

**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
LIFELINE/TRIBAL LINK UP ADVERTISING/OUTREACH
ANNUAL REPORT
JULY 1, 2019**

Company:

Address:

Telephone number:

Company contact:

Study Area Code:

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.companywebsiteaddress.com
 - Company's information posted on USAC website.
- Other (describe):

*Required

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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BILL RICH, MEADE COUNTY PLANNING

Scheduled June 27 & July 3, 2018 at the approximate cost of \$20.36.

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/s/ Lisa Schieffer
Meade County Auditor

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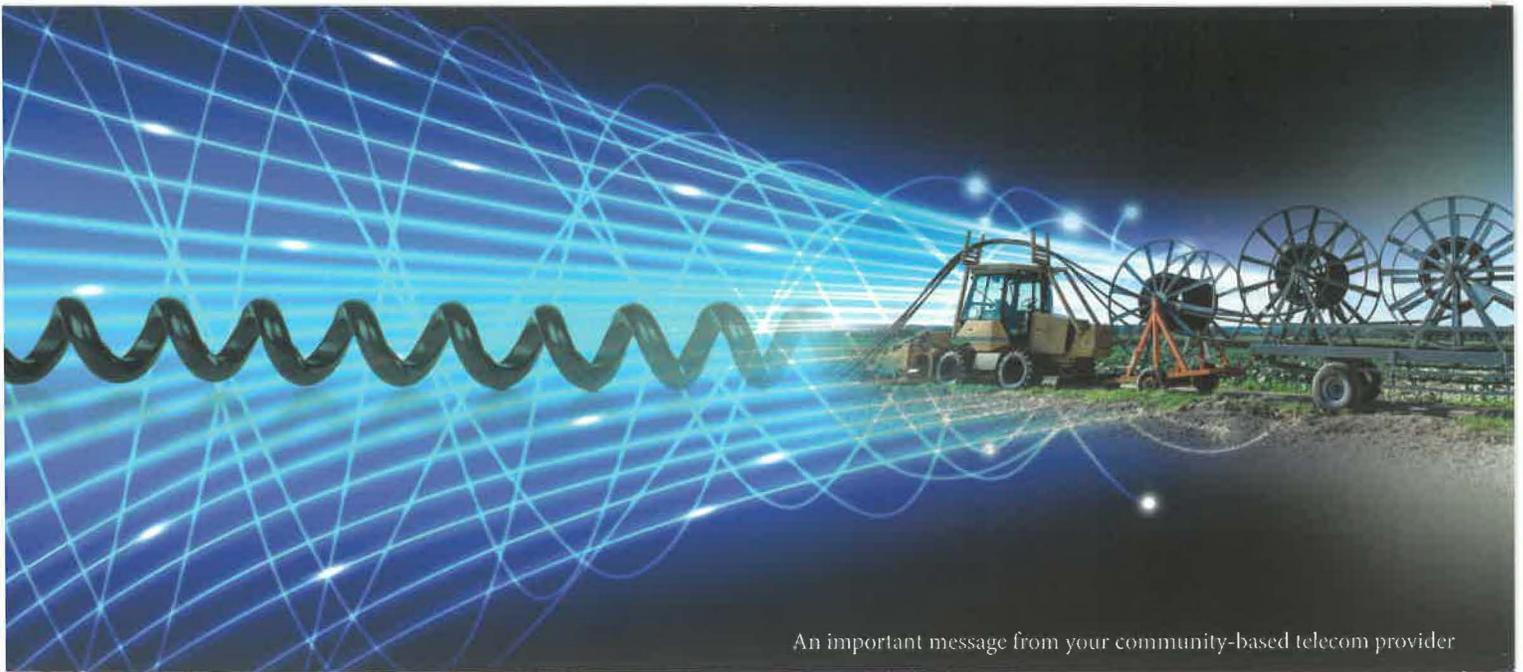
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Elementary Programs	380,000.00							
Middle School Prog	92,450.00							
Secondary Programs	364,400.00							
Meal	44,650.00							
Transportance	12,650.00							



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Your community-based telecom provider is pleased to offer Lifeline service – providing discounted telephone or internet service for eligible consumers.

The Lifeline Universal Service Program is a government supported program available to qualified, low-income consumers and offers a discount for eligible services. Eligible services include telephone and internet service (the latter as of December 2, 2016). If you are an existing telephone service subscriber receiving the monthly Lifeline discount, you can continue to apply that discount to your home or cell phone voice service. But you can only receive a discount on ONE option — telephone or internet.

How to Qualify for a Lifeline Discount

You must participate in at least one of the following programs to be eligible for a Lifeline Program discount:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Medicaid
- Federal Public Housing Assistance
- Veterans Pension and Survivors Benefit Program
- Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance
- Tribally-administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TTANF)
- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)
- HEAD Start
- Income Below the Federal Poverty Guideline

If you signed up for a Lifeline discount through the National School Lunch Program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, or any other state-run program, your phone or internet provider may ask you to confirm your enrollment in one of the above, eligible programs when they do your next eligibility confirmation.

Services Eligible for the Lifeline Discount

Lifeline telephone and internet services will have to provide certain minimum features. Lifeline-discounted services must offer at least:

- 500 minutes per month for cell phone voice plans
- 500 MB per month at 3G speeds for cell phone data plans
- 150 GB per month at 10/1 download/upload speeds for home internet plans

Exception: In those areas where the provider does not offer speeds at or above 10/1 download/upload, they must provide the highest performing, generally available home internet plans, which must be at least 4/1 download/upload.

Changing Companies

If you decide to apply your monthly Lifeline discount to either home internet service or a data plan for your cell phone, you must remain with the company that provides your service for at least 12 months. After that, you are free to switch to a different company. If you move to a different state or to an area where your company does not offer service, let your company know. They will guide you through the process of changing companies.

If you sign up for new home or cell phone voice service, you need to stay with your company for at least 2 months. If you choose to apply your discount to a bundle, ask the company which change policy applies.



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BILLING NAME & ADDRESS DISCLOSURE

When you place a calling card call, or accept a collect call or third-number billed call, your telephone company is required to provide your billing name and address to the telecommunications service provider that handled the call, if that provider requests. Your telephone company will continue to provide billing name and address information to telecommunications service providers for other account matters, such as customer service, servicing your account, to prevent fraud or when you move from one location to another.

LOW INCOME ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Faith Municipal Telephone Company is authorized to provide a federal telephone assistance program that were developed in response to concerns about the affordability of telephone service for low income citizens.

- The Lifeline program provides reduced monthly charges to telephone subscribers who qualify.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Subscribers must participate in at least one of the following public assistance programs to be eligible: Medicaid, Food Stamps, Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Federal Housing Assistance.

WHAT DO THE PROGRAMS PROVIDE?

Lifeline provides eligible subscribers with a credit of \$9.25 each month on the basic service portion of the telephone bill. The credit applies on the main home telephone line listed in the name of the eligible telephone company subscriber. Lifeline subscribers also may receive blocking of long distance calling on their telephone line at no charge.

HOW DO I APPLY?

If you meet the eligibility requirements, you must completely fill out and sign an application form. Application forms are available at our office at: Faith Municipal Telephone Company, PO Box 368, Faith, SD 57626.

COULD I BECOME INELIGIBLE?

When you no longer are eligible to participate in the above assistance program, you are no longer eligible for Lifeline. You are obligated by law to notify Faith Municipal Telephone Company and advise the company that you are no longer eligible for Lifeline.

PAY-PER-CALL BILLING RIGHTS

Some companies offer a variety of informational services using phone numbers beginning with 900. There is usually a charge for calls to these numbers. The price and content of these services are established by the companies providing the information.

For 900 billing disputes or inquiries, please call your local telephone company. You have 60 days from the date of the bill to dispute a 900 billing error review. You have the right to withhold payment of the disputed 900 charges during the billing error review. No collection activity for disputed 900 charges will occur while the charges are under investigation. After investigation, if it is determined that the disputed 900 charges are legitimate, the long distance company, or the information provider, may proceed with outside collections against your account for nonpayment of these charges. Your local and long distance service cannot be disconnected for nonpayment of 900 charges. Failure to pay legitimate 900 charges may result in involuntary blocking of access to 900 services. Voluntary blocking of access to 900 services is available upon request from your local telephone company.

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