

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

Company: Valley Telecommunications Cooperative Association, Inc.

Address: PO Box 7 ~ 102 Main Street South

Herreid, SD 57632-0007

Telephone number: 605-437-2615

Company contact: Mindi Rueb or Marcia Huber

Study Area Code: 391685

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.valleytel.net)
- ☒ Company's information posted on USAC website.
- Other (describe): _____
- _____
- _____

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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 wireless or landline telephone service or broadband service.

The customer can only receive one Lifeline subsidy.

* Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (Food Stamps)

* Federal Housing Assistance (Section 8)

* Medicaid (Title XIX/Medical)

* Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

* Veterans Pension or Survivors Pension

OR

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

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



Region B2



The Home Team Advantage.

**Valley Telecommunications
Cooperative**

PO Box 7 – 102 Main St S

Herreid, SD 57632-0007

Ph: 605.437.2615 – Fax: 605.437.2220

www.valleytel.net

Dear Customer:

Valley Telecommunications participates in the Lifeline 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
- Veterans Pension or Survivors Pension

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 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 or broadband service. Each customer can only receive one Lifeline subsidy.



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**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 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



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Lifeline Household Worksheet

Lifeline Program support is a federal benefit that provides a monthly discount on home phone (i.e., landline phone) or cell phone service. Only one Lifeline Program-supported service per household is allowed under Federal law. Answer the questions on the following page to determine if there is more than one household living at your address, and if your household already receives a Lifeline Program benefit.

Providing false information on this form may result in losing your Lifeline Program-supported service and possible criminal penalties.

Your household is everyone who lives together at your address and contributes to, or shares in, the income and expenses of the household. Household expenses include food, health care expenses, and the cost of renting or paying a mortgage on your place of residence and utilities. Income includes salary, 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.

Members of a household are not permitted to receive more than one Lifeline Program-supported service. You are receiving a copy of this form because records indicate that more than one person at this address is receiving a Lifeline Program benefit. Each person at this address who receives a Lifeline Program benefit and has not yet completed and returned a household worksheet will receive a copy of this form, pre-populated with his/her name, address and telephone number.

If you **DO NOT** share income and expenses with the other adult(s) living at this address who receive Lifeline Program benefits, or there are no other adult(s) living at this address receiving Lifeline Program benefits, you **MUST STILL** sign this form to continue to receive your Lifeline Program benefit. If you fail to do so, you will be de-enrolled from your Lifeline Program benefit.

If you live with another adult(s) who shares income and expenses with you and who has a Lifeline Program benefit on his or her phone service, your household is receiving more than one Lifeline Program benefit. If so, you **MUST** take the following steps: (1) consult with the other adult(s) in your household currently receiving a Lifeline Program benefit and decide who will keep the Lifeline Program benefit for the household; and (2) the person who will keep the Lifeline Program benefit, **AND ONLY THAT PERSON** will fill out the form **IN FULL** and return it to his or her telephone service provider within 30 of days of the date of this communication. The telephone number listed on this form will be the number which will retain the Lifeline Program benefit.

If the **PERSON IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD WHO WISHES TO KEEP THE LIFELINE PROGRAM BENEFIT FOR THE ENTIRE HOUSEHOLD HAS ALREADY PROVIDED** a household worksheet to their service provider, then **NO FURTHER ACTION IS NECESSARY**. (The person named below does not need to sign and send this form to their Lifeline provider).

After 30 days of the date of this letter, all other subscribers at this address below who have not completed a household worksheet will **NO LONGER** have a Lifeline Program benefit.

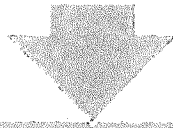
Name _____ Telephone Number _____

Address _____
Street Apt. City State Zip

1. Does your husband, wife, or domestic partner living at your address have a Lifeline Program-discounted phone service?

_____ **No.** Please answer question 2 below.

_____ **Yes.** If **YOU** are the person who will keep the Lifeline benefit, check **OPTION B** at the bottom and sign this form. If you are not keeping your Lifeline benefit, **DO NOT** submit this form.



2. Does another adult (age 18 or older, or emancipated minor) live with you AND have a Lifeline Program-discounted phone service?

_____ **No.** Please check **OPTION A** below and SIGN THIS FORM.

_____ **YES.** Please answer question 3 below.



3. Do you share expenses for bills, food, or other living expenses AND share income with the person in question #2?

_____ **No.** Please check **OPTION C** below and SIGN THIS FORM.

_____ **Yes.** If **YOU** are the person who will keep the Lifeline Program benefit, check **OPTION B** at the bottom and sign this form. If you are not keeping your Lifeline benefit, **DO NOT** submit this form.

Please check the box below for the one that applies to you:

OPTION A. [] No one in my household, other than myself, is currently receiving a Lifeline Program benefit and therefore I may continue to receive a Lifeline Program benefit.

OPTION B. [] There are others in my household that are currently receiving a Lifeline Program benefit; by signing this form, I will be the only member of this household to continue to receive a Lifeline Program benefit.

OPTION C. [] There are other adults who reside at the above listed address who receive a Lifeline Program benefit but do not share income and expenses with me, therefore since I am the only member in my household receiving a Lifeline Program benefit, I may continue to receive that benefit.

I certify that the information provided above is true. I understand that violating the one-per-household requirement is against the Federal Communications Commission's rules and I may lose my Lifeline Program benefits, and may be prosecuted by the United States government for violating the rules.

Signature _____ Date _____

Please return the signed form to Valley Telecommunications at PO Box 7 ~ Herreid, SD 57632

OR email: valley@valleytel.net OR FAX: 605.437.2220

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 provider? Yes _____ No _____

I am applying for (circle one): Telephone Discount Broadband Discount

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)
- _____ Veterans Pension or Survivors Pension

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).

2018 Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines

Number in Residence	135% Guideline (Annual)	Number in Residence	135% Guideline (Annual)
1	\$16,389	5	\$39,717
2	\$22,221	6	\$45,549
3	\$28,053	7	\$51,381
4	\$33,885	8	\$57,213

For each additional person after 8, add \$5,832 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

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-un 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

REV 05/25/12

Phone directory

TELEPHONE/BROADBAND ASSISTANCE PLAN



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 or broadband service.

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 and/or broadband for low-income citizens.

Lifeline

The Lifeline program provides a reduction in basic monthly telephone or broadband service of \$9.25*. The credit applies to the main account 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 or broadband service. Each customer can receive only one subsidy.

Who is Eligible?

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 federal assistance programs:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
- Federal Housing Assistance (Section 8)
- Veteran's Pension or Survivor's Pension
- Medicaid (Title XIX/Medical)
- State Supplemental Assistance)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

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.

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)).

"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.

Could I become ineligible?

If you no longer participate in any of the qualifying public assistance programs, you are no longer eligible for telephone/broadband 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 annual 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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- [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 \(Board Policy No. 117\)](#)
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- [2016 HAC Compatibility for Wireless Devices](#)
- [Customer Proprietary Network Information \(CPNI\)](#)
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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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Want to say hello?

Call:
605.437.2615

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

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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

Date	Size	Description	Unit Price	Total
7-23-14	3x3.25	HD/DVR Ad	29.25	29.25
8-4-14		Payment	29.25	
10-29-14	250 Inserts	Valley Smart Solutions	30.00	30.00
11-10-14		Payment	30.00	
12-10-14	2x6.5	Federal Lifeline Notice	39.00	39.00
12-24-14	2x5	Merry Christmas / New Year Ad	30.00	69.00
1-10-15		Payment	69.00	
2-18-15	2x5	Isoswich Open House	35.00	35.00
2-26-15		Payment	35.00	
6-10-15	Legal / 2x7	Universal Telephone Service	49.00	49.00
6-17-15	2x5	Keep An Eye Ad	35.00	84.00
7-2-15		Payment	84.00	
7-15*22-15	2x8.5	Help Wanted / IT/IS Sec. Cord. Ad	119.00	119.00
8-3-15		Payment	119.00	
9-2-15	3x7.75	Homecoming Carnival Ad	81.37	81.37
10-10-15		Payment	81.37	
10-7-15	Subscription	1 Year	29.00	29.00
11-2-15		Payment	29.00	
12-9-15	2x6	Federal Lifeline Notice	42.00	42.00
12-23-15	Legal / 1x4.5	Service Charge Notice	15.75	57.75
		Vendor - 333		
		AK 16735 (163)		
			Balance Due	\$57.75

Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

) SS.

County of McPherson.

_____ 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 _____ and has been such newspaper during the time hereinafter mentioned, and that

I, _____ 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:

Federal Lifeline Notice

a printed copy of which is hereto attached was printed and

published in the said newspaper for _____ successive issues, to-wit: The first publication being made on

December 9, 2015

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 \$ *40.00* 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.

JOY-L KALLAS
Notary Public
SEAL
South Dakota

Publisher

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *30* day of

December, 20 *15*

Joan K. Kallas
Notary Public

My commission expires

My Commission Expires 03-25-2019

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Federal Lifeline Notice

Valley Telecommunications Cooperative provides basic and enhanced telecommunications services within its service area. Basic Services are offered at the following rates:

Single Party Residence Service \$16.00/month
Single Party Business Service \$16.00/month

Eligible Lifeline telephony services provide voice grade access to the public switched telephone network or its functional equivalent, minutes of use for local service provided at no additional charge to end users; access to emergency 911 and enhanced 911 service to the extent the local government in an eligible carrier's service area has implemented 911 or enhanced 911 systems; and toll limitation at no charge to qualifying low-income consumers.

Lifeline telephone assistance programs are available for qualifying low-income subscribers, providing the consumer is not already receiving Lifeline benefits from an alternate carrier (including wireless providers). This program is provided for monthly service discounts on telephone service. To qualify, a subscriber, or one or more of the subscriber's dependents, or the subscriber's household must receive benefits from one of the following assistance programs: participate in Medicaid; participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (i/k/a the Food Stamps Program); participate in the Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF) program; participate in the National School Lunch (NSL) free lunch program; receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI); receive Federal Public Housing Assistance; receive Low Income Housing Energy Assistance; or have household income that is at or below 135 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. Toll blocking at no charge and reduced deposits are also available. Valley Telecommunications Cooperative's voice telephone service is a 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. The Lifeline program is limited to one benefit per household, consisting of either wireline or wireless service. 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. If an applying consumer is currently receiving Lifeline benefits from an alternate carrier (including a wireless provider), they will need to discontinue their benefits with the alternate carrier prior to receiving benefits from Valley Telecommunications.

The basic services described above are offered to all consumers in Valley Telecommunications's service area. If you have any questions regarding telecommunications services, please call Valley Telecommunications's business office at (605) 437-2615.



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Herreid SD 57632-0007
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Prairie Pioneer
Heartland Publishing, Inc.

PO BOX 218
POLLOCK, SD 57648-0218

Voice: 605-889-2320

Fax: 605-889-2361

email: pioneer@valleytel.net

Invoice Number: 46306
Invoice Date: Dec 22, 2016
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Bill To:

VALLEY TELECOMMUNICATIONS
PO BOX 7
HERREID, SD 57632

Customer ID

V001

Customer PO

Sales Rep ID

Shipping Method

Payment Terms

Due at end of Month

Ship Date

Due Date

12/31/16

Quantity	Item	Description	Unit Price	Amount
12.00	AD	FEDERAL LIFELINE NOTICE	7.65	91.80
1.00	DS-P	DISCOUNT	4.59	-4.59

Vendor - 338
AK 1.6748 (16.3)

Call today to pay your bill with a credit card.

	Subtotal	87.21
	Sales Tax	
	Total Invoice Amount	87.21
Check/Credit Memo No:	Payment/Credit Applied	
	TOTAL	87.21

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:

Federal Lifeline Notice

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

12/27, 2016 20
....., 20 20
....., 20 20
....., 20 20
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That the full amount of the fees charged for publishing the same to wit: the sum of 87.21

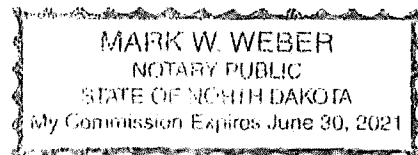
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Leah Burke

subscribed and sworn to before me this

27th day of December, 20 16

Mark W. Weber



Federal Lifeline Notice

Valley Telecommunications Cooperative provides basic and enhanced telecommunications services within its service area. Basic Services are offered at the following rates:

Single Party Residence Service \$18.00/month

Single Party Business Service \$18.00/month

Broadband Service is available, contact Valley for additional information.

Eligible Lifeline telephony services provide voice grade access to the public switched telephone network or its functional equivalent, minutes of use for local service provided at no additional charge to end users; access to emergency 911 and enhanced 911 service to the extent the local government in an eligible carrier's service area has implemented 911 or enhanced 911 systems; and toll limitation at no charge to qualifying low-income consumers. Broadband Service is an available Lifeline Service with minimum standards and benefit port freeze periods.

The Lifeline telephone assistance program provides monthly service discounts to qualifying low-income subscribers. To qualify, a subscriber, or one or more of the subscriber's dependents, or the subscriber's household must receive benefits and provide documentation from one of the following assistance programs: Medicaid; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP); Veteran's Pension and Survivor Benefit; Supplemental Security Income (SSI); Federal Public Housing Assistance; or have household income that is at or below 135 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. The Lifeline program is limited to one benefit per household, consisting of either wireline, wireless and/or broadband service. 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. If an applying consumer is currently receiving Lifeline benefits from an alternate carrier (including a wireless provider), they will need to discontinue their benefits with the alternate carrier prior to receiving benefits from Valley Telecommunications.

The basic services described above are offered to all consumers in Valley Telecommunications's service area. If you have any questions regarding telecommunications services, please call Valley Telecommunications's business office at (605) 437-2615.



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Herreid SD 57632-0007
www.valleytel.net

N.W. Blade
PO Box 797
Eureka, SD 57437 US
(605) 284-2631

Invoice

BILL TO
Valley Telco Cooperative
102 Main St. S.
PO Box 7
Herried, SD 57632

INVOICE #	DATE	TOTAL DUE	DUE DATE	TERMS	ENCLOSED
17750	12/01/2017	\$179.75	01/30/2018	Net 60	

ACTIVITY	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
Sports Poster Sponsor	1	65.00	65.00
12/14- Basketball Sports Poster Sponsor - regular size			
Display Ad	8	5.10	40.80
12/21- Merry Christmas!- Display Ad			
Display Ad	14.50	5.10	73.95
12/21- Federal Lifeline Notice- Display Ad			

Thank you for your business!

BALANCE DUE

\$179.75

Vendor - 339

A/c 1.6613 (162) - 105.80

A/c 1.6728 (162) - 73.95

Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

COUNTY OF WALWORTH

I, Breezy Kuehl, having first duly sworn under oath say: The Mobridge Tribune is a legal weekly newspaper of general circulation as required by South Dakota Code of Nineteen Hundred Thirty-Nine, and any acts amendatory thereto, printed and published by the Bridge City Publishing, Inc., in Mobridge, 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 Services

Valley Teleo

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

June 7th, June 12th, 2017

that the full amount of the fees charged for publishing the same to-wit: the sum of \$241.50 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

Breezy Kuehl

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of June 2017

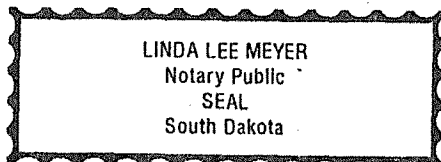
Linda Meyer

Linda Meyer, Notary Public

State of South Dakota

My commission expires October 28th, 2021

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Federal Universal Service Charge	17.4% (changes quarterly)
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<i>Fiat rate rescribed by Federal Communications Commission</i>	
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GIBSON PUBLISHING

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

Invoice

Date	Invoice #
5/7/2017	44843

Bill To
Valley Cable & Satellite PO Box 7 Herrid, SD 57632

P.O. No.	Terms	Project

Description	Column Inch	Amount
Tribune ad - Universal Service	14	39.90
R-H Independent ad - Universal Service	14	39.90
JUL 7 2017		
Vendor - 342		
A/c 1.6138 (163)		
Subtotal		\$79.80

Sales Tax (6.5%) \$0.00

Total \$79.80

Payments/Credits \$0.00

Balance Due \$79.80

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 7 day of June, 20 17

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-nine Dollars and
 ninety cents (\$ 39.90)

Signed:

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3 day of July, 20 17

.....
 Notary Public - Edmunds County, South Dakota
 My commission expires February 26, 2019

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Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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) SS.
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County of McPherson

_____, 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 _____ and has been such newspaper during the time hereinafter mentioned, and that

I, _____, 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 Telecommunications
Universal Telephone Services

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 7th, 2017

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.

Jodi L. Kallas
Notary Public
SEAL
South Dakota

Publisher
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28 day of

June, 20 17

Jodi L. Kallas
Notary Public

My commission expires 08-25-2019
My commission expires _____, 20 _____

JUL - 3 2017

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Invoice

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102 Main St. S.
PO Box 7
Herried, SD 57632

16756	06/01/2017	\$76.50	07/26/2017	Net 60	
					Amount Due
Display Ad			15	5.10	76.50
6/8- Universal Telephone Service- Display Ad					
Thank you for your business!					
BALANCE DUE					\$76.50

Vendor - 339
AK 1.6778 (163)

and a separate 2 car garage; AC/heat; foam insulated foundation; steel siding; cedar deck; with appliances. 3,360 square feet; 404 E Ave, Eureka. See ulmerauction.com or call (605) 848-1875.

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Prairie Pioneer

Heartland Publishing, Inc.

PO BOX 218

POLLOCK, SD 57648-0218

Voice: 605-889-2320

Fax: 605-889-2361

email: pioneer@valleytel.net

Invoice Number: 47318

Invoice Date: Jun 8, 2017

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Bill To:

VALLEY TELECOMMUNICATIONS
PO BOX 7
HERREID, SD 57632

Customer ID

V001

Sales Rep ID

Customer PO

Shipping Method

Payment Terms

Due at end of Month

Ship Date

Due Date

6/30/17

Quantity	Item	Description	Unit Price	Amount
17.00	AD	UNIVERSAL TELEPHONE SERVICE	8.00	136.00
1.00	DS-P	DISCOUNT	6.80	-6.80

Vendor- 328
A/c 1.6738 (162)

Call today to pay your bill with a credit card.

Check/Credit Memo No:

Subtotal	129.20
Sales Tax	
Total Invoice Amount	129.20
Payment/Credit Applied	
TOTAL	129.20

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