

**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
LIFELINE/TRIBAL LINK UP ADVERTISING/OUTREACH
ANNUAL REPORT
JULY 1, 2018**

Company: TrioTel Communications, Inc.

Address: 330 S. Nebraska St.
PO Box 630
Salem, South Dakota 57058

Telephone number: 605-425-2238

Company contact: Heather Kranz

Study Area Code: 391669 and 391682

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 within 1st 30 days of service.* (See attached letter.)
- ✓ Company's Lifeline/Tribal Link Up information in directory.
- ✓ Company's Lifeline/Tribal Link Up information available on Company website. www.triotel.net
- ✓ Company's information posted on USAC website.

Other (describe):

*Required

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P.O. Box 128
CANISTOTA, SD 57012-0128

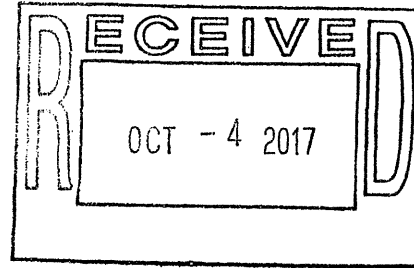
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DATE	INVOICE #
9/30/2017	77720

For correct application to your account, please put invoice number on remittance check.

BILL TO
TrioTel Communications, Inc. P.O.Box 630 Salem, SD 57058

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TELEPHONE #	TERMS	A/P EMAIL:
605-296-3181	Due on receipt	donna@andersonpublications.com

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
Advertising	Church page, Alex & Emery, 4 wks September	4	8.00	32.00
Advertising	1x4.5 Annual Meeting, Alex & Emery, 9/14	2	18.00	36.00
Advertising	Notice of Basic Rates, Alex & Emery, 9/14	2	13.86	27.72
Advertising	Offering Lifeline Program, Alex & Emery, 9/14	2	14.53	29.06
Advertising	Nondiscrimination Policy, Alex & Emery, 9/14	2	21.97	43.94
Advertising	2x3 Service Charge Notice, Alex & Emery, 9/28	2	24.00	48.00

We now accept credit cards.	Total	\$216.72
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A Finance Charge of 1.5% per month will be added to all invoices after 30 days. If you feel this invoice is in error, please call us at 605-296-3181.	Publisher of The Canistota Clipper, Montrose Herald, Minnehaha Messenger, Marion Record, Alexandria Herald, Emery Enterprise, Hometown Shopper, Shopping Guide and member of Eastern SD Peach.
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Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)
:SS
COUNTY OF HANSON:)

The undersigned, being first duly sworn, on his oath says: THE EMERY ENTERPRISE is a weekly newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in the City of Emery, Hanson County, South Dakota, by MATT ANDERSON, and has been such a newspaper during the times hereinafter mentioned: that is has a bona fide circulation of more than 200 copies weekly; that is has been published within said county of Hanson in the English language and admitted to the United States mail under the second class mailing privilege for more than one year next prior to the publication of the notice hereinafter mentioned, and has been printed during such period and at the present time in part in an office maintained at the said place of a publication: that I, the undersigned, am either the publisher@ or an employee of the said publisher@ of said newspaper and have personal knowledge of all the facts stated in the affidavit: that the advertisement headed

Trio-Tel Lifeline Program

a printed copy of which is hereto attached, was printed and published in the said newspaper for one (1) successive weeks; that said notice was published in the issues of said paper on the dates as follows, to wit:

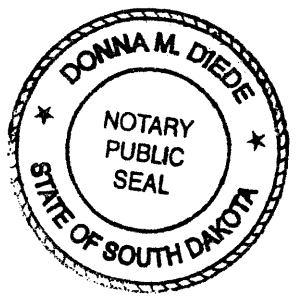
The first publication be made on 9-14-17
The second publication on _____
The third publication on _____
The fourth publication on _____

that 14.53 Being the full amount of the fee for publication of the annexed notice, insured solely to the benefit of the publisher of the said newspaper, that no agreement or understanding for the division thereof have been made with any other person who-sever, and that said newspaper is a local newspaper under the law of the state of South Dakota.

Matt Anderson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15
day of September 2017

Donna M. Diede
Notary Public, South Dakota



My commission expires 2/10/2022

TrioTel Offers Lifeline Program

The Lifeline Program is a government assistance program that lowers the cost of telephone and bundled broadband services meeting minimum standards for eligible low-income consumers by \$9.25 per month. Customers can qualify for one service per household if their income is at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines or by participation in one of the following programs:

- Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8)
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), f/k/a Food Stamps
- Medicaid
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Veteran's Pension and Survivor Benefit

Applicants will be required to provide proof of eligibility and recertify their eligibility annually. By applying for and receiving the Lifeline Discount, subscribers agree to remain with their service provider for 60 days for voice services and 12 months for broadband services.

Toll Blocking service prevents the placement of all long distance calls for which a subscriber would be charged. Toll blocking is available to eligible consumers at no cost.

To apply for this low-income assistance, please contact TrioTel Communications, Inc. at 605-425-2238.

Published once, at an approximate cost of \$14.53.

09-14-17 1tc

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The undersigned, being first duly sworn, on his oath says: THE ALEXANDRIA HERALD is a weekly newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in the City of Alexandria, Hanson County, South Dakota, by MATT ANDERSON, and has been such a newspaper during the times hereinafter mentioned: that it has a bona fide circulation of more than 200 copies weekly; that it has been published within said county of Hanson in the English language and admitted to the United States mail under the second class mailing privilege for more than one year next prior to the publication of the notice hereinafter mentioned, and has been printed during such period and at the present time in part in an office maintained at the said place of a publication: that I, the undersigned, am either the publisher@ or an employee of the said publisher@ of said newspaper and have personal knowledge of all the facts stated in the affidavit: that the advertisement headed

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Trio-Tel offers Lifeline

a printed copy of which is hereto attached, was printed and published in the said newspaper for ONE(1) successive weeks; that said notice was published in the issues of said paper on the dates as follows, to wit:

The first publication be made on 9-14-17

The second publication on _____

The third publication on _____

The fourth publication on _____

that \$14.53 Being the full amount of the fee for publication of the annexed notice, insured solely to the benefit of the publisher of the said newspaper, that no agreement or understanding for the division thereof have been made with any other person who-sever, and that said newspaper is a local newspaper under the law of the state of South Dakota.

Matt Anderson

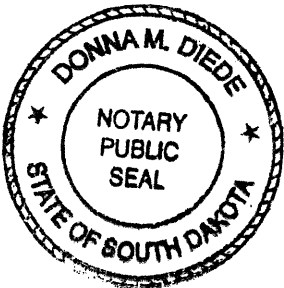
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15

day of September 2017

Donna M Diede

Notary Public, South Dakota

My commission expires 2/10/2022





Salem Special

135 S Main St
PO Box 220
Salem, SD 57058-0220

Invoice

Invoice #
34796



TrioTel Communications Inc
PO Box 630
Salem SD 57058

Phone # 605-425-2361
Fax # 605-425-2547
E-mail tschwans@triotel.net

Date	Item Code	Description	Col Inch...	Rate	Amount
9/1/2017	SPONS...	Sponsorship on 2017-18 McCook Central/Montrose Athletic Programs		45.00	45.00
9/7/2017	CHURCH	Church Page Ad - Salem Special (4 weeks @ \$3.50/wk.)		14.00	14.00
9/12/2017	LEGAL1	ETC Legal Notice in Country Trader	39	0.38	14.82
9/12/2017	LEGAL1	Lifeline Program Legal Notice in Country Trader	40	0.38	15.20
9/12/2017	LEGAL1	Statement of Non Discrimination Legal Notice in Country Trader	62	0.38	23.56
9/14/2017	LEGAL1	ETC Legal Notice in Salem Special	39	0.38	14.82
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9/14/2017	LEGAL1	Statement of Non Discrimination Legal Notice in Salem Special	62	0.38	23.56
9/14/2017	DASS	Annual Meeting Notice in Salem Special	5.25	3.75	19.69
9/28/2017	DASS	FUSC Notice in Salem Special	9	3.75	33.75
		Sales Tax (Advertising is tax exempt)		6.50%	0.00

Thank you for your business.

Total \$219.60

Past due accounts may be charged 2% monthly, \$2.00 minimum.

Terms (Net 30)

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)

)SS

COUNTY OF McCOOK)

TROY SCHWANS of said County and State, being first duly sworn on his oath, says THE COUNTRY TRADER is a weekly newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in Salem, McCook County and State of South Dakota, and has been such newspaper during the times hereinafter mentioned; that the said newspaper is a legal newspaper, that it has a bonafide circulation of more than 200 copies weekly, that it has been published within said County of McCook for more than fifty-two successive weeks prior to the publication of the notice hereinafter mentioned and has been printed during said period and at the present time, in whole in an office maintained at said place of publication; and that I, the undersigned, am publisher or employee of said newspaper, in charge of the advertising department thereof, and have personal knowledge of all facts in this affidavit;

Public Notice

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To apply for this low-income assistance, please contact TrioTel Communications, Inc. at 605-425-2238.

that the advertisement headed Public Notice

a printed copy of which is hereto attached, was printed and published in the newspaper for . . . weeks; that said notice was published in the issues of said paper on the dates as follows, to wit:

- The first publication being made on 9/12, 2017
- the second publication on, 20
- the third publication on, 20
- the fourth publication on, 20
- the fifth publication on, 20
- the sixth publication on, 20
- and the last publication on, 20

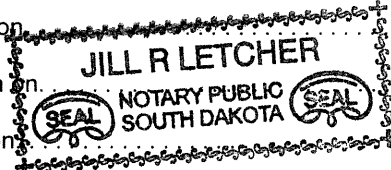
that \$ 15.20 . . . being the full amount of the fees for publication of the annexed notice, insures solely to the benefit of the publisher of the said newspaper; that no agreement or understanding for a division thereof has been made with any person; and that no part thereof has been agreed to be paid to any person who may sever.

Troy Schwans
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th

day of October, 20 17

Jill R Letcher
Notary Public, McCook County

My commission expires 12/17/20



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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)

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COUNTY OF McCOOK)



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TROY SCHWANS of said County and State, being first duly sworn on his oath, says THE SALEM SPECIAL is a weekly newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in Salem, McCook County and State of South Dakota, and has been such newspaper during the times hereinafter mentioned; that the said newspaper is a legal newspaper, that it has a bonafide circulation of more than 200 copies weekly, that it has been published within said County of McCook for more than fifty-two successive weeks prior to the publication of the notice hereinafter mentioned and has been printed during said period and at the present time, in whole in an office maintained at said place of publication; and that I, the undersigned, am publisher or employee of said newspaper, in charge of the advertising department thereof, and have personal knowledge of all facts in this affidavit;

that the advertisement headed *Public Notice*

a printed copy of which is hereto attached, was printed and published in the newspaper for . . . weeks; that said notice was published in the issues of said paper on the dates as follows, to wit:

- The first publication being made on *9/14, 2017*
- the second publication on,20
- the third publication on,20
- the fourth publication on *JILL R. LETCHER*,20
- the fifth publication on *JILL R. LETCHER*,20
- the sixth publication on,20
- and the last publication on,20

that \$ *15.20* . . being the full amount of the fees for publication of the annexed notice, insures solely to the benefit of the publisher of the said newspaper; that no agreement or understanding for a division thereof has been made with any person; and that no part thereof has been agreed to be paid to any person whatsoever.

Troy Schwans
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this *4th*

day of *October*,20 *17*

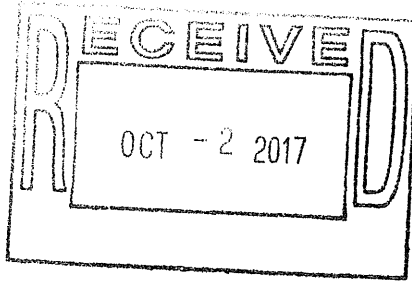
Jill R. Letcher
 Notary Public, *McCook* County

My commission expires *12/17/20*



Miner County Pioneer

120 South Main Street
PO Box # 220
Howard, SD 57349



Invoice

INVOICE #

29365

TrioTel Communications, Inc.
PO Box 630
Salem, SD 57058

Phone: (605) 772-5644
E-Mail: ads@minercountypioneer.com
Fax: (605) 772-5645

PUBLISHED DATE	ITEM	DESCRIPTION	RATE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT
9/14/2017	Adv	Statement of nondiscrimination	4.00	5	20.00
9/14/2017	Adv	Lifeline program	4.00	6	24.00
9/14/2017	Adv	Basic services	4.00	6	24.00
		Advertising Sales - Exempt	0.00%		0.00
				Total	\$68.00

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA, County of Miner: ss.

Carla Poulson of said County and State, being duly sworn, on her oath says: That the Miner County Pioneer is a legal newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in Howard, said County and State, by Carla Poulson, and has been such newspaper during the time hereinafter mentioned: and that I, Carla Poulson the undersigned, am publisher of said newspaper, in charge of the advertising department thereof, and have personal knowledge of all the facts stated in this affidavit, and that the advertisement or notice headed

Triotel - Lifeline

A printed copy of which is hereunto attached, was printed and published in the regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in a supplement, once each week for1..... successive weeks, the first publication being made on the14..... day of Sept 2014.

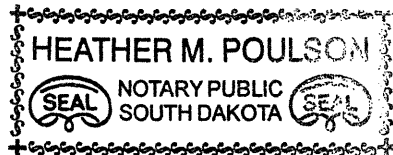
And the last publication on the day of 20.....
The first publication being made on the day of 20.....
The second publication being made on the day of 20.....
The third publication being made on the day of 20.....
The fourth publication being made on the day of 20.....
The fifth publication being made on the day of 20.....

That said newspaper is a legal newspaper, and has a bona fide circulation of more than two hundred copies weekly, and has been published within the County of Miner, for more than fifty-two successive weeks next prior to the first publication of said notice, and is printed in on office maintained in Howard, South Dakota, the place of publication of said newspaper. That the full amount of fees for publication of the annexed notice is \$20.00..... and insures solely to the benefit of said publisher; that no agreement or understanding for a division thereof has been made with any person and that no part thereof has been agreed to be paid to any person whomever

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Subscribed and sworn to me this9..... day of Oct 2014.

My commission expires the10..... day of Oct 2019.



The Lifeline program is a government assistance program that lowers the cost of telephone and bundled broadband services meeting minimum standards for eligible low-income consumers by \$9.25 per month. Customers can qualify for one service per household if their income is at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines or by participation in one of the following programs:

- Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8)
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- Medicaid
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Veteran's Pension and Survivor Benefit

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Notice to TrioTel Communications, Inc. Customers

Lifeline support is available from TrioTel Communications, Inc. This federal program provides discounts to eligible low-income consumers to help them establish and maintain telecommunication service.

Lifeline assistance lowers the cost of basic, monthly local telephone service and/or broadband service. Eligible consumers can receive \$9.25 per month in discounts. In addition, the Federal Universal Service Charge is not assessed to consumers participating in Lifeline.

Toll Blocking prevents the placement of all long distance calls for which a subscriber would be charged. Toll blocking is available to eligible consumers at no cost. Also, by choosing this option, consumers are usually not charged a deposit.

Customers are eligible if they, one of their dependents, or their household participate in one of the following programs:

- Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8)
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), f/k/a Food Stamps
- Medicaid
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Veteran's Pension or Survivors Pension

In addition, consumers are eligible if their household income is at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines.

TrioTel Communications, Inc.'s services are Lifeline-supported service. Only eligible consumers may enroll in the Lifeline program. Lifeline applicants must present documentation demonstrating eligibility either through participation in one of the qualifying federal assistance programs or through income-based means. Lifeline recipients are required to recertify their eligibility every year. The Lifeline program is limited to one benefit per household, consisting of either wireline or wireless service. A household is defined, for purposes of the Lifeline program, as an individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income expenses. Lifeline is a government benefit program, and consumers who willfully make false statements in order to obtain the benefit can be punished by fine or imprisonment or can be barred from the program.

To apply for this low-income assistance, please contact TrioTel Communications, Inc. at 605-425-2238, email heatherk@triotel.com or stop by our office at 330 S. Nebraska St., in Salem, SD.

Travel Information Statewide 511

South Dakota Department of Transportation and the South Dakota Highway Patrol provide travelers with a statewide, toll-free phone number for information about weather and road conditions. By dialing 5-1-1, users of cellular and land-based phones will receive up-to-date, location-specific road and weather information on any Interstate, US, or state highway in South Dakota and several adjoining states. If you are outside the state of South Dakota, travel information can be accessed by dialing 866-MYSD 511 (866-697-3511).

South Dakota
For statewide travel
information, call 511.

Lifeline Program

Lifeline telephone assistance is available for qualifying low-income subscribers providing the consumer is not already receiving Lifeline benefits from an alternate carrier (including wireless providers). This program provides for a monthly service discount on telephone service & allows subscribers to block or limit toll charges.

To qualify, a subscriber, one of the subscriber's dependents or their household must participate in or receive assistance from one of the following programs:

- Medicaid
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (Formerly Food Stamps)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA)
- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- National School Lunch Program (NSL) (Free Lunch Program)
- Household Income at or below 135% of Federal Poverty Guidelines

For further details, please call the business office at 611 or 605-425-2238.



National Relief Helplines

Financial Assistance for Families

- Child Support Enforcement: (888) 369-0323
- Free Bankruptcy Advice: (888) 734-2585
- Mortgage Relief Helpline: (888) 770-7312
- Debt Relief Helpline: (888) 790-1337
- Collection Complaint Hotline: (888) 752-3028
- Tax Relief Helpline: (888) 452-7841
- Student Loan Relief Helpline: (888) 856-2668
- Credit Score Improvement: (888) 537-4633

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