

## **EXHIBIT B**

### **Letter to Customers**

**Phone Discounts for Low-Income Users**

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**Link -Up:**

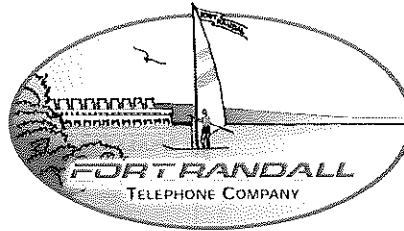
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Persons in Family Unit      48 Contiguous State and D.C.

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- Lifeline is available on only one line per household.
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