

**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
LIFELINE/TRIBAL LINK UP ADVERTISING/OUTREACH  
ANNUAL REPORT  
JULY 1, 2016**

Company: Valley Telecommunications Cooperative Association, Inc.

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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.\* (See attached letter.)
- Company's Lifeline/Tribal Link Up information in directory.
- Company's Lifeline/Tribal Link Up information available on Company website. ( [www.valleytel.net](http://www.valleytel.net) )
- Company's information posted on USAC website.
- Other (describe): \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Region T1**

**The "Lifeline" Telephone Assistance Plan is available to Valley Customers.**

You may qualify for a discount of \$9.25 on your telephone bill if you participate in any of the following programs, or meet income guidelines...

This benefit can only be received on either wireless or landline telephone service. The customer can only receive one Lifeline subsidy.

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (Food Stamps)
- Federal Housing Assistance (Section 8)
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance
- Medicaid (Title XIX/Medical)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- National School Lunch (NSL) free lunch program



**Call Valley's Business Office at 437-2615 for details.**

**Region B2**

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Cooperative**

**PO Box 7 – 102 Main St S  
Herreid, SD 57632-0007  
Ph: 605.437.2615 – Fax: 605.437.2220**

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**The Home Team Advantage.**

Dear Customer:

Valley Telecommunications participates in the Lifeline Telephone assistance program. Lifeline assistance is available if the subscriber, one or more of the subscriber's dependents or the subscribers' household receives benefits from one of the following qualifying federal assistance programs:

- Medicaid
- SNAP - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (formerly Food Stamps)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance
- Low Income Housing Energy Assistance
- Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF)
- National School Lunch (NSL) free lunch program.

Or

- Individuals whose household income is at or below 135 percent of the Federal Poverty. Guidelines are also eligible for Lifeline assistance.

If you are eligible for Lifeline assistance under any of the programs listed above, please complete the enclosed application.

If you qualify for Lifeline assistance based on household income, please complete the enclosed application and Income Certification Form, attach the required documentation\* and return it to our office in the enclosed return envelope.

\*Documentation of income eligibility includes the previous year's state or federal tax return, a current income statement from an employer or paycheck stub, a Social Security statement of benefits, or other such official documents. If your documentation does not cover an entire year, please provide three consecutive month's worth of the same type of document. Please note that *income* is all income actually received by all members of the household. Income includes salary before deductions for taxes, public assistance benefits, Social Security payments, pensions, unemployment compensation, veteran's benefits, inheritances, alimony, child support payments, worker's compensation benefits, gifts and lottery winnings. The only exceptions are student financial aid, military housing and cost-of-living allowances and irregular income from occasional small jobs such as baby-sitting or lawn mowing.

If you require assistance completing the forms, please feel free to stop by our office at 102 Main St in Herreid or you may contact our business office at 437-2615 and we will be happy to assist you.

Please note that Federal Communications Commission (FCC) guidelines require telephone companies, like ours, to annually verify a sample of Lifeline customers' for continued eligibility in the program. You may be required to complete the application and/or provide additional information on a yearly basis for random sampling purposes. This benefit can only be received on either wireless or landline telephone service. Each customer can only receive one Lifeline subsidy.



**URGENT!**  
Please sign  
and return  
immediately!

## **Consent to Provide Lifeline Subscriber Information to the National Lifeline Accountability Database**

The Federal Communications Commission has established the National Lifeline Accountability Database ("Database") to detect and prevent consumers from receiving more than one discounted telephone service under the federal Lifeline program.

Under federal law, Valley Telecommunications is required to check/query this Database prior to signing up Lifeline subscribers and is also required to provide to the federal administrator of this Database the following information regarding each new and existing Lifeline subscriber:

- The Lifeline subscriber's full name;
- The Lifeline subscriber's full residential Address;
- The Lifeline subscriber's date of birth;
- The last four digits of the Lifeline subscriber's Social Security number or Tribal Identification Number (if the subscriber is a Tribal member and does not have a Social Security number);
- The telephone number associated with the Lifeline service;
- The date on which the Lifeline service was initiated;
- The date on which the Lifeline service was terminated (if applicable);
- The amount of Lifeline service support being sought for the subscriber;
- The means through which the subscriber qualified for Lifeline service (income or program-based, Medicaid, etc.).

The above information related to your Lifeline service is being provided by Valley Telecommunications to the federal administrator (the "Universal Service Administrative Company" and/or its agents) of the National Lifeline Accountability Database to verify that you, as a Lifeline applicant and/or subscriber, are not receiving more than one Lifeline benefit, and to otherwise ensure proper administration of the Lifeline program.

I, the Lifeline applicant/subscriber, acknowledge that Valley Telecommunications will transmit to the federal administrator of the National Lifeline Accountability Database the above-referenced information about my Lifeline account and/or service for inclusion into the Database, and hereby consent to transmission of the information for purposes allowed by law relating to administration of the Lifeline program.

I further understand that a failure to provide this consent to release my Lifeline account and/or service information to the federal administrator for inclusion in the National Lifeline Accountability Database will result in a denial of or de-enrollment from Lifeline service.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## Lifeline Assistance Certification Form

(Please Print or Type)

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

Residential Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Do not use a P.O. Box address.)

Is your residential address a permanent address? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If different from residential address.)

Social Security Number (last four digits): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (if existing service)

Telephone number where you can be reached or receive messages: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently receiving Lifeline assistance through any other telephone provider? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

I, one or more of my dependents or my household currently participate in one or more of the following programs:  
(Check all that apply. Proof of eligibility is required, please include with application.)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Medicaid (e.g. Title XIX/Medical State Supplemental Assistance)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as Food Stamps)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Low-Income Energy Home Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- \_\_\_\_\_ National School Lunch Program's Free Lunch Program

### **OR**

\_\_\_\_\_ My household income is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. The number of individuals in my household is: \_\_\_\_\_.

If not currently participating in one or more of the programs listed above, I qualify for Lifeline because my household income does not exceed 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (see table below).

2016 Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines

Number in Residence	135% Guideline (Annual)	Number in Residence	135% Guideline (Annual)
1	\$16,038	5	\$38,394
2	\$21,627	6	\$43,983
3	\$27,216	7	\$49,586
4	\$32,805	8	\$55,202

For each additional person after 8, add \$5,616 to the annual guideline.

\*\*\*\*Please note that there is more information needed on the back of this page.\*\*\*\*

## Important Information

Lifeline is a federal government assistance benefit and willfully making false statements to obtain the benefit can result in fines, imprisonment, de-enrollment, or being barred from the program.

Only one Lifeline service is available per household. A household is defined, for the purposes of the Lifeline program, as any individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address as one economic unit. An "economic unit" consists of all adult individuals contributing to and sharing in the income and expenses of a household. A household may include related and unrelated persons. A household is not permitted to receive Lifeline benefits from multiple providers. Violation of the one-per-household limitation constitutes a violation of the Federal Communications Commission's rules and will result in your de-enrollment from the program. Lifeline is a non-transferable benefit and you may not transfer your benefit to any other person.

### I certify, under penalty of perjury, that:

- (1) I meet the income-based or program-based eligibility criteria for receiving Lifeline, provided in 47 C.F.R. § 54.409;
- (2) I will notify the carrier within 30 days if, for any reason, I no longer satisfy the criteria for receiving Lifeline including, as relevant, if I no longer meet the income-based or program-based criteria for receiving Lifeline support, I am receiving more than one Lifeline benefit, or another member of my household is receiving a Lifeline benefit;
- (3) If I move to a new address, I will provide that new address to the telephone company within 30 days;
- (4) If I provided a temporary residential address to the telephone company, I will meet requirement to verify my temporary residential address every 90 days;
- (5) My household will receive only one Lifeline service and, to the best of my knowledge, my household is not already receiving a Lifeline service;
- (6) The individual named on the documentation provided previously to demonstrate program-based eligibility, if not me, is part of my household.
- (7) I acknowledge that I may be required to re-certify my continued eligibility for Lifeline at any time, and my failure to re-certify as to my continued eligibility will result in de-enrollment and the termination of my Lifeline benefits pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.405(e)(4);
- (8) I acknowledge that providing false or fraudulent information to receive Lifeline benefits is punishable by law; and
- (9) The information contained in this Re-Certification Form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*Return this completed Re-Certification form to Valley Telecommunications. The company will contact you if any additional information is needed to prove your continued eligibility.*

For more information about Lifeline, see [www.PUC.SD.gov/Lifeline](http://www.PUC.SD.gov/Lifeline)

Dear Customer,

If you qualify for the Lifeline discount based on *income* criteria, you **MUST** complete this form. If you qualify based on *program* criteria, you **DO NOT** need to complete this form.

Customer Name	Customer Telephone Number	Date	Time
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**\*\*Please complete the following section and return to Valley with supporting income documentation. The documentation will be verified and certified, and may be returned to you upon your request.**

**Self Certification for Lifeline Under Income-Based Criteria**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, certify under penalty of perjury that I qualify  
*(Customer requesting Lifeline/Link-up Assistance)*

for Lifeline 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 Valley Telecommunications Coop., Assn., Inc. accurately represents the annual income of all members of my household. I agree to notify Valley Telecommunications Coop., Assn., Inc., if/when I no longer qualify for Lifeline Assistance under the income based criteria. I certify that neither I, nor anyone else in my household, is currently receiving Lifeline program benefits for wireless or traditional telephone service and I understand the program rules state that no qualifying Consumer is permitted to receive more than one Lifeline subsidy concurrently.

Customer's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Customer's Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the following information for all household members, including yourself.

FULL NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	AMOUNT OF INCOME CONTRIBUTED TO HOUSEHOLD	SOURCE OF INCOME
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

(FOR COMPANY USE ONLY – CUSTOMER DO NOT COMPLETE)

**Company Certification for Receipt of Income Supporting Documentation**

I acknowledge that Valley Telecommunications Coop., Assn., Inc. has received self-certification and income documentation from the applicant as listed above. I certify that the documentation provided by this applicant is proprietary and for the sole purpose of verifying income-based eligibility in the Lifeline telephone assistance programs.

Customer Service Representative, Valley Telecommunications Coop., Assn., Inc.

Witness

Date and Time

Date and Time

**Lifeline Income Based Self-Certification**  
**Income Certification and Company Certification for Receipt of Income Documentation**

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## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Telephone service must be in the applicants name. The subscriber, one or more of the subscriber's dependants or the subscriber's household must receive benefits from one of the qualifying federal assistance programs (documentation required):

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
- Federal Housing Assistance (Section 8)
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance
- Medicaid (Title XIX/Medical, State Supplemental Assistance)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- National School Lunch (NSL) free lunch program

## OTHER WAYS TO QUALIFY

A recent FCC ruling has added an additional eligibility criterion that is purely "income-based," and is not tied to subscriber participation in the previously mentioned government assistance programs. You are now eligible to participate in Lifeline if the your income is at ,or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

Size of Family Unit	2016 Req.
1	\$16,038
2	\$21,627
3	\$27,216
4	\$32,805
5	\$38,394
6	\$43,983
7	\$49,586
8	\$55,202

For Each Additional Person, Add \$ 5,616

## THE TRANSITION TO DIGITAL TV

After June 12, 2009, a television receiver with only an analog broadcast tuner will require a converter box to receive full power over-the-air broadcasts with an antenna because of the Nation's transition to digital broadcasting.

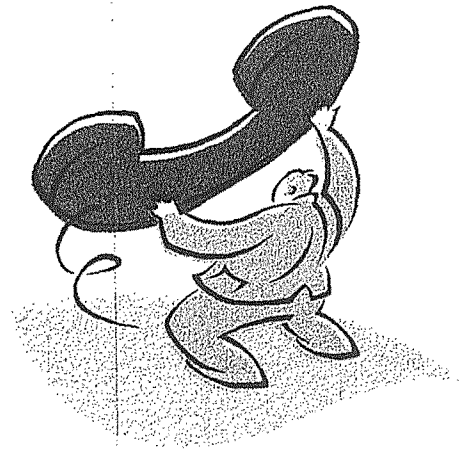
Analog-only TVs should continue to work as before to receive low power, Class A or translator television stations and with cable and satellite TV services, gaming consoles, VCRs, DVD players and similar products.

The DTV transition will have no effect on Valley Video TV subscribers. Analog sets not connected to a cable/video tv service may need additional equipment (i.e. converter box) or may have to be replaced.

Information about the DTV transition is available from [www.DTV.gov](http://www.DTV.gov) and from [www.dtv2009.gov](http://www.dtv2009.gov) or 1-888-DTV-2009.

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## LIFELINE AND LINK-UP TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



# VALLEY

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# WHAT IS LIFELINE?

## THE PROGRAM

Changes brought about by the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 have resulted in the introduction of low-income assistance programs in South Dakota. Low-income subscribers may qualify to receive reduced monthly and installation charges for basic telephone service.

Valley Telecommunications Cooperative Assn, 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 a reduction in basic monthly telephone service of \$9.25. The credit applies to the main home telephone line listed in the name of the subscriber. Lifeline subscribers may also receive blocking of long distance calls on their telephone line at no charge.

## INCOME CERTIFICATION

If you qualify under the income-based eligibility criteria, and wish to apply for Lifeline Assistance, you must provide our office with supporting documentation of income.\* Acceptable documentation of income eligibility includes the prior year's state, federal, or tribal tax return, a current income statements from an employer or paycheck stub, a Social Security statement of benefits, a Veterans Administration statement of benefits, a retirement/pension statement of benefits, and Unemployment/Workmen's Compensation statement of benefits, federal notice of letter of participation in General Assistance, a divorce decree, child support, or other official document. (Subsection 54.410(a))

*"Income for eligibility requirements is defined to include: "all income actually received by all members of the household." Income is considered "gross" income, prior to taxes. Exceptions to income include student financial aid, military housing, and cost of living allowances, and irregular income from occasional small jobs.*

**\*\*\*This benefit can only be received on either wireless or landline telephone service. Each customer can only receive one subsidy.\*\***

## COULD I BECOME INELIGIBLE?

If you no longer participate in any of the qualifying public assistance programs, you are no longer eligible for telephone assistance under the program based criteria.

By signing and submitting the application, 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 Valley Telecommunications Cooperative Assn., Inc.

In addition, Valley's compliance with the FCC Regulations will include annual verification of eligibility of program participants. Verification procedures may include random beneficiary audits, periodic submission of documents, or annual self-certification.

## HOW DO I APPLY?

If you meet the eligibility requirements, completely fill out and sign the application form provided with this brochure (include documentation) and mail it to:

Valley Telecommunications Cooperative

PO Box 7

Herreid SD 57632-0007

If you are applying for assistance under the income-based criteria, you must also include the supporting documentation of income as indicated.



## Telephone Assistance Programs

Changes brought about by the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 have resulted in the introduction of low-income assistance programs in South Dakota. Low-income subscribers may qualify to receive reduced monthly and installation charges for basic telephone service.

Valley Telecommunications Cooperative Assn., Inc. is authorized to provide the federal telephone assistance program that was developed in response to concerns about the affordability of telephone service for low-income citizens.

The **Lifeline** program provides a reduction in basic monthly telephone service of \$9.25. The credit applies to the main home telephone line listed in the name of the subscriber. Lifeline subscribers may also receive blocking of long distance calls on their telephone line at no charge.

**Telephone service must be in the applicant's name.** The subscriber, one or more of the subscriber's dependants or the subscriber's household must receive benefits from one of the following qualifying federal assistance programs:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
- Federal Housing Assistance (Section 8)
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance
- Medicaid (Title XIX/Medical, State Supplemental Assistance)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- National School Lunch (NSL) free lunch program



### Other ways to qualify

A recent FCC ruling has added an additional eligibility criterion that is purely "income-based," and is not tied to subscriber participation in the previously mentioned government assistance programs. You are now eligible to participate in Lifeline if your income is at, or below, 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

Size of Family Unit	2016 Requirements
1	\$16,038
2	\$21,627
3	\$27,216
4	\$32,805
5	\$38,394
6	\$43,983
7	\$49,586
8	\$55,202
For each additional person add:	\$ 5,616

### Income Certification

If you qualify under the income-based eligibility criterion, and wish to apply for Lifeline Assistance, you must provide our office with supporting documentation of income.\* Acceptable documentation of income eligibility includes the prior year's state, federal, or tribal tax return, a current income statement from an employer or a paycheck stub (at least 2 months), a Social Security statement of benefits, a Veterans Administration statement of benefits, a retirement/pension statement of benefits, an Unemployment/Worker's Compensation statement of benefits, federal notice of letter of participation in General Assistance, a divorce decree, child support, or other official documentation. (Subsection 54.410(1)).

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Telephone Services



*(Continued) Telephone Assistance Programs*

**Could I become ineligible?**

If you no longer participate in any of the qualifying public assistance programs, you are no longer eligible for telephone assistance under the program based criterion. In addition, if the Benefit Qualifying Person is no longer eligible for assistance and you DO NOT meet the income guidelines, you are no longer eligible.

By signing and submitting the application, you certify under penalty of perjury that you, in fact, qualify for Lifeline benefits, and if, at any time, you become ineligible, you will notify Valley Telecommunications Cooperative Assn., Inc.

In addition, Valley's compliance with the FCC Regulations will include annual verification of eligibility of program participants. Verification procedures include annual recertification.

**How do I apply?**

If you meet the eligibility requirements, completely fill out and sign the application form provided and mail it to:

Valley Telecommunications Cooperative  
PO Box 7  
Herreid, SD 57632

Telephone Services

If you are applying for assistance under the income-based criterion, you must also include the supporting documentation of income as indicated.

# Lifeline Assistance Application

(Please Print)

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

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

Valley Telco Assigned Telephone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Number where you can be reached: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number (last 4 digits): \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: TELEPHONE SERVICE MUST BE IN APPLICANT'S NAME.**

1. I am currently participating in the following program(s):  
(check all that apply-proof of eligibility is required)

- Medicaid (ex. Title XIX/Medical, State Supplemental Assistance)  
 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (Food Stamps)  
 Supplemental Security Income (SSI)  
 Federal Public Housing Assistance  
 Low-Income Home Energy Assistance  
 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)  
 National School Lunch (NSL) free lunch program

OR

2.  My household income is at or below 135 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. (documentation required)

I agree to notify Valley Telecommunications Cooperative Assn., Inc. if/when I no longer qualify based on the above criteria.

**I certify under penalty of perjury the above information is true. I have read the information on this application and understand that I must meet at least one of the above qualifications to receive Lifeline assistance on my primary residential telephone line. I certify that neither I, nor anyone else in my household, is currently receiving Lifeline program benefits for wireless or traditional telephone service and I understand the program rules state that no qualifying consumer is permitted to receive more than one Lifeline subsidy concurrently.**

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE PLAN



## The Program

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Valley Telecommunications Coop. Assn., Inc. is authorized to provide the federal telephone assistance program that was developed in response to concerns about the affordability of telephone service for low-income citizens.

## Lifeline

The Lifeline program provides a reduction in basic monthly telephone service of \$9.25\*. The credit applies to the main home telephone line listed in the name of the subscriber. Lifeline subscribers may also receive blocking of long distance calls on their telephone line at no additional charge.

\* May be subject to change by the FCC.

\* This benefit can only be received on either wireless or land-line telephone service. Each customer can receive only one subsidy.

## Who is Eligible?

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## Other Ways to Qualify

A recent FCC ruling has added an additional eligibility criterion that is purely "income based", and is not tied to subscriber participation in the previously mentioned government assistance programs. You are now eligible to participate in Lifeline if your income is at, or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. Current guidelines may be obtained by contacting Valley Telecommunications Coop. Assn., Inc. or visit [www.universalservice.org](http://www.universalservice.org).

## Income Certification

If you qualify under the income-based eligibility criterion, and wish to apply for Lifeline Assistance, you must provide our office with supporting documentation of income.\* Acceptable documentation of income eligibility includes the prior year's state, federal, or tribal tax return, a current income statement from an employer or a paycheck stub (at least 2 months), a Social Security statement of benefits, a Veterans Administration statement of benefits, a retirement/pension statement of benefits, an Unemployment/Worker's Compensation statement of benefits, federal notice of letter of participation in General Assistance, a divorce decree, child support, or other official documentation. (Subsection 54.410(1)).

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## Could I become ineligible?

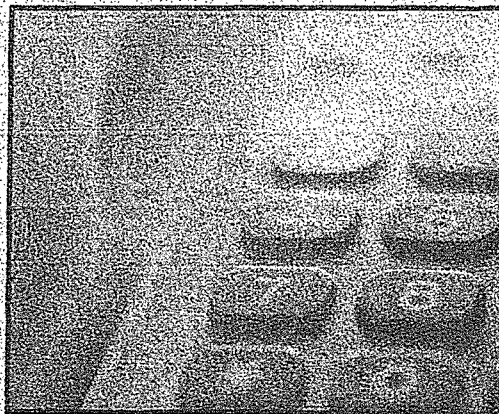
If you no longer participate in any of the qualifying public assistance programs, you are no longer eligible for telephone assistance under the program based criteria. In addition, if the Benefit Qualifying Person is no longer eligible for assistance and you DO NOT meet the income guidelines, you are no longer eligible.

By signing and submitting the application, you certify under penalty of perjury that you, in fact, qualify for Lifeline benefits, and if, at any time, you become ineligible, you will notify Valley Telecommunications Coop. Assn., Inc.

In addition, Valley's compliance with the FCC Regulations will include annual verification of eligibility of program participants. Verification procedures include re-certification.

## How to Apply

Contact Valley Telecommunications Coop. Assn., Inc. to obtain an application and income certification and verification form and provide all supporting documentation to Valley's business office at: PO Box 7, 102 Main St. S., Herreid, SD 57632; or call 437-2615.





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- [Donation/Sponsorship Application](#)
- [Lifeline Application](#)
- [Total Maintenance Plans](#)

### Policies

- [Telephone Collection Policy \(Board Policy No. 108\)](#)
- [Video, Internet, and Wireless Collection Policy \(Board Policy No. 108-A\)](#)
- [Account/Service Activation Policy \(Board Policy No. 108-B\)](#)
- [Valley Internet Terms and Conditions \(Board Policy No. 117\)](#)
- [Social Media Policy](#)
- [Network Management Practices Policy Disclosure](#)
- [2015 HAC Compatibility for Wireless Devices](#)
- [Customer Proprietary Network Information \(CPNI\)](#)
- [Statement of Non-Discrimination](#)

Valley is committed to providing quality services that exceed our customers' expectations with our services, and our customer service. We will provide a company atmosphere that promotes continued growth and prosperity of our employees, company and community.

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**605.437.2615**

Write:  
P.O. Box 7, 102 Main St. S  
Herreid, SD 57632

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**INVOICE**

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 Invoice Date: Jun 11, 2015  
 Page: 1

<b>Bill To:</b>
VALLEY TELECOMMUNICATIONS PO BOX 7 HERREID, SD 57632

<b>Customer ID</b>	<b>Customer PO</b>	<b>Payment Terms</b>	
V001		Due at end of Month	
<b>Sales Rep ID</b>	<b>Shipping Method</b>	<b>Ship Date</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
	Airborne		6/30/15

Quantity	Item	Description	Unit Price	Amount
1.00	AD	UNIVERSAL TELEPHONE SERVICE	148.88	148.88
		<i>Vendor - 328</i>		
		<i>Ac 1.6722 (163)</i>		

Subtotal	148.88
Sales Tax	
Total Invoice Amount	148.88
Payment/Credit Applied	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>148.88</b>

Check/Credit Memo No:

Call today to pay your bill with a credit card.

# Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
COUNTY OF CAMPBELL

} ss:

I, Leah Burke, being first duly sworn under oath say: the Prairie Pioneer is a legal weekly newspaper of general circulation as required by South Dakota Codified Laws, and any acts amendatory thereto, published to Allan and Leah Burke in said county and state, and has been such legal newspaper during the time hereinafter mentioned; that during all of said time as an employee or officer of said newspaper, I have had personal knowledge of the facts stated in this affidavit; that the advertisement headed:

Universal Telephone Service

A printed copy of which is hereto attached, was printed and published in said newspaper for... successive weeks upon the following dates, to wit:

..... 6/11, 20 15 ..... , 20 .....  
..... , 20 ..... , 20 .....  
..... , 20 ..... , 20 .....  
..... , 20 ..... , 20 .....  
..... , 20 ..... , 20 .....

That the full amount of the fees charged for publishing the same to wit: the sum of 4.148<sup>88</sup>

inures solely to the benefit of the publishers of said newspaper; that no agreement or understanding for any division of this sum has been made with any other person; and that no part of said sum has been agreed to be paid to any person whomsoever.

Leah Burke

subscribed and sworn to before me this

24 day of June, 20 15

Lisa Ptacek

LISA PTACEK  
Notary Public  
State of North Dakota  
My Commission Expires Oct. 28, 2020

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Federal Universal Service Charge <i>(FUSC Charge will change on July 1, 2015)</i>	17.40% (changes quarterly)
Federal Access Charge <i>Flat rate prescribed by Federal Communications Commission</i>	\$6.50
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# McPherson County Herald

P.O. Box 170  
Leola, SD 57456

Phone: 605-439-3131  
Fax: 605-439-5315  
Email: herald@valleytel.net

Bill to:

Valley Communications  
PO Box 7  
Herreid, SD 57632

JUN 30 2014

Date	Size	Description	Unit Price	Total
10-3-12	4x5	Coop Month	60.00	60.00
10-10-12	4x5	Coop Month ... / 15% Disc.	51.00	111.00
10-23-12		1 Year Subscription	29.00	140.00
10-24-12	3x4.5	CheckOut The Game Ad ... / 15% Dis.	34.42	174.42
11-8-12		Payment	174.42	
11-7-12	3x5	Open House Ad	45.00	45.00
11-15-12	Holiday Sponsor	Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years	30.00	75.00
12-30-12		Payment	75.00	
12-5-12	Legal	Federal Lifeline Notice	36.00	36.00
12-19-12	3x3.5	Gift Ideas Ad	31.50	67.50
1-7-13		Payment	67.50	
2-13-13	3x4	Telikin Ad	36.00	36.00
3-6-13	Legal	Notice of Forfeiture Ad	36.00	72.00
4-8-13		Payment	72.00	
5-15-13	3x4	Summer Vacation is Coming Ad	36.00	36.00
6-10-13		Payment	36.00	
6-12-13	2x5.5 / Legal	Universal Telephone Service Ad	33.00	33.00
6-19-13	3x4	Free Voice Service Ad	36.00	69.00
7-11-13		Payment	69.00	
9-11-13	3x4	Tailgate Party Ad	36.00	36.00
10-4-13		Payment	36.00	
11-5-13	Sponsor	Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years	30.00	30.00
12-2-13		Payment	30.00	
12-4*11*18-13	Classified Ad	Help Wanted / CSR	23.70	23.70
12-11*-13	3x4.5	High Speed Internet Ad	40.50	64.20
12-11-13	3x3.5	Last Minute Gifts Ideas Ad	31.50	95.70
12-18-13	Legal / 2x6.5	Federal Lifeline Notices	39.00	134.70
1-9-14		Payment	134.70	
2-26-14	3x4.5	Device Training Ad	40.50	40.50
3-6-14		Payment	40.50	
3-26 & 4-2-14	3x4	Device Training Ad	72.00	72.00
4-3-14		Payment	72.00	
6-11-14	2x7 / Legal	Universal Telephone Service	42.00	42.00
		Balance Due		\$42.00

Vendor - 329  
Ac 1.6613 (62)

# Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA )  
 ) ss.  
 County of McPherson )

[Signature] of said county and State, being first duly sworn, on oath says: That the McPherson County Herald is a weekly newspaper of general circulation, and a legal newspaper as defined by Section 7070, 1919 Revised Code printed and published in Leola in said County

and State by [Signature] and has been such newspaper during the time hereinafter mentioned, and that

I, [Signature] the undersigned am publisher of said newspaper, in charge of the advertising department thereof, and have personal knowledge of all facts stated in this affidavit, and that the advertisement headed:

Valley Teleco  
Universal Telephone  
Service

a printed copy of which is hereto attached was printed and published in the said newspaper for 1 successive issues, to-wit: The first publication being made on

June 11, 2014

the second on \_\_\_\_\_  
 the third on \_\_\_\_\_  
 the fourth on \_\_\_\_\_  
 the fifth on \_\_\_\_\_  
 the sixth on \_\_\_\_\_

That the full amount of the fees charged for publishing the same,

to-wit: the sum of \$ 42.00 inures solely to the benefit of the publisher of the McPherson County Herald. That no agreement or understanding of any division thereof has been made with any person and that no part thereof has been agreed to be paid to any person whomsoever.

[Signature]  
 JODI L. KALLAS  
 NOTARY PUBLIC  
 SOUTH DAKOTA  
 Publisher

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25 day of June, 2014

[Signature]  
 Jodi L. Kallas  
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# GIBSON PUBLISHING

PO BOX 7  
 419 5th Ave.  
 Ipswich, SD 57451

## Invoice

Date	Invoice #
6/10/2015	39044

<b>Bill To</b>
Valley Cable & Satellite PO Box 7 Herreid, SD 57632

P.O. No.	Terms	Project

Description	Column Inch	Amount
Tribune ad (Universal Service)	13	36.40
R-H.Independent ad (Universal Service)	13	36.40
<p>Vendor-342                      Ac 1.6722 (V62)</p>		

<b>Subtotal</b>		\$72.80
<b>Sales Tax (6.0%)</b>		\$0.00
<b>Total</b>		\$72.80
<b>Payments/Credits</b>		\$0.00
<b>Balance Due</b>		\$72.80

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

State of South Dakota )
) SS
County of Edmunds )

D.E. Gibson of said county, being, first duly sworn on oath says: That he is the publisher or an employee of the publisher of the Roscoe-Hosmer Independent, a weekly newspaper, published in the City of Ipswich, in said County of Edmunds, and State of South Dakota; that he 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 Edmunds and State of South Dakota, for at least one year next prior to the first publication of the attached public notice, and that the advertisement headed

.....
VALLEY TELECOMMUNICATIONS
.....

.....
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 issues.

The First publication being made on the ...10..... day of ...June..., 2015.

The Second publication being made on the ..... day of ....., 20....

The Third publication being made on the ..... day of ....., 20....

The Fourth publication being made on the ..... day of ....., 20....

The Fifth publication being made on the ..... day of ....., 20....

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

..... Thirty-six ..... Dollars and

..... forty ..... cents (\$..36..40...)

Signed: [Signature] .....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ...1..... day of ...July..., 20...15..

[Signature]

Notary Public - Edmunds County, South Dakota

My commission expires February 28, 2019

Fragment of a newspaper page showing dates: SATURDAY, JUNE 13; Your Friend; June 12; FRIDAY, JUNE 13; am - Parade; am - Kids Inflatables; First Baptist; Vendors; Drinks; Pizza; Fr; N; Sat; 9; 426-6

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Roscoe Hoerner



AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

State of South Dakota )
) SS
County of Edmunds )

D.E. Gibson of said county, being, first duly sworn on oath says: That he is the publisher or an employee of the publisher of the Ipswich Tribune, a weekly newspaper, published in the City of Ipswich, in said County of Edmunds, and State of South Dakota; that he 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 Edmunds and State of South Dakota, for at least one year next prior to the first publication of the attached public notice, and that the advertisement headed

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.....Thirty-six.....Dollars and
.....forty.....cents (\$.....36.40.....)

Signed:.....[Signature].....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this .....1..... day of .....July....., 20.....15

.....[Signature].....

Notary Public - Edmunds County, South Dakota

My commission expires February 26, 2019



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Ipswich Tribune



PO Box 250  
 1413 East Grand Crossing • Moberidge, SD 57601-0250  
 845-3646 • 800-594-9418

Valley Telco % Accounting Dept  
 PO Box 7  
 102 Main St. S  
 Herreid, SD 57632  
 US

Transaction Period: 6/1/2015 - 6/30/2015

Advertiser Number: 3386  
 Billing Date: 6/30/2015  
 Due Date: 7/10/2015  
**Amount Due: \$113.75**  
 Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please detach top portion and return with your payment.

**STATEMENT**

Moberidge Tribune/Reminder						6/30/2015
Date	Ref No.	Transaction	Details	Debit	Credit	
Balance Forward:				\$80.00		
6/4/2015	144080	Check	41298		\$80.00	
6/12/2015	146080	Invoice	Universal Telephone Service	\$113.75		
		6/10/2015 TRIB	2 x 6.5	\$113.75		
			Display Ad: ROP: Universal Telephone Service			

Valley Telco % Accounting Dept  
 Advertiser No: 3386  
 No. of TearSheets: 1

AGING				
Current	1 - 30	31 - 60	61 - 90	91+
\$113.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Balance Forward: \$80.00  
 Debits: \$113.75  
 Credits: \$80.00  
**Amount Due: \$113.75**

JUN 30 2015

A fee of 1.5% will be imposed on all balances that are past due.  
 Please make checks payable to: Moberidge Tribune.

Thank you for advertising with our paper!

Vendor - 484  
 Ac 1.6722 (163)