](mailto:monat@lakotanetwork.com).

Sincerely,

Ivan Bruguier  
Board Chairman

Attachment

**Section 54.313 Annual Report for 2012**  
**WC Docket No. 10-90**

Name of Company: Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority  
Address of Company: PO Box 810, 100 Main Street, Eagle Butte, SD 57625  
Study Area Code (SAC): 391647  
Name and Title of Officer Certifying Information: Ivan Bruguier, Board Chairman

**Sec. 54.313 (a)(2)**

During calendar year 2011, Carrier experienced no service outages, as defined in 47 C.F.R. 4.5, affecting at least 10 percent of its end user customers or a 911 special facility, as defined in 47 C.F.R. 4.5(e), for a period lasting longer than 30 minutes for any service area it owns, operates, leases or otherwise utilizes.

**Sec. 54.313 (a)(3)**

Carrier was able to provide service to all potential customers that requested service during 2011, and as of December 31, 2011, Carrier had no unfulfilled requests for service.

**Sec. 54.313 (a)(4)**

During 2011, the number of complaints per 1,000 connections, fixed or mobile, was -0- for Carrier.

**Sec. 54.313 (a)(5)**

Carrier hereby certifies that it is complying with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules.

**Sec. 54.313 (a)(6)**

Carrier hereby certifies that it is capable of functioning in emergency situations as set forth in §54.202(a)(2). Specifically, Carrier has a reasonable amount of back-up power to ensure functionality without an external power source, is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities, and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations.

**Sec. 54.313 (h)**

Carrier receives or is projected to receive High Cost Loop Support in 2012, but has no monthly residential rates (plus relevant state fees) less than \$10.

I, Ivan Bruguier, certify that I am an officer of the company named above and that I can certify under penalty of perjury to the accuracy of the information provided herein and make the certifications required by Section 54.313.

Ivan Bruguier  
Signature

Ivan Bruguier  
[Name]

Board Chairman  
[Title]

June 19, 2012  
[Date]

**BEFORE THE  
SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST OF ) Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone ) Authority FOR CERTIFICATION ) REGARDING ITS USE OF FEDERAL ) UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT. )</b>	<b>ANNUAL ETC CERTIFICATION FILING</b>
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*Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority* (the "Company"), by and through its attorney, makes this filing to seek certification from the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (the "Commission") as is required under 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 and to comply with the provisions of ARSD §§ 20:10:32:52 and 20:10:32:54 of the Commission's rules pertaining to eligible telecommunications carriers ("ETCs").

In accordance with 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, federal universal service support provided to carriers pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.301, 54.305 and/or 54.307 and/or Part 36, Subpart F (high-cost loop support, local switching support, safety net additive support and safety valve support) will be made available only if the State Commission files the requisite annual certification with the FCC and USAC. The certification required specifically for rural carriers to receive federal universal service support for all four quarters during calendar year 2013 is currently due to be filed with the FCC and USAC on or before October 1, 2012. The certification may be presented to these entities in the form of a letter from the State Commission. The letter must identify which carriers in the State are eligible to receive federal support during the 12-month period and must certify that the carriers listed will only use the support for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

As part of its annual request to the Commission for certification, the Company provides the following information:

1. The Company is a rural telephone company that has previously been designated by this Commission as an ETC. The Company provides local exchange telephone services, including all of the essential services that are included in the federal definition of universal service, to approximately 3,024 access lines within its established rural service area in South Dakota.

2. The provisions of ARSD § 20:10:32:54 addressing the annual "Certification requirements" set forth by this Commission indicate in part that the ETC must show "how much universal service support was received." Accordingly, the Company's 2011 federal universal service receipts are reflected on Exhibit A hereto (presented as part of the Company's "Progress Report"). This same Exhibit also shows total expenditures of the Company in 2011 related to the provision, maintenance and upgrading of the facilities and services that are supported by federal universal service funding. In addition, to the extent changes have occurred, to date, with respect to the Company's planned 2012 investments noted in last year's two-year plan, the changes are referenced in that Exhibit. Estimates of the expenditures to be made by the Company for calendar year 2013, related to the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services supported by federal universal service, are provided on Exhibit B hereto as part of the Company's current Two-Year Plan. Consistent with federal universal service principles, the

Company will use federal universal service amounts received in 2013 to offset a portion of these 2013 expenditures. This use of federal universal service support will enable the Company to: (1) maintain rates for its local exchange services that are affordable and reasonably comparable to rates being charged for the same services in urban areas; and (2) to upgrade its telecommunications facilities and equipment as necessary to meet evolving service requirements and maintain high quality service. The use of federal universal service support for these purposes is clearly consistent with the federal universal service provisions.

3. In addition to the information included in Exhibits A and B, the following information is provided to meet the Commission's "Certification requirements" set forth in § 20:10:32:54:

During calendar year 2011, the Company experienced the following service outages affecting at least 10 percent of its end user customers, for a period lasting longer than 30 minutes: *There were no service outages in 2011 that affected at least 10% of our end user customers that lasted longer than 30 minutes.*

- The Company was able to provide service to all potential customers that requested service during 2011, and as of December 31, 2011 the Company had no unfulfilled requests for service. *Our Company had no unfulfilled requests for service in 2011.*
- During 2011, the Company's customer service department received an estimated 0 complaints from consumers. Only 0 of these complaints were received by the Company more formally as written complaints or as complaints that needed to be resolved with the involvement of other Company representatives outside of the customer service department.
- Also attached as "Exhibit C" is a document containing other certifications, including those required under the provisions of ARSD §§ 20:10:32:54(6), 20:10:32:54(7), 20:10:32:54(8) and 20:10:32:54(9).

4. Based on all of the foregoing information, including the information provided on Exhibits A, B and C, the Company requests that this Commission issue an appropriate certification to the FCC and USAC indicating that *Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority* is in compliance with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e) and should receive all federal universal service support determined for distribution to the Company in 2012. In order to ensure that this certification is issued to the FCC prior to October 1, 2012, the Company would further ask the Commission to expedite the process that is initiated based on this filing.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of May 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attorney for the Company

**EXHIBIT C**  
**Affidavit**

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA      )  
  ) ss.  
COUNTY OF DEWEY            )

1. I am the Interim General Manager of *Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority* and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is provided to support the Company's Request for Certification to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314.

2. As an authorized representative of the Company, I hereby affirm familiarity with and an understanding of the requirements of the Federal Communications Act of 1934, as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996, with respect to the receipt of any federal universal service funds received as high-cost loop support, local switching support, safety net additive support and/or safety valve support.

3. During 2011, the Company received federal universal service support as shown on Exhibit A to this affidavit and had investment and expenses relating to the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support was intended as also shown on Exhibit A. During 2011, the Company used the federal universal service support it received only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support was intended consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e).

4. The Company certifies that it will use the federal universal service support it receives during 2013 only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e).

5. The Company certifies that it (i) is in compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules; (ii) is able to function in emergency situations as set forth in § 20:10:32:43:03; (iii) provides a flat-rated local exchange service free of per minute charges; and (iv) provides equal access to long distance carriers.

  
Interim General Manager

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May 2012.

  
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: May 19, 2017

**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
LIFELINE/LINK UP ADVERTISING/OUTREACH  
ANNUAL REPORT  
JUNE 1, 2012**

Company: CRST Telephone Authority

Address: PO Box 810

100 Main Street

Eagle Butte SD 57625

Telephone number: (605) 964-2500

Company contact: Candace LeBeau, Marketing

Study Area Code: 391647

**Lifeline/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/Link Up.\* (See attached letter.)
  - Company's Lifeline/Link Up information in directory.
  - Company's Lifeline/Link Up information available on Company website. ([www.crstta.com](http://www.crstta.com))
  - Company's information posted on USAC website.
  - Other (describe): information in new customer packets
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\*Required

## 2011 Youth Risk Behavior Survey results released

Administered every other year, the Youth Risk Behavior Survey is a questionnaire that assesses the six priority health-risk behaviors that result in the greatest amount of morbidity, mortality and social problems among youth. About 1,800 students in grades 9-12 at randomly selected public, private and Bureau of Indian Education schools participated in the survey.

Key indicators included in the report are: \*27 percent of students were bullied on school property in the past 12 months \*20 percent had been bullied electronically during the past 12 months \*18 percent seriously considered attempting suicide in the past 12 months \*49 percent were physically active for a total of at least 60 minutes per day during five or more of the past seven days \*22 percent wrongly believe smokeless tobacco is safer than cigarettes \*26 percent had five or more drinks of alcohol within a couple of hours, on one or more of the past 30 days \*24 percent of currently sexually active students, defined as those who've had sexual intercourse during the past three months, drank alcohol or used drugs before their last sexual intercourse

The six priority health-risk behaviors include: behaviors that contribute to unintentional injuries and violence; tobacco use; alcohol and other drug use; sexual behaviors that contribute to unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), including human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection; unhealthy dietary behaviors; and physical inactivity.

The South Dakota Youth Risk Behavior Survey is funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and Coordinated School Health, which is a collaboration between the state departments of Education and Health.

To view a complete copy of the report, go to <http://healthyschools.sd.gov> and click on Youth Risk Behavior Survey.

## In the wake of National Financial Literacy Month 480 CRST Employees will complete personal finance training

Beginning April 16, 2012, in the midst of National Financial Literacy Month, nearly 500 Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe employees will complete a personal finance training, focused on budgeting and credit, delivered by Four Bands Community Fund and 1st Financial Bank.

"This unprecedented partnership shows our Tribe's deep commitment and dedication to renewing our traditional Lakota values of self-sufficiency and building a healthy local economy," comments Tanya Fiddler, Executive Director of Four Bands Community Fund.

National Financial Literacy Month celebrated annually every April, reinforces the importance of developing wise resource management skills and avoiding predatory lenders. It is a time for individuals and families to refresh and build their personal financial skills. Today, many consumers experience some sort of financial difficulty causing a significant impact on their everyday lives. In fact, Americans carry more than \$2 trillion in consumer debt and 30 percent of consumers report having no extra cash; making it impossible to escape the burden of living paycheck to paycheck.

According to Four Bands, we have a lot to celebrate on Cheyenne River during National Financial Literacy Month. To date, over 400 local residents have completed financial literacy training. In 2011 alone, 77 adults and 37 youth completed the personal finance course offered at Four Bands. The Making Waves program, supported by the Tribe through a Resolution, has integrated lessons of financial education and entrepreneurship into our five reservation schools, exposing thousands of children to concepts that will help them to become successful adults. In addition, over 70 people have utilized Credit Builder Loans as an alternative to payday lenders and in the process have increased their credit score by an average of 75 points.

"By looking at the numbers, we can easily see that our Reservation shines when it comes to building our personal financial skills. Every person who takes the time and makes the commitment to further their knowledge on this subject is showing their dedication to a healthy local economy and community," states Ms. Fiddler.

## Cheyenne River pets *cont. from page 1*

Wednesday, April 25 at 6:00 p.m. at the Wellness Center Conference Room. To contact the group send an email to [frfriendscrp@gmail.com](mailto:frfriendscrp@gmail.com) or join their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/FriendsOfCheyenneRiverPets](http://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfCheyenneRiverPets).

## Lifeline *Do you qualify?* Link-Up

### WHAT IS IT?

Discounted Telephone Service HOW?

If you currently have telephone service and you receive federal assistance from:

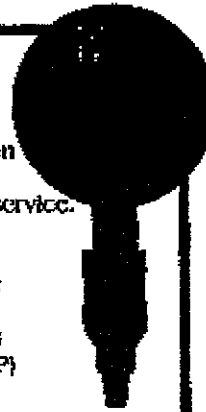
- Medicaid • Food Stamps
- Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA) or Section 8
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
  - Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
  - Head Start (Income eligible)
- Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) General Assistance
- Tribally Administered Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)
- National School Lunch Program's free lunch program
- Household income falls below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines

### WHAT IS IT?

Reduction for connection (Installation charges) for basic home telephone service. HOW?

If you currently receive federal assistance from:

For more information, call CRST Telephone Authority at 605-964-2600



## CRST Game, Fish & Parks Department

### TREE GIVEAWAY

Friday, April 27, 2012

9:00 am – till gone (mst)

GFP Parking Lot – E. Hwy 212

Eagle Butte, SD



# Legislative Report

By Ryan Maher

Pierre - After a busy week, five days remain in the legislative session. However, there is still plenty to do and the other legislators and I continue to work hard to finish the session on a high note. Case in point, we are scheduled to put the General Bill (Budget) together on Friday of this week.

On Thursday the joint appropriations committee received an updated revenue projection. Revising fiscal year 2012, we changed the amount adopted last March from \$1.165 billion up to \$1.245 for the general fund. This change reflects the \$32.8 million from one-time money, along with the result of a particularly profitable fourth quarter.

In addition, the joint committee agreed to peg fiscal year 2013 general funds at \$1.375 billion. This estimate includes one-time receipts in the neighborhood of \$28.3 million.

This estimate puts us in an advantageous position due to the results of the hard decisions and sacrifices made in last year's session, where we adjusted the budget and re-based budgets in relation to the general funds. It took strong backbones and deep seated convictions to hold the line a year ago, but it is clear that the hard work was well worth it. We are certainly in a stronger position as we go forward. The 2012 spending levels are equivalent to the 2008 spending levels.

Alan in this last week, HB1234 passed out of the senate education committee. HB1234 has changed a lot since it was a proposal put forward by the governor. Much input has been forward by a variety of groups, and both the house and senate have been hard at work to make it into a suitable and workable bill.

A main emphasis of the bill is to local control on all levels. It would be up to local school districts to choose to offer continuing contracts, and it would allow them to direct local funding and bonds structures to areas of critical need in their regions. HB1234 continues to be a way for our state to address areas of need as a whole and will continue to try and promote subjects such as tech and science in order to promote student achievement

and no longer acidic for the status quo.

**Other Bills of Interest:**  
Ag and Natural Resources:  
HB 1137 provide for the taking of muskrats by shooting under certain conditions.

- muskrats are becoming a problem in the northeast part of South Dakota and are causing extensive damage to roads

- this bill allows muskrats to be hunted by shooting rim-fire cartridges of .22 caliber or smaller, magnum loaders of .45 caliber or smaller, shotguns, or legal archery equipment.

- the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission will specify hunting seasons and licensing requirements for the hunting of muskrats.

**Local Government:**  
HB 1247 revise certain provisions regarding the voting rights of persons convicted of a felony or serving time in the state penitentiary.

An individual who is serving any part of a sentence for a felony conviction is not permitted to vote, probation included.

**State Affairs:**

HB 1254 revise certain provisions pertaining to the decision of a pregnant mother considering termination of her relationship with her child by an abortion, to establish certain procedures to insure that such decisions are voluntary, uncoerced, and informed, and to revise certain causes of action for professional negligence relating to performance of an abortion.

- This is a clean up and clarification from HB1817 from last year. It is directed towards future help centers so they have certified health counselors.

**Commerce and Energy:**

HB 1097 revise certain provisions regulating the investment of unencumbered state operating expenses in banks.

- Any public funds not needed for current operating expenses may be invested in an FDIC federally insured bank fund.

As always, I welcome all input on the issues we are addressing in the legislature. Please continue to contact me at [ryan.maher@state.sd.us](mailto:ryan.maher@state.sd.us) or by calling 605-773-3831, and leave a message.

# Legislative Report

By Betty Olson

My new-to-me car now has a new transmission and Sen. Ryan Maher was kind enough to let me ride back to Pierre with him to pick it up from the shop. Ben took me to Isabel to meet Ryan and grab a hamburger at Sparky's. Ryan had to deliver some insurance policies on the way, so we headed north to go by Little Eagle and McLaughlin and then turned south to Pierre after going through Mobridge.

We were enjoying the drive over less-traveled roads and since neither of us had ever driven down Hwy 1804 Sen. Maher asked if I'd like to try that. I didn't know that the road was named 1804 because it was the route that Lewis and Clark followed when they journeyed north through South Dakota on their way to the west coast in 1804 and it sounded like a great idea to a history buff like me.

1804 started as a blacktop highway following east along the Missouri River and there was no snow at all. After several miles, the blacktop turned to snow-covered gravel with a lot of square corners and side roads leading into farms and ranches. As we drove further south we encountered more snow and fewer vehicle tracks, finally coming to the last place along the road where the vehicle tracks ended and the snow got deeper. After driving about three miles making the only track through the deepening snow and freezing ice, we came to another square corner and the car skidded into the steep ditch. We were stuck out in the middle of nowhere with no traffic on the road and no idea where we were!

Trying to pry pecked snow from under the car with a couple busted snow posts didn't work, so we decided to walk the three miles back to the last farm we'd gone by. Just as we were about to trudge up to the house, a pickup drove up behind us and stopped to see if we needed help. It was Sen. Corey Brown's uncle, Jim Brown, and he was more than happy to lend me back in the car and pull it out of the ditch. Ryan's car is missing a couple pieces off the front end, but everything still worked and we made it back to Pierre just in time to pick my car up before the shop closed for

this night.

Fun Brown had a very interesting story to tell us about a run in he'd had with an overbearing game warden last fall during harvest when he had to drive across some GP&P land to pull out his combine that was stuck in the field. He wound up getting a \$100 ticket following a threat of being arrested and hauled off in handcuffs from his business office in Gettysburg! We've got some questions for GP&P about the situation our rescuer found himself in just trying to mind his own business!

Here are some of the bills that passed the House this week:

\*SB 3 to revise provisions related to the calculation of state aid to special education.

\*SB 87 to allow military spouses to receive unemployment compensation if they leave their jobs due to a spouse's military transfer. This has been signed by the governor.

\*SB 73 to repeal the provisions regarding the assessment of real property located in a floodplain.

\*SB 111 to revise the mining permit fees.

\*SB 21 to provide for a special license plate for certain persons on active duty in the military.

\*SB 118 to provide for special motor vehicle license plates for recipients of the silver star medal, distinguished service cross, navy cross, air force cross, distinguished flying cross, bronze star medal with valor device, or the bronze star medal passed unanimously.

\*SB 22 to revise provisions regarding the vacation or the change of location of county and township highways up school and public lands.

\*SB 48 to revise the General Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2012.

\*SB 189 to provide a designation on non-driver identification cards, driver licenses, and permits that the card holder or licensee are honorably discharged veterans.

\*SB 176 to establish a pro-

gram to assist rural health care facilities in recruiting health care professionals and to repeal provisions regarding recruitment incentive payments for health care professionals.

\*SB 177 to establish a program to assist rural communities to recruit health care professionals and to repeal provisions regarding the physician, the midlevel, and the dental tuition reimbursement programs.

\*SB 192 to make appropriations for the purpose of one-time increases in education and health care funding.

\*SB 184 to make an appropriation to fund tax refunds for elderly persons and persons with a disability to revise the income eligibility requirements for property tax and sales tax refunds, and to declare an emergency.

\*SB 185 to make appropriations from the water and environment fund, the water pollution control revolving fund sub-fund, and the drinking water revolving fund sub-fund for various water and environmental purposes, to revise the state water plan, to authorize the construction and establish the state cost share for the Belle Fourche irrigation upgrade project, and to declare an emergency.

\*SB 191 to provide for authorization to offer postsecondary education services in South Dakota.

\*SB 123 to revise how the taxes are applied to rural electric companies.

\*SB 174 to increase the 911 emergency surcharge, to revise the collection and distribution of the surcharge revenue, to provide for point of sale collection of the prepaid wireless 911 emergency surcharge, and to provide funding for the upgrade of 911 emergency services.

\*SB 186 to update the definition of the non-sectorized textbooks that are loaned to students to include digital materials.

This is the last week of the 2012 legislative session, which ends March 3rd. The final day of session is Veto Day on March 3rd. After session you can email me at [betty.olson@state.sd.us](mailto:betty.olson@state.sd.us) or call me at 605-856-2804. Information about bills and legislators can be found at <http://legis.state.sd.us/>

## FREE TAX PREPARATION

Take advantage of Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)

JANUARY 23 - APRIL 17, 2012

At Four Bands Community Fund, 101 S. Main St., Eagle Butte

Call 605-864-3687

Supported by Four Bands Community Fund and Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal Veterans



## ~LIFELINE~

**For what? Discounted Telephone Service**

**How? If you currently have telephone service and you receive federal assistance from:**

- Medicaid
- Food Stamps
- Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA) or Section 8
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LHEAP)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Head Start (income eligible)
- Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) General Assistance
- Trinity Administered Temp. Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)
- National School Lunch Program's free lunch program
- Household income falls below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines

**For more information, call CRST Telephone Authority at (605) 964-2600**

**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 \$22.75 per month in discounts.

Eligible residents of Indian reservations or tribal lands can receive up to an additional \$25 in Lifeline support, but must pay at least \$1 for basic monthly service.

Link Up reduces the cost of initiating new telephone service. Eligible consumers can receive a 50% discount off of the one-time costs associated with initiating telephone service, up to a maximum of \$30. Eligible consumers also qualify for a deferred payment schedule for remaining costs of up to \$200.

Eligible low-income consumers living on tribal lands are eligible for an additional discount of up to \$70 to cover 100% of the charges between \$60 and \$130.

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 whether I am eligible?***

Eligibility for Lifeline, Link Up, and TLS support varies by state. Individuals who reside in states that have their own discount programs qualify for federal Lifeline, Link Up, and TLS support if they meet the eligibility criteria established by their state. In states that do not provide state support, an individual is eligible if he or she participates in one of the following programs:

- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance or Section 8
- Medicaid
- 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:*

**2011 Estimated Income Requirements for a Household at or  
Below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines**

<b>Persons in Family Unit</b>	<b>48 Contiguous States and D.C.</b>	<b>Alaska</b>	<b>Hawaii</b>
1	\$14,702	\$18,360	\$16,929
2	\$19,859	\$24,813	\$22,856
3	\$25,016	\$31,266	\$28,782
4	\$30,173	\$37,719	\$34,709
5	\$35,330	\$44,172	\$40,635
6	\$40,487	\$50,625	\$46,562
7	\$45,644	\$57,078	\$52,488
8	\$50,801	\$63,531	\$58,415
For each additional person, add	\$5,157	\$6,453	\$5,927

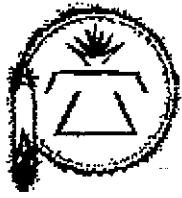
Residents of Indian reservations or tribal lands qualify if they participate in any of the programs listed above, have a household income that is at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines, or participate in one of these programs:

- Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) general assistance
- Head Start (income eligible)
- Tribal TANF

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

To apply for Lifeline, Link Up, and TLS discounts please contact 1-888-587-7035.

The Universal Service Administrative Company's (USAC) web site contains state-specific Lifeline information for many companies at [www.lifelinesupport.org](http://www.lifelinesupport.org)

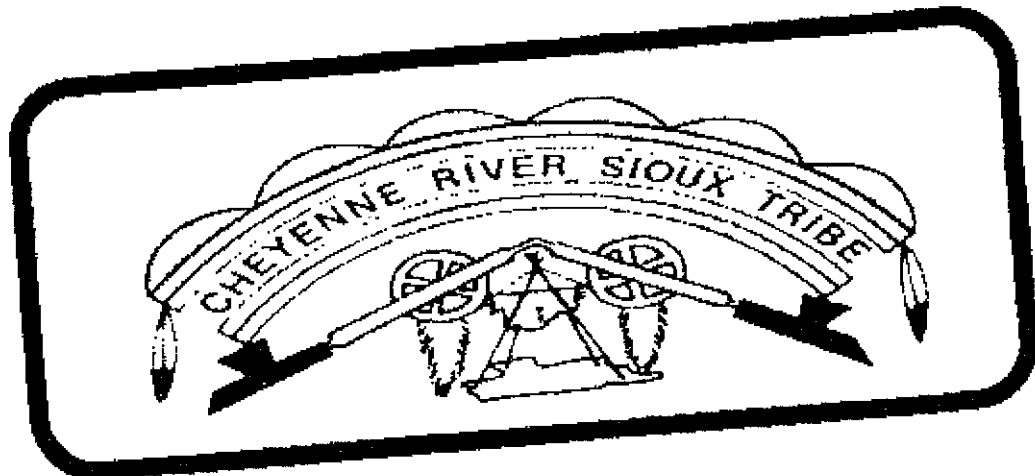


**C.R.S.T.  
Telephone Authority**

# Local Exchange Directory



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Windshield Doctor	964-7826
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Winyan Okiyapi Oti	964-8186
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Ziebach County Abstract	365-5247
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**Ziebach County**

Assessor	365-5129
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Attorney	365-5171
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Auditors	365-5157
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Clerk of Courts	365-5159
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Extension	365-5161
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Health	365-5170
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Register of Deeds	365-5165
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Sheriff	365-5177
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States Attorney	365-5172
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Treasurer	365-5173
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**TOLL FREE NUMBERS**

Dept. of Public Safety - Drivers Licensing	1-800-952-3696
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Dewey County Courthouse	1-800-894-3501
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Lakota Network Internet Help Desk	1-866-264-7802
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<del>LifeLine Backup</del>	<del>1-800-952-3696</del>
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Moreau Grand Electric Cooperative	1-800-952-3158
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WildBlue Technical Support	1-888-256-8372
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