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

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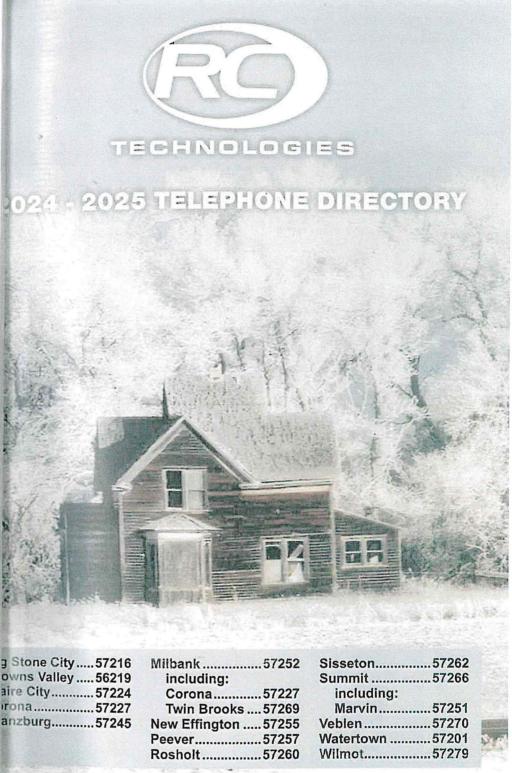
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# General Rules, Regulations, & Information

## **PAYMENT OF BILLS**

All telephone, internet and video service bills will be billed to the subscriber on a monthly basis. Statements shall be mailed to the subscriber the first of each month. Local service charges are billed one month in advance. The statement is due by the 10th of each month. Customers that have not made full payment will receive a reminder call on the 13th. If no payment by the 20th, customer will receive a final call. If payment is not received by the last day of that month, penalty fees will be added to the past due account. If payment is still not received by the 5th of the following month, (1) service will be disconnected for non payment and will not be reconnected until the current amount due, plus additional charges have been paid in full. (2) RC Technologies may charge an additional deposit fee in its discretion.

If a customer pays a portion of their bill sufficient to cover all local service charges, but not long distance charges, the company may, at its discretion, or at the customer's request, put a toll restriction on the customer's line until all long distance charges and any additional local service charges are paid in full. Toll service will be restored once, and only if, all past due amounts are received.

RC offers many convenient ways to pay your monthly bill. Have your payments automatically deducted from your bank account, credit card, or register on-line at www.tnics.com for electronic billing. Choose from either monthly or recurring payment options. When mailing payments to the RC office, be sure to enclose the payment stub along with your payment.

# NEW OR RECONNECTED SUBSCRIBER PROMPT PAYMENT POLICY

RC Technologies reviews the service payment history for all subscribers. Such payment history serves as the basis for establishing a credit rating for each subscriber. New subscribers who do not have a credit rating, or who have a credit rating which does not meet minimal standards established from time to time by RC Technologies, must make their payments within 10 days after billing for the first 6 months of service. Subscribers who have been disconnected for non-payment must make their payments within 10 days for the first 6 months after reconnection. Assuming payments are made in a timely fashion during the first 6 months of service, such subscribers are subject to the Payment of Bills procedure described above and payments must then be made in accordance with that schedule.

RC Technologies may in its discretion disconnect service for new subscribers or subscribers who have been reconnected after being disconnected for non-payment, who do not observe this required Prompt Payment Policy.

### NEW OR RECONNECTED SUBSCRIBER DEPOSIT POLICY

A \$100.00 telephone deposit and \$150.00 video deposit may be required at the time of application for

each new subscriber with no credit rating or a credit rating which does not meet the minimum standards established from time-to-time by RC Technologies or subscribers who have been reconnected after disconnection for non-payment. The deposit will be returned after one year if payments are successfully made complying with the Subscriber Prompt Payment Policy and Payment of Bills Policy for 12 consecutive months. The deposit will be retained by RC Technologies if the subscriber fails to comply with these policies.

# LIFELINE PROGRAM

### **Lifeline Terms and Conditions**

RC Technologies (the "Company") offers Lifeline program-supported service to qualified low-income residential consumers for one telephone or internet line per eligible household. The Lifeline program provides discounts to eligible low-income consumers to help them establish and maintain telephone or internet service. Lifeline assistance lowers the cost of basic, monthly local telephone or internet service. Eligible consumers can receive up to \$9.25 per month in discounts. In addition, the Federal Universal Service Charge and Access Recovery Charge are 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.

#### Lifeline Program Eligibility Information

### **Program Based Eligibility**

Consumers are eligible for Lifeline if they, one of their dependents or their household participate in one of the following qualifying assistance programs:

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

Lifeline applicants must present documentation demonstrating eligibility either through participation in one of the qualifying federal assistance programs or through income-based means.

Acceptable documentation of program-based eligibility includes: current or prior year's statement of benefits from a qualifying state, federal or Tribal program; notice letter of participation in a qualifying state, federal or Tribal program; program participation documents; or another official document evidencing the consumer's participation in a qualifying state, federal or Tribal program.

### Income Based Eligibility

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

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# General Rules, Regulations, & Information (contd)

Acceptable documentation of income eligibility includes: prior year's state, federal or Tribal tax return; current income statement from an employer or paycheck stub; social security statement of benefits; Veterans Administration statement of benefits; retirement/pension statement of benefits; unemployment/workmen's compensation statement of benefits; federal or Tribal notice of letter participating in General Assistance; or a divorce decree or child support award or other official document containing income information.

#### **Tribal Eligibility**

A subscriber who lives on Tribal lands and is an eligible resident of Tribal lands is eligible for Tribal Lifeline service or Tribal Link Up if the subscriber, one or more of the subscriber's dependents, or the subscriber's household participates in any of the above-listed qualifying assistance programs or one of the following Tribal-specific federal assistance programs: Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance; Tribally Administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families; Head Start (if income eligibility criteria are met); or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR). Tribal subscribers may also qualify if the household income is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

# Numbers of Minutes-of-Use Provided as Part of Lifeline Program Service

The Company's Voice Lifeline service includes unlimited local minutes-of-use within the toll-free calling area. The Company's Voice Lifeline Plan does not include any free minutes-of-use for toll. Toll is billed at the standard toll rate depending on which interexchange carrier the consumer subscribes to for toll service. As part of the Lifeline service, Toll blocking is available to eligible consumers at no cost.

#### Rates

Subscribers may receive the Lifeline credit on any type or grade of local service, including voice, internet or bundled services that are normally offered by the Company. Advertised rates do not include any applicable taxes or surcharges.

### Recertification of Lifeline Eligibility

Lifeline recipients are required to recertify their eligibility annually. Failure to properly recertify a recipient's continued eligibility for the Lifeline program will result in termination of the Lifeline recipient's monthly Lifeline discount and de-enrollment from the Lifeline Program.

#### Additional Lifeline Program Information

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 and 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 the Lifeline Program, please visit www. lifelinesupport.org or call 1-800-234-9473 to have an application mailed to you.

# APPLICATIONS FOR NEW SERVICE

# MOVES OR DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE

It is preferred that you stop in person at our Business Office to arrange for the installation of service. If this is not convenient, please telephone us and we will be glad to furnish you with an application for service prepared for your signature.

If you wish telephone service discontinued or instruments moved from one location or address to another location or address, our Business Office should be notified by telephone or letter ten days in advance.

After the telephone has been placed at a location designated by the customer, the customer agrees not to move, after or abuse the instrument or any telephone equipment on the premises leased from the company to the customer.

# SUSPENSION OF SERVICE

When you are away from your residence for an extended period, you may arrange to have your telephone service temporarily suspended at a reduced rate, retaining your telephone number.

## **BUSINESS CLASSIFICATION**

Telephone numbers used in business advertising will classify that number as a business telephone regardless of the location. The use of the service rather than location will determine the classification.

### **RESIDENCE ADDITIONAL LISTINGS**

You can list other members of your household in the telephone directory. Extra listings make it easier for friends to locate members of your family and add to a really complete service in your home.

# **TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES**

One directory for each access line is furnished without charge.

# Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)

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COUNTY OF ROBERTS

MICHAEL P. KREMER of said county, being first duly sworn, on oath says that he is PUBLISHER of THE ROSHOLT REVIEW, a weekly newspaper printed and published in Rosholt, in said County of Roberts, and has full and personal knowledge of all the facts herein stated; that said newspaper is a legal newspaper and has a bona fide circulation of at least 200 copies weekly, and has been published within said county for 52 successive weeks next prior to the publication of the notice herein mentioned, and was and is printed wholly or in part in an office maintained at said place of publication; that the

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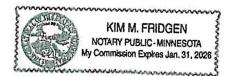
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That the full amount of the fee is charged for publication of said NOTICE insures to the benefit of the publisher of said newspaper; that no agreement of understanding for division there has been made with any person whomsoever and that the fees charged for the publication thereof are \_\_\_\$\_

Subscribed and sworn to me before this

Notary Public, Traverse County, Minnesota

My commission expires Jan. 31, 2026



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- Access to directory assistance.
- Other services, including toll blocking, are also available. Certain low income subscribers may be eligible for Lifeline and Link-Up telephone assistance programs which provide discounts for these basic services.

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If you have any questions regarding the Company's services, please call 605-637-5211 or visit the office in New Effington, SD.

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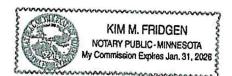
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# AREA NEWS



# Local EMT Training Planned

Marshall County Ambulance is calling on residents to join an effort that could save lives and strengthen tural emergency services. The organization is launching an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) class early next year and is actively recruiting participants.

"There is a desperate need for EMTs in Marshall County and across the state of South Dakota," said Logan Roehr, Marshall County Paramedie and Emergency Management Director. "Completing this course not only provides individuals with life-saving skills but also ensures our rural communities have access to vital emergency medical care."

The course will run from January to May, with classes held rwice weekly in the evenings for two to three hours. Sessions will be conducted in person, with a vital option available via Zoom on a case-by-ease basis. South Dakota Department of Health, the class is free this year. The grant covers all capipment and required materials, waiving the usual cost of \$700 in \$1,000.

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cation and be prepared to take the National Registry Cognitive Exam for EMT registration. Successful students must pay fees set by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) for the cognitive test. Prospective students need access to a computer and internet, the ability to attend in-person sessions, and a commitment to giving back to their community. Participants must be at less 16 years old to enroll, though they must be 18 to sit for the national licensure exam. Marshall Country Ambulance members are compensated for their service. Volunteers receive on-call pay, which increases during ambulance runs based on experience and the nature of the call pay, which increases during arbulance runs based on experience and the nature of the call information or to register, contact form neighboring areas if space allows. For more information or to register, contact 16 (2004) 1744-223 by 76-200 Dinger to make a difference and help ensure that rural communities have the emergency services they need.

# **Brown County Farmers** Honored With Ag Award

By Lura Roti, South Dakota Farmer's

South Dakota Farmer's
Union
The South Dakota Farmers
Union recognized Paul
Dennert and Don Schaumaman
(posthumously) with the Ag
Ambassador award during
its 109th State Convention in
Huron, S.D., for their exceptional contributions to agricultive.

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Paul Dennert: A Lifetime of 
Farming and Service 
Paul Dennert, a fourth-generation farmer from Brown 
County, has dedicated his life 
to farming, community service, and advocacy, Reised on 
the family farm established by 
his great-grandfather in 1893, 
Dennert developed a passion 
for livestock as a child and 
maintained a registered Angus 
therd until passing the farm to 
his grandson in 2023. 
Dennert and his wife, 
Peggy, raised two children 
and now enjoy time with their 
nine grandchildren and ten 
great-grandchildren. "It does 
my heart good to know 
the 
farm will remain in the family 
name," Dennert said. 
Dennert also gave back to 
his community, serving more 
than 50 years in various roles 
at his church and local organizations. In 1992, the entered 
politics, serving 20 years in 
the South Dakoua Legislature, 
where he championed agriculrul axt reforms and cochlear 
implant coverage for children. 
His efforts ensured farmland 
taxes were based on productivity rather than market value. 
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Dennert credits his family for supporting his legislative career, especially his son Dans, who managed the farm during legislative sessions. Peggy often accompanied him to Pierre and their grandchildren served as Legislative service conlinues, with his grandchildren service do the legislature in 2016.

Today, Dennert remains active in his church, enjoys traveling with Peggy, and cherishes time with his family, reflecting on a lifetime of contributions to agriculture and



Columbia farmer Paul Dennert is recognized by South Dakota Farmers Union for his leadership and service to South Dakota agriculture. The state's largest agriculture organization honored the Brown County farmer with the Ag Ambassador award during its 199th State Convention held in Hurou, S.D. December 11 and 12. Pictured here with Doug Sombke, SDFU President.

public service.

Don Schaunaman
Don Schaunaman, a thirdgeneration farmer from Brown
County, is remembered for his
humility, integrity, and dedication. He passed away in 201
at age 92, leaving a legacy of
service and family values.
"He was humble and almays willing to help," said
his sons, Craig and Kirk
Schaunaman. "He believed in the swith their nephew Chad
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### Hoppy Holidays & A Brew-tiful New Year!

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> CHINATOWN SD HWY 25 EDEN, SD 57232

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May good cheer, love and good fortune make this a Christmas to remember.

Thanks for making this past year unforgettable for us.

Karsen, Autumn and Family

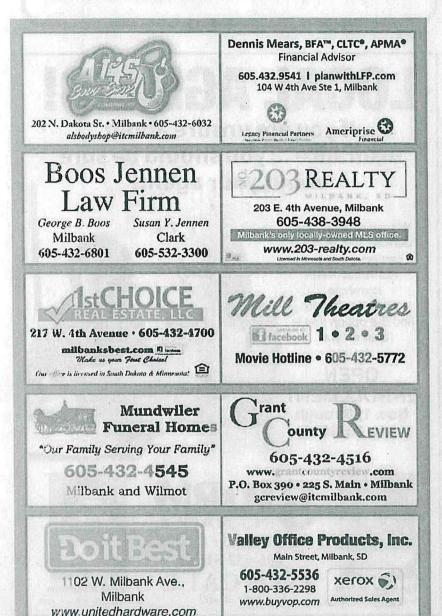
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Chad	Karen
Kylie	Amy
SHOP	
Karsen	

We will be closing at 1pm on Christmas Eve, and will be closed Christmas Day

Holland Bros. Oil, Inc. Britton, SD

Sunday: 11 a.m. Worship with social distancing; also available on Facebook.

Rev. Ken Flaten



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Dated this 21st day of Novem- ing the matter. 2024.

3Y ORDER OF THE COURT: /s/ Michael T. Swallow Presiding Judge

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CASE NO. CS-25-010

## **PROBLEM OF PUBLICATION** ND NOTICE OF HEARING

It is hereby Ordered that Notice Publication is hereby provided a Complaint to Establish Child pport and Notice of Hearing is eby provided that a hearing will held at the Tribal Admin Buildin Tribal Court, Agency Vile, South Dakota, on the 19th y of December 2024 at the hour 1:00 o'clock P.M. or as soon reafter as possible.

You are required to be at the Upon request, the VOCSE Clerk will provide you th a copy of the Motion describthe matter.

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# NOTICE OF AVAILABI

RC Technologies, New Effington, South Dakota, offers local exchange telecommunications service to all consumers in its service area, including the exchange areas of New Effington, Claire City, Peever, Summit, Veblen, and Wilmot, South Dakota, and North Veblen, North New Effington in North Dakota at the following rates:

> Business Line . . . . \$30.25 per month Residential Line . . . \$22.25 per month

This service provides subscribing customers with:

- · Dual tone multi-frequency signaling (touch tone) service
- Voice grade access to the public switched network
- Single party, flat rated local exchange service fee of per minute charges
- Access to 911 emergency services where available pursuant to state and local government statute
- Access to operator services
- · Access to interexchange (long distance) services
- Access to directory assistance
- · Other services, including toll blocking, are also available. Certain low income subscribers may be eligible for Lifeline and Link-Up telephone assistance programs which provide discounts for these basic services.

This notice is posted in accordance with South Dakota Public Utilities Commission order TC97-XXX, the North Dakota Public Service Commission Case Docket No. PU-428-97-527, and pursuant to 47 United States Code Section 214(e) and 47 Code of Federal Regulations Section 4-201.

If you have any questions regarding the Company's services, please call 605-637-5211 or visit the office in New Effington, SD. RC Technologies (the company) offers Lifeline program-supported service to qualified low-income residential consumers for one telephone or internet line per eligible household. The Lifeline program provides discounts to eligible low-income consumers to help them establish and maintain telephone or internet service. Three such programs provided are "Lifeline", "Tribal Lifeline" and "Tribal Link-Up." The programs were developed in response to concerns about the affordability of telephone or internet service for low income citizens.

<u>LIFELINE</u>: The Lifeline assistance lowers the cost of basic, monthly local telephone or internet service. Eligible consumers can receive up to \$9.25 per month in discounts. In addition, the Federal Universal Service Charge and Access Recover Charge are not accessed 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, choosing this option, consumers are usually not charged a deposit.

<u>TRIBAL LIFELINE</u>: The Tribal Lifeline program provides up to an additional \$25.00 in federal support to qualifying residents of Tribal Lands and applies to the main service listed in the name of the eligible telephone or internet company subscriber.

TRIBAL LINK-UP: Tribal Link-Up support is available to qualifying consumers residing on Tribal Lands and covers 100% of the charges (up to \$100) that the carrier customarily assesses for installing/connecting subscribers to the network.

Consumers are eligible for Lifeline if they, one of their dependents or their household participate in one of the following qualifying assistance programs or have a household income that is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (documentation is required):

#### LIFELINE

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (Food Stamps)
Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
Medicaid
Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA)
Veterans Pension or Survivors Benefit Programs

### TRIBAL LIFELINE & LINK-UP

Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) General Assistance Tribal Temporary Assistance of Needy Families (Tribal TANF) Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) Tribal Headstart (only household that meet the income qualifying standard)

If you are on Lifeline or Link-Up and are no longer eligible for any of these low-income programs or if your household income no longer meets the requirements set forth in the Federal Poverty Guidelines, you are obligated by law to notify RC Technologies of your ineligibility. The FCC prohibits consumers from receiving more than one Lifeline subsidized wireless telephone or discounted home telephone.

Contact the RC Technologies office in New Effington, 605-637-5211 or 800-256-6854, for more information or application forms. You may also e-mail questions to csrs@ rctechteam.com.



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# LIFELINE

#### What is Lifeline?

Lifeline is a federal government program that provides qualified low-income consumers assistance on communications services. Eligible subscribers can receive a monthly reduction of \$5.25 per month on phone service and \$9.25 per month broadband internet. You are allowed one Lifeline discount (phone or internet, but not both) per household. In addition, Federal Universal Service Charge and Access Recovery Charge are not accessed to consumers participating in Lifeline. Lifeline provides subscriber a discount on monthly telephone service, broadband Internet service, or bundled voice-broadband packages from participating provider.

View RC's Phone Plans

**View RC's Internet Plans** 

#### What is Link Up?

Link Up provides a one-time discount for the connection or activation charge for a new telephone service plans and is limited to one line per household. Both the Lifeline and Link Up programs have income-based eligibility requirements.

What benefits are available through the Lifeline program's support for Tribal lands?

Individuals who reside on Tribal lands and meet the eligibility criteria may qualify for Lifeline programs.

Tribal Lifeline provides an additional up to \$25 off monthly bill, for a total Lifeline discount up to \$34.25 off per month.

Support to qualifying residents off Tribal Lands applies to the main service listed in the name of the eligible telephone or internet company subscriber. Limit one per household.