

EXHIBIT E

SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION LIFELINE/TRIBAL LINK UP ADVERTISING/OUTREACH ANNUAL REPORT JULY 1, 2026

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.

Company's information posted on USAC website.

Other (describe):

*Required

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

State of South Dakota

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County of Brule

Debi Kourt of said county, being first duly sworn, on oath, says: That she is the publisher of *Central Dakota Times*, a weekly newspaper, published in the City of Chamberlain, in said County of Brule and State of South Dakota; that she 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 Brule and State of South Dakota, for at least one year next prior to the first publication of the attached public notice and that the Lifeline Notice

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 week(s) to wit:
February 19, 2025; _____, 20____;
_____, 20____; _____, 20____;
_____, 20____; _____, 20____;

That the full amount of the fee charged for the publication of the attached public notice inures to the sole benefit of the publisher or publishers; 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:

\$ 131.75

Signed:

Desi Kourt

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day

of February, 2025.

Janet L. Petrak

Notary Public In and For The County of Brule,
South Dakota

JANET L. PETRAK
Notary Public
SEAL
South Dakota

My commission expires June 23, 2028.

Lifeline Notice

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.checklifeline.org/lifeline> or by contacting Kennebec Telephone at 605-869-2220. Lifeline service is not transferrable. 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.

KENNEBEC TELEPHONE CO., INC.

(605) 869-2220





Dear Customer:

Kennebec Telephone Company 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
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (Food Stamps)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
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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 visit the USAC website at <https://www.lifelinesupport.org/how-to-apply> and complete the application either online or by mail. If you require assistance completing the form, please stop by our office at 220 S. Main St in Kennebec, SD or contact our business office at (605) 869-2220.

In the future, to continue receiving the Lifeline discount, you may be required to recertify and will be contacted directly by USAC. Recertification is the one-time process to confirm all existing Lifeline subscribers meet the National Verifier's eligibility standards. Subscribers will be recertified one year after the date that they are successfully verified. This benefit can only be received on either landline telephone service, broadband service or wireless service. Each customer can only receive one Lifeline benefit per household.

Sincerely,

Kennebec Telephone Company

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.

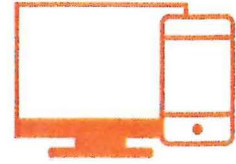
We will send you a letter asking you to recertify your benefit **ONLY** if we are unable to confirm you are still eligible.

What to do if asked to recertify:

- Call (855) 359-4299 **OR**
- Complete the form online at CheckLifeline.org **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), **OR** (Lifeline.Oregon.gov), or **TX** (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. Click *Companies Near Me*.

LIFELINE SUPPORT CENTER

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

LifelineSupport@usac.org | 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.



**Universal Service
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.

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

Search

[Clear Results](#)

Companies near kennebec, sd

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

Showing 1 of 1 companies

Download List: 

Company Name	Phone	Type of Service
Kennebec Telephone Company	605-869-2220	Home Service

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

More About the Data

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