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Mr. Darrell Nitschke
Executive Secretary
Public Utilities Division
Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Ave, Twelfth Floor
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

RE: Missouri Valley Communications, Inc. - Section 5.2 Telephone Assistance Program

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Enclosed are the updated Missouri Valley Communications, Inc. Lifeline Assistance Program tariff changes made to Section 5.2 of the Exchange and Network Tariff.

We are enclosing three copies of Missouri Valley Communications, Inc. updated tariff, Section 5.2., effective June 20, 2012. Two are for the Public Service Commission and one is to be date stamped and returned to us for our documentation of the filing. I have included a self-addresses envelope for the returned copy.

We will send an electronic copy to ndpsc@nd.gov.

Please contact me if you have any questions about this filing, at 406-783-2281 or jodie.richardson@nemont.coop.

Sincerely,

Jodie Richardson
Regulatory Compliance Coordinator

Enclosures (3)
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Lifeline, Link Up

Missouri Valley Communications, Inc.

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5. EXCHANGE SERVICES

5.2 LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE (Cont'd)

5.2.4 TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

A. Lifeline Telephone Assistance Program

1. General

The Lifeline program provides qualifying low-income subscribers discounts to any residential service plan that includes voice telephony service, including bundled packages of voice and data services; and plans that include optional calling features such as, but not limited to, caller identification, call waiting, voicemail, and three-way calling.

The Lifeline program provides additional discounts to consumers residing on Tribal Lands. These include residential service plan discounts and reductions of the customary charge for commencing telecommunications connection at a subscriber's principal place of residence (Tribal Link Up)

The Company administers the Lifeline program as authorized by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) pursuant to 47 C.F.R. Subpart E, §54.

2. Regulations

- a. Unless other eligibility requirements are established, Lifeline Assistance is available to all subscribers whose household income is equal to or less than 135 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, or participates in at least one of the federal assistance programs listed below:

- 1) Medicaid
- 2) Head Start (meeting income-qualifying standards)
- 3) Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- 4) Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8)
- 5) Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)-State or Tribally Administered
- 6) Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Benefits
- 7) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- 8) National School Lunch (NSL) Free Lunch Program
- 9) Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance
- 10) Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations

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5. EXCHANGE SERVICES

5.2 LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE (Cont'd)

5.2.4 TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS (Cont'd)

A. Lifeline Telephone Assistance Program (Cont'd)

3. Terms and Conditions

- a. The Discounts herein are reductions in monthly rates for basic residential one-party service. The services eligible for the discounts include: Single party voice grade access to the public switched network, touch tone service (included in basic service), access to emergency services, access to operator and interexchange services (unless blocking is provided), access to directory assistance, and toll blocking or toll control.
- b. Each subscriber to Lifeline Assistance must certify in writing to the Company, under penalty of perjury, that they receive benefits under a program outlined in sub-paragraph A.2.a above. Upon initial enrollment the subscriber will provide documentation of proof of participation, which will be used by the Company to verify enrollment.
- c. The applicable discounts herein will begin on the date the Company receives a validly signed application from the qualifying subscriber or when a qualified new subscriber establishes service.
- d. The service and equipment charges and regulations applicable to the service offering in the program will apply. The service and equipment charges to change to or from this program due to a change in eligibility status will be waived.
- e. These discounts are only applicable to one basic local access line at a residential subscriber's principle residence.
- f. The discounts do not apply to State or Federal taxes, universal service fund fees, surcharges for 911 service or TDD service fees.
- g. The Lifeline discounts provided herein will appear on the subscriber's telephone bill.

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5.2 LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE (Cont'd)

5.2.4 TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS (Cont'd)

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A. Lifeline Telephone Assistance Program (Cont'd)

4. Discounts

Credit

Flat Rate Monthly Discount

\$ 9.25

Tribal Lands Additional Monthly Discount

\$ 25.00

Tribal Link-Up

100 percent reduction, up to \$100.00

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