

# EXHIBIT E

## **SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION LIFELINE/TRIBAL LINK UP ADVERTISING/OUTREACH ANNUAL REPORT JULY 1, 2025**

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

Company's information posted on USAC website.

Other (describe):

\*Required



Date

Name  
Address  
City, State, Zip

Re: Lifeline/Link Up Program

Dear:

Enclosed is an application for Lifeline/Link Up Assistance. If you are eligible, please complete the form and return to us as soon as possible.

If you are not eligible, please sign at the bottom of the form where it states information was provided to you and return it in the enclosed envelope.

If you have any questions, please call 869-2220. Thank you.

Regards,

Mandy Slominski  
CSR/Billing Specialist

Enclosures

# Publisher's Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA )  
  )SS  
COUNTY OF LYMAN       )

Connie Penny, of said county and state being duly sworn on her oath says: The Lyman County Herald is a weekly newspaper of general circulation and published in Presho, Lyman County, and State of South Dakota; and has been such newspaper during the times hereinafter mentioned; That said newspaper is a legal weekly, that it has a bonafide circulation of more than 200 copies weekly, that it has been published within said County of Lyman more than fifty-two successive weeks next prior to publication of the notice hereinafter mentioned and maintained at the place of publication; That I, the undersigned am editor of said newspaper, in charge of the advertising department thereof, and have personal knowledge of all the facts stated in this affidavit; that the advertisement headed:

Lifeline Notice

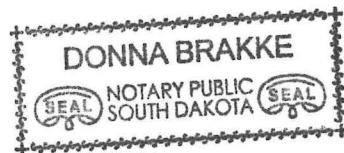
a printed copy of which is hereto attached and published in the said newspaper for 1 consecutive week(s).

The first publication of said notice in said newspaper aforesaid was on Wednesday, the 3 day of July, A.D., 2024  
and that the succeeding publications were severally  
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and the last publication on Wednesday, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024, that the full sum of fees charged for publishing the same, to-wit; the sum of \$ 146.25 insures solely to the editor of The Lyman County Herald. That no agreement or understanding for any division thereof had been made with any other person, and that no part thereof has been agreed to be paid to any person whatsoever.

Connie Penny  
Donna Brakke  
Notary Public

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3 day of July, 2024  
My Commission expires \_\_\_\_\_ DONNA BRAKKE \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY PUBLIC - SOUTH DAKOTA  
My Commission Expires  
December 31, 2025



## LIFELINE NOTICE KTC, Inc.

Kennebec Telephone Company provides basic and enhanced telecommunications services within its service area. Basic services are offered at the following rates:

Single Party Residence Service	\$26.50/month
Single Party Business Service	\$26.50/month

Broadband service is available, contact Kennebec Telephone Company for additional information.

Local residence phone service includes:

- Voice grade access to the public telephone network
- Minutes of use for local service provided at no additional charge
- Access to 911 emergency services
- Toll limitation for qualifying low-income consumers

Kennebec Telephone Company participates in a government benefit program (Lifeline) to make residential telephone or qualifying broadband service per household\* more affordable to eligible low-income individuals and families. Monthly discounts up to \$9.25 are available to qualifying customers.

To be eligible for Lifeline you must be enrolled in one or more of the following assistance programs:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (Food Stamps)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Medicaid
- Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA)
- Veterans Pension or Survivors Benefit Programs
- Income is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty guidelines
- A subscriber who lives on federally recognized Tribal lands and is eligible, may receive a monthly discount up to \$34.25. To be eligible the household\* must participate in one of the above-listed qualifying programs or one of the following Tribal specific federal assistance programs:
  - Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (Tribal TANF)
  - Tribal Head Start
  - Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance
  - Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)
- Customers may apply for discounts on-line at <https://www.lifelinesupport.org/> or by contacting

Kennebec Telephone at 605-869-2220. Lifeline service is not transferable. Only eligible consumers may enroll in the program. Consumers who willfully make false statements to obtain Lifeline service can be fined, imprisoned or barred from the program.

\* A household is defined as any individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses.



# Lifeline

Lifeline is a federal program that helps lower the monthly cost of your phone or Internet service.

## HOW TO KEEP YOUR BENEFIT

### USE IT OR LOSE IT

If your mobile phone or Internet is free, use it at least **once every 30 days** to keep the benefit.

### RECERTIFICATION

Each year, Lifeline will conduct a check to ensure you still qualify for the benefit. We will review databases that can verify your participation in qualifying programs.

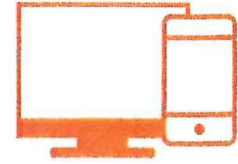
We will send you a letter asking you to recertify your benefit **ONLY** if we are unable to confirm you are still eligible.

#### What to do if asked to recertify:

- Call (855) 359-4299 **OR**
- Complete the form online at [CheckLifeline.org](http://CheckLifeline.org) **OR**
- Complete the recertification form and mail it to:  
Lifeline Support Center  
PO Box 9100  
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18773

You may check your Lifeline Benefit status anytime by calling the Lifeline Support Center, (800) 234-9473.

If you live in **CA** ([CaliforniaLifeline.com](http://CaliforniaLifeline.com)), **OR** ([Lifeline.Oregon.gov](http://Lifeline.Oregon.gov)), or **TX** ([TexasLifeline.org](http://TexasLifeline.org)), visit the website for your state to find out how to recertify.



### TRANSFER YOUR BENEFIT

You may change the phone or Internet company registered with Lifeline at any time.

To do so:

- Talk to your new company to make the switch—some companies may have transfer costs.
- Reapply to Lifeline to confirm you are still eligible.
- Search for a phone or Internet company at [LifelineSupport.org](http://LifelineSupport.org). Click *Companies Near Me*.

## LIFELINE SUPPORT CENTER

**(800) 234-9473 | 9 AM-9 PM ET | 7 DAYS PER WEEK**

**[LifelineSupport@usac.org](mailto:LifelineSupport@usac.org) | [LifelineSupport.org](http://LifelineSupport.org)**

If you have a disability and need assistance with your application, contact the Lifeline Support Center.

Contact your phone or Internet company about your phone, Internet service, or bill.

Lifeline is a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) program to help make communications services more affordable for eligible consumers. The Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) administers the Lifeline program. USAC is responsible for helping you apply for the program, understand eligibility requirements, and keep your benefit current through an annual recertification process.



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Administrative Co.**  
Available for Public Use



## Companies Near Me

This tool can help you find companies in your area that offer [Lifeline](#), which can reduce the cost of your phone or internet service by providing a monthly discount.

If you previously received the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) benefit, you should check to see if you qualify for [Lifeline](#). Due to a lack of additional funding from Congress, the ACP stopped accepting new applications as of February 7, 2024. The last fully funded month of the ACP was April 2024, and the program has ended for now.

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### Find a Company

Enter Your Zip Code

OR

Example: 12345

Enter Your City and State

Select a Program:

Lifeline

Type of Service (Optional)

Home Service

Mobile Service

[Clear Results](#)

### Companies near Kennebec,SD

The order of these companies are random and may be different the next time you search.

Showing 2 of 2 companies

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Company Name	Phone	Type of Service
<a href="#">TruConnect Communications, Inc</a>	800-430-0443	Mobile Service
<a href="#">Kennebec Telephone Company</a>	605-869-2220	Home Service

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If you want to see more companies, [see the list of companies in SD](#).

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#### More About the Data

- Search results are based on program enrollment and information provided by the companies.
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#### Tell Us What You Think

We will continue to update this tool, so please check back often. If you have any comments or see something wrong - or if you are a company that needs to add or update your Lifeline information, email us at [LifelineProgram@usac.org](mailto:LifelineProgram@usac.org).

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<a href="#">TruConnect Communications, Inc</a>	800-430-0443	Mobile Service
<a href="#">Kennebec Telephone Company</a>	605-869-2220	Home Service
<a href="#">Midco</a>	800-888-1302	Home Service

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