

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

Company: Midstate Communications, Inc.

Address: 120 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street

P.O. Box 48

Kimball, SD 57355

Telephone number: (605) 778-6221

Company contact: Mark Benton, General Manager

Study Area Code: 391670

- X  Lifeline/Link Up 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.)
- X  Company's Lifeline/Link Up information in directory.
- X  Company's Lifeline/Link Up information available on Company website. ([www.midstatesd.net](http://www.midstatesd.net))
- X  Company's information posted on USAC website.
- X  Other (describe): See attached.
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\*Required

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

State of South Dakota

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County of Brule

Debi Ruiz of said county, being, first duly sworn, on oath, says: That she is the publisher of Central Dakota Times, a weekly newspaper, published in the City of Chamberlain, in said County of Brule, and State of South Dakota; that she 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 Brule and State of South Dakota, for at least one year next prior to the first publication of the attached public notice, and that the Universal Telephone Service

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 week(s) to wit:

April 13, 2011; \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_;
\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_;
\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_;

That the full amount of the fee charged for the publication of the attached public notice inures to the sole benefit of the publisher or publishers; 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:

\$ 95.20

Signed: Debi Ruiz

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of April, 2011.

Notary Public in and for the County of Brule, South Dakota



My commission expires June 5, 2014

Universal Telephone Service

Under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, "Universal Telephone Service" means basic telephone service is available to all consumers. Universal Telephone Service is voice grade access to the telecommunications network, including local usage, touch tone calling, single part service, access to emergency 911 services, access to operator services, access to directory assistance, access to long distance telephone service and discounted services to qualifying low income consumers.

Midstate's 2011 Charges For Universal Telephone Service Are:

- Basic monthly local residential service, not time limit on calls:
\* 726 Academy - \$19.95
\* 234 Chamberlain/Oacoma - \$19.95
\* 245 Fort Thompson - \$19.95
\* 778 Kimball - \$19.95
\* 894 Pukwana - \$19.95
\* 249 White Lake - \$19.95
\* 732 Stickney - \$19.95
\* 243 New Holland - \$19.95
\* 337 Platte/Geddes - \$19.95
\* 293 Gann Valley - \$19.95
\* 779 Delmont - \$19.95
Touch tone calling service - No additional charge.
Access to emergency service - No additional charge.
Access to operator services - No additional charge.
Access to directory assistance per call \$.65.
Access to long distance telephone companies - \$6.50.
Low income monthly discounts to qualifying consumers - \$8.25; Enhanced Lifeline is also available.
If you have any questions on Universal Services, please call Midstate Communications toll-free by dialing 1-888-214-1431.



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## Customer-Provided Equipment

Customer-provided equipment may not be attached to or connected with telephone facilities unless (1) it is registered or otherwise approved by the Federal Communications Commission (2) it meets the conditions set forth in the company's tariffs, and (3) advance notification is given to the telephone company, by the customer, of the type of equipment to be connected and the type of telephone company facility required to make the connections. These rules and tariffs are designed to meet the convenience of the customer and at the same time protect the telephone network against any possible hazards to customers and company employees.

The telephone companies will not maintain and may not be able to repair customer-provided equipment. A service charge may apply if the telephone company visits the premises of the customer and the service difficulty or trouble is found to have been caused by the customer-provided equipment or facilities.

If you have any questions concerning the use of customer-provided equipment, please contact your Business Office.

## Public Utilities Commission (PUC)

If the problem cannot be solved to your satisfaction, you may refer your complaint to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (SDPUC) at 500 East Capitol Ave, Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5070 or telephone 605-773-3201 or toll free 1-800-332-1782.

## Taxes

Federal law requires a 3 percent excise tax on telephone rental and long distance charges. These taxes are billed to all telephone users not specifically exempt by law. All taxes collected are remitted to the proper federal and state agencies.

## Allowance For Failure Of Service

The Telephone Companies do not guarantee uninterrupted working of its lines or equipment. In case service is interrupted otherwise than by the negligence or willful act of the subscriber, an adjustment will, upon application by a subscriber, be made in the amount of charges for such service, equipment, and facilities furnished as are rendered useless or inoperative. Any adjustment shall

apply only to the period the interruption continues beyond 24 hours after notice of the interruption is received by the Telephone Companies. No other liability shall in any case attach to the Telephone Companies.

## Billing And Payment For Service

If you desire assistance or explanation regarding your bill, please call the Business Office.

## National Do Not Call Registry

The federal government created the National Do Not Call Registry to make it easier and more efficient for you to stop getting most telemarketing sales calls you don't want. You can register online at [www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov) if you have an active email address, or you can call toll-free, 1-888-382-1222 (TTY 1-866-290-4236), from the number you wish to register. Registration is free and your number will stay in the registry until it is disconnected, or until you delete it from the registry.

If you receive telemarketing calls after you have registered your telephone number and it has been in the registry for three months, you can file a complaint at [www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov) or by calling 1-888-382-1222 (TTY 1-866-290-4236). You will have to know the company's name or phone number to file a "do not call" complaint.

## Annoying, Obscene, And Threatening Calls

If you get an annoying, obscene, or threatening call, hang up immediately. See page 23 for instructions on using Customer Originated Trace. Threatening calls should be reported immediately to the police. Obscene or harassing calls are prohibited by federal and state laws. A person who makes or permits such calls to be made over a telephone under his/her control may be fined or imprisoned, or both.

## Telephone Assistance Programs

### Low Income Assistance Available to Telephone Subscribers

Santel Communications and Midstate Communications/Midstate Telecom are authorized to offer Lifeline and Link-up to our customers. Lifeline and Link-up are federal telephone assistance programs. To be eligible for either of these programs, the applicant must participate in at least one of the following public assistance programs: Free Reduced School Lunch Program, Food Stamps, Federal Public Housing Assistance, Low-Income Home Energy Assistance, Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), or meet poverty level income guidelines.

Lifeline provides eligible subscribers with a credit of \$8.25 each month on the basic service portion of their telephone bill. The discount 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 installation charges for their basic home telephone service. The reduction is 50% of the applicable charges or \$30, whichever is less. It does not cover the cost of wiring inside the home and is limited to one time per home address per subscriber.

### Tribal Lifeline/Link-Up

The Tribal Lifeline program provides a reduction in monthly charges to telephone customers who live on tribal lands and are currently receiving benefits from a qualifying public assistance program.

The Tribal Link-Up program provides a reduction in connection charges to telephone customers who live on tribal lands and are currently receiving benefits from a qualifying public assistance program.

For more information, call Midstate Customer Service at: 605-778-6221, 605-234-8000, or 1-888-214-1431

Email: [midstate@midstatesd.net](mailto:midstate@midstatesd.net)

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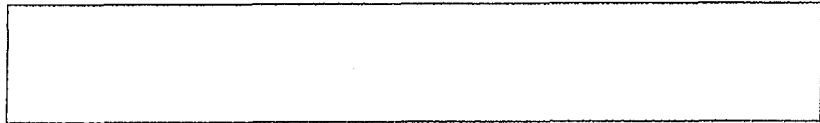
Santel Communications Customer Service at:

1-888-978-7777, 605-796-4411, or 777 from any Santel Exchange

Email: [info@santel.net](mailto:info@santel.net)

For more information, you may also contact: [www.lifelinesupport.org](http://www.lifelinesupport.org)

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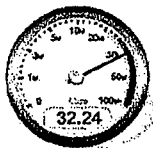
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## Lifeline-linkup Assistance

No one should be without telephone service because they can't afford it. Access to a telephone provides access to vital emergency services and community resources. If you need help paying for your telephone services, there is help. You may qualify for Lifeline or Link Up programs through Midstate Communications if you receive benefits such as Food Stamps, Medicaid, or other similar programs. You can save money and stay connected with Midstate Communications and Lifeline and Link Up.

### 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. 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.

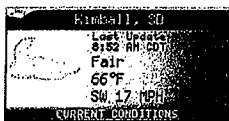
Link Up reduces the cost of initiating new telephone service. Eligible consumers can receive a 50% discount off of the one-time costs associated with initiating telephone service, up to a maximum of \$30. Eligible consumers also qualify for a deferred payment schedule for remaining costs of up to \$200.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

### Eligibility

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



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**Income Requirements**

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In addition, a consumer may be eligible if his or her household income is at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines. 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

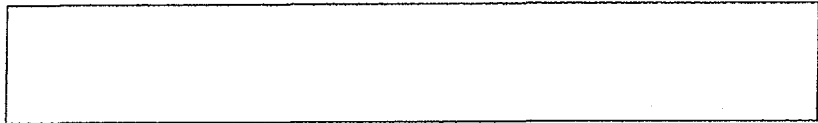


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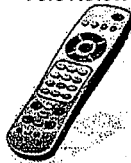
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**Tribal Lifeline-linkup Assistance**

Lifeline-linkup provides reduced monthly charges to telephone subscribers who qualify. Qualifying customers can receive basic phone service for as low as \$1.00 per month.

Items covered by the \$1.00 Lifeline portion of the program include basic one-party telephone service equipped with touch-tone and toll restriction (if requested). Not covered are second lines, leased equipment, long distance calls, 911 surcharge, the CIF or hearing impaired fund, taxes and optional calling features like Call Waiting and Caller ID.

**Linkup**

Provides reduced connection charges to telephone subscribers who qualify. The credit applies on the main home telephone line listed in the name of the eligible telephone subscriber.

The reduction is up to \$100 (50% of the first \$60 and 100% of 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.

Those qualifying for Enhanced Lifeline Program will also qualify for the Link-Up Program which provides reduced connection charges to telephone subscribers who qualify.

**Eligibility**

Applicants must live on tribal lands and participate in at least one of the following public assistance programs to qualify:

- Food Stamps
- Medicaid
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program
- BIA General Assistance Programs
- Tribally Administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
- Head Start (Meeting Income Test)
- National School Lunch Program
- Income-Based Criterion (income at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines)

\*\* Participating members and members of the qualified member's household MUST:



- 1). Be in good standing as a member of the Midstate Communications Cooperative.
- 2). Be current in all payments to Midstate Communications. Customers will be approved on an individual basis upon receipt of properly filed forms.

"Tribal Land" for purposes of the Enhanced Lifeline and Link-Up Assistance Programs includes the BIA definitions of "reservation." The term "reservation" means any federally recognized Indian Tribe's reservation, Pueblo, or Colony, and Indian Allotments.

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**Peggy Reinesch**

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**From:** USAC Outreach [outreach@usac.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 03, 2012 2:50 PM  
**To:** Peggy Reinesch  
**Subject:** RE: website

Dear Ms. Reinesch,

Thank you for contacting USAC. The [www.lifelinesupport.org](http://www.lifelinesupport.org) tool is currently unavailable while USAC makes changes and updates to reflect the changes in the Lifeline Program made in the Lifeline Reform Order ([FCC 12-11](#)). Also, the Lifeline Support page is not an official document.

I would suggest using the FCC Filings – LI03 Eligible Telecommunications Carriers. This is an excel spreadsheet USAC files with the Federal Communications Commission every quarter and contains a list of all eligible telecommunications carriers by state. Just go to the [FCC Filings](#), select the quarter you want, and located the excel file LI03 – LI03 Eligible Telecommunications Carriers. The FCC Filings are available in the footer of every page on USAC’s website.

Sincerely,

Pip

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**From:** Peggy Reinesch [<mailto:Peggy@midstaff.net>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 03, 2012 3:36 PM  
**To:** USAC Outreach  
**Subject:** website

Hi,  
As part of our ETC certification each year, we go to your website and print it out (<http://lifelinesupport.org/li/low-income/lifelinesupport/browser/default.aspx>) to show that we offer the lifeline support. I am not able to find it on your new website. Can you tell me where I need to go to get that? Thank you.  
Peggy Reinesch  
Office Manager  
Midstate Communications, Inc.

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Study Area Code		ILEC	State
391405	HILLS TELEPHONE COMPANY-IA	Y	SD
391640	GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE, INC.	Y	SD
391642	ALLIANCE COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE, INC	Y	SD
391647	CHEYENNE RIVER SIOUX TRIBE TELEPHONE AUTHORITY	Y	SD
391649	CITY OF BERESFORD	Y	SD
391650	CITY OF BROOKINGS TELEPHONE FUND	Y	SD
391652	KNOLOGY COMMUNITY TELEPHONE INC	Y	SD
391653	CITY OF FAITH MUNICIPAL TELEPHONE COMPANY	Y	SD
391654	INTERSTATE TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE, INC.	Y	SD
391657	ALLIANCE COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE, INC	Y	SD
391659	GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE, INC.	Y	SD
391660	MT. RUSHMORE TEL. CO.	Y	SD
391664	JAMES VALLEY COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY	Y	SD
391666	JEFFERSON TELEPHONE COMPANY LLC	Y	SD
391667	GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE, INC.	Y	SD
391668	KENNEBEC TELEPHONE CO., INC.	Y	SD
391669	TRIOTEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	Y	SD
391670	MIDSTATE COMMUNICATIONS, INC	Y	SD
391671	WEST RIVER TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE	Y	SD
391674	ROBERTS COUNTY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION	Y	SD
391676	SANTEL COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE	Y	SD
391677	GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE, INC.	Y	SD
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391682	TRIOTEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	Y	SD
391684	GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE, INC.	Y	SD
391685	VALLEY TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION, INC.	Y	SD
391686	GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE, INC.	Y	SD
391688	WESTERN TELEPHONE COMPANY	Y	SD
391689	WEST RIVER COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY	Y	SD
395145	QWEST CORPORATION	Y	SD
399001	ALLTEL COMMUNICATIONS	N	SD
399003	RURAL CELLULAR CORPORATION	N	SD
399005	MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS	N	SD
399006	KNOLOGY OF THE BLACK HILLS, LLC	N	SD
399009	CITY OF BROOKINGS TELEPHONE FUND	N	SD
399010	RC COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	N	SD
399011	MIDSTATE TELECOM, INC.	N	SD
399012	LONG LINES METRO, LLC	N	SD
399013	SSTELECOM, INC.	N	SD
399014	JAMES VALLEY WIRELESS, LLC	N	SD
399015	CINGULAR WIRELESS	N	SD
399016	LONG LINES WIRELESS, LLC	N	SD
399017	NORTHERN VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS LLC	N	SD
399018	VERIZON WIRELESS	N	SD



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Dear Customer:

The Public Utilities Commission (PUC) requires that we notify our customers on an annual basis of the Lifeline Link-up Assistance program. We have enclosed the paperwork explaining eligibility for this program as well as the application. Please review this information and if you qualify for the assistance please complete the application and return it to us with the documentation of the program you are participating in. Examples of documentation would be a copy of the food stamp EBT card if you qualify for food stamps, a copy of the Medicaid card in your name or a copy of the fuel assistance letter if you qualify for the Home Energy Assistance program. Each program has a document of proof that we would need to see as verification that you are eligible.

If you have questions about Lifeline or Link-up, the application form or your telephone service, please contact us at 778-6221 or 234-8000 for more information.

Sincerely,  
MIDSTATE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

Mark D. Benton  
General Manager

MDB/jt

Enclosures

# NOTICE

## TO ALL MIDSTATE COMMUNICATIONS, INC. CUSTOMERS

Recent changes brought about by the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 have resulted in the introduction as of January 1, 1998, of new low-income assistance programs in South Dakota. Effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, low-income subscribers may qualify to receive reduced monthly and installation charges for basic telephone service. Details regarding the Lifeline and Link-Up programs are included on the reverse side of this notice.

If you, as a subscriber, qualify, you may complete the enclosed application form and return it along with the appropriate documentation to our office at: Midstate Communications, Inc., 120 E First St., PO Box 48, Kimball, SD 57355-0048

It is required in signing and submitting the application that you certify under penalty of perjury that you, in fact, qualify for Lifeline and Link-Up benefits, and if, at any time, you become ineligible, you will notify Midstate Communications Inc.

Please read the enclosed materials carefully. If you have any questions regarding these programs, call Midstate Communications, Inc. at (605)778-6221 or 1-888-214-1431.

### LOW-INCOME ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Midstate Communications, Inc. is authorized to provide two federal telephone assistance programs 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. The Link-Up program provides reduced connection charges to telephone subscribers who live on tribal land and qualify.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Telephone service must be in the applicant's name. The applicant must participate in at least one of the following public assistance programs to be eligible:

- Low Income Individuals Living on Tribal Land
- National School Lunch Program's Free lunch program
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (formerly Food Stamps)
- Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF) or Tribal TANF
- Federal Housing Assistance
- Medicaid
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance
- Individual's whose household income is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines

### WHAT DO THE PROGRAMS PROVIDE?

**Lifeline** provides eligible subscribers with a credit of \$9.25 each month on the basic service portion of their telephone bill. If you participate in any of the above programs and reside on tribal reservation lands you may be eligible for an additional discount. 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 tribal 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.

### HOW DO I APPLY?

If you meet the eligibility requirements, completely fill out and sign the enclosed application form and mail it along with the appropriate documentation to: MIDSTATE COMMUNICATIONS INC., PO Box 48, Kimball SD 57355-0048.

### COULD I BECOME INELIGIBLE?

When you no longer participate in any of the qualifying public assistance programs, you are no longer eligible for Lifeline or Link-Up. You are obligated by law to notify Midstate Communications, Inc. and advise the company that you are no longer eligible for Lifeline and Link-Up. Periodic audits may be performed to verify ongoing eligibility.

If you have questions about Lifeline or Link-Up, the application form or your telephone service, contact Midstate Communications, Inc. at (605)778-6221 or 1-888-214-1431 for more information.

## Lifeline and Link-Up Assistance Application

(Please Print)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Telephone Number (If active service): ( ) - Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_

Number where you can be reached or receive messages: ( ) - (area code & 7-digit number)

Please answer the following questions (check appropriate lines):

1. I am applying for: \_\_\_\_\_ Lifeline monthly telephone service discount  
\_\_\_\_\_ Link-Up telephone connection charge discount (for tribal members only)

Note: Telephone Service MUST be in applicant's name.

2. I am an individual living on "Tribal Land." (name of tribal land) \_\_\_\_\_  
*"An eligible resident of Tribal lands" for purposes of the Lifeline and Link-Up Assistance Programs is a qualifying low-income consumer living on a reservation. A "reservation" is defined as any federally recognized Indian Tribe's reservation, pueblo, or colony, and Indian Allotments.*

3. I am currently receiving assistance benefits from at least one of the following programs(s): (documentation req.)  
*Check all that apply*

	Examined by (Midstate Employee)	Date
_____ Medicaid (e.g. Title XIX/Medical, State Supplemental Assistance)	_____	_____
_____ Supplemental Nutrition Assist Program (formerly Food Stamps)	_____	_____
_____ Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	_____	_____
_____ Federal Public Housing Assistance	_____	_____
_____ Low-Income Home Energy Assistance	_____	_____
_____ Bureau Of Indian Affairs (BIA) general assistance program	_____	_____
_____ Temporary Assistance for Needy Families or Tribal TANF	_____	_____
_____ Tribal Head Start (meeting income qualifying standards)	_____	_____
_____ National School Lunch Program's free lunch program	_____	_____

4. OR,  
\_\_\_\_\_ My household income is at or below 135 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. (documentation req.) \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to notify Midstate Communications, Inc. when I no longer participate in any of the above qualifying public assistance programs.

I certify under penalty of perjury the above information is true. I have read the information on this application and understand I must meet the above qualifications to receive Lifeline and/or Link-Up assistance on my primary residential line.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Your Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Social Security Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

In Lieu of paying a deposit for telephone service, I elect to restrict my service to local service only or restricted long distance toll. I hereby release Midstate Communications, Inc. from all claims and liability including personal injury, caused by my election to receive local service only or restricted toll.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Your Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**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>
<b>1</b>	<b>\$15,080</b>	<b>\$18,860</b>	<b>\$17,361</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>20,426</b>	<b>25,542</b>	<b>23,504</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>25,772</b>	<b>32,225</b>	<b>29,646</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>31,118</b>	<b>38,907</b>	<b>35,789</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>36,464</b>	<b>45,590</b>	<b>41,931</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>41,810</b>	<b>52,272</b>	<b>48,074</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>47,156</b>	<b>58,955</b>	<b>54,216</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>52,502</b>	<b>65,637</b>	<b>60,359</b>
<b>For each additional person, add</b>	<b>5,346</b>	<b>6,683</b>	<b>6,143</b>

**SELF-CERTIFICATION FOR LIFELINE/LINK UP APPLICANTS  
QUALIFYING UNDER INCOME-BASED CRITERION**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, certify under penalty of perjury that I qualify for Lifeline/Link Up 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 my telecommunications provider accurately represents the annual income of all members of my household.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_