

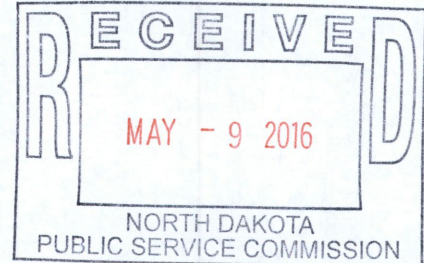
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May 4, 2016

Mr. Darrell Nitschke
Director of Administration/Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
State Capitol
600 East Boulevard, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480



Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Enclosed are Tariff Revisions filed on behalf of Red River Rural Telephone Association d/b/a Red River Communications.

The tariff book revisions include: Section 4, Page 2, Revision 5, and
 Section 5, Page 34, Revision 8

These page is being filed to increase local rates and update the Lifeline tariff effective June 1, 2016. This local rate increase is necessary to avoid forfeiture of Universal Service High Cost Loop Support as has been specified by the FCC.

A copy of information sent to customers is also enclosed.

Please call me at (651) 621-8528 with any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ William VanderSluis

William VanderSluis
Senior Telecommunications Specialist

Enclosures

cc: Donna Thiel, Red River Communications
 Jeff Olsen, Red River Communications

LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE
 (NORTH DAKOTA)

Class of Service

Exchanges - Abercrombie, Colfax, Great Bend, Mooreton

Class of Service

Monthly
 Rate

BUSINESS:

One Party	\$ 22.00	(I)
Basic Coin Telephone Service	22.00	(I)
EAS Additive	N/A	

RESIDENCE:

One Party	\$ 18.00	(I)
EAS Additive	N/A	

All rates are billed in advance. Payment for service is due when the statement is rendered.

Seasonal service was available prior to March 15, 2001, for customers requiring less than 12 months of service per year. The rate for this service is determined in accordance with section 5, page 36 of this tariff book.

	<u>Hankinson, Lidgerwood Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Fairmount Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Wyndmere Monthly Rate</u>	
BUSINESS:				
One Party	\$ 33.20	\$ 26.02	\$ 26.02	
Basic Coin Telephone Service	33.20	26.02	26.02	
EAS Additive	N/A	5.23	7.62	
RESIDENCE:				
One Party	\$ 18.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 18.00	(I)
EAS Additive	N/A	2.61	3.80	
COMBINATION BUSINESS/RESIDENTIAL:				
One Party	\$ 22.77	\$ 22.77	\$ 22.77	
EAS Additive	N/A	4.25	6.19	

GENERAL SERVICES
 (NORTH DAKOTA)

LIFELINE (Continued)

5. Funding

The federal Lifeline credit is funded through the FCC universal service program.

6. Rates

	Abercrombie, Colfax, Great Bend, Mooreton, Hankinson and Lidgerwood	Fairmount	Wyndmere
Local exchange and extended area service	\$ 18.00 (I)	\$ 20.61	\$ 21.80
Federal end user common line charge	<u>6.50</u>	<u>6.50</u>	<u>6.50</u>
Subtotal	22.50 (I)	27.11	28.30
Less federal Lifeline discount	<u>9.25</u>	<u>9.25</u>	<u>9.25</u>
Lifeline service charge	<u>\$ 15.25</u> (I)	<u>\$ 17.86</u>	<u>\$ 19.05</u>
-Including toll blocking, if elected, at no additional charge.			

For Rllg, Barn, Kent, Aber, Clfx, Mrtn, GB, Hksn (R1 only), Lidg (R1 only), Frmt (MN only),

No notice to Wyndmere or Fairmount (ND). Those with second lines will receive a letter notifying them of the local service rate increase.

NOTICE OF PRICE INCREASE

On June 1, 2016, your local residential telephone rate will increase to \$18.00 and the minimum business rate will increase to \$22.00 – an increase of \$2.00/month. These rates include any charges for mandatory extended area service. If your current local service rate exceeds these minimums, you will not see any change in your rate.

Why: The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has issued various orders that require local phone service providers to charge a minimum monthly rate for local phone service in order to avoid forfeiture of Universal Service High Cost Loop Fund dollars. This support is essential in providing telecommunication services to our rural, high cost service areas and in keeping your rates affordable. The FCC has increased the price floor to \$18.00 effective June 1, 2016. This price floor includes any charges for extended area service that may be reflected on your bill.

Please contact our business office at 701-553-8309 or 866-553-8309 with any questions.



510 Broadway ~ P.O. Box 136
Abercrombie, ND 58001

April 4, 2016

Dear

This letter is to notify you of a local service rate increase that will be effective June 1, 2016. The local rate for your additional telephone line 701-474- will change from \$15.00 to \$18.00 – an increase of \$3.00 per month.

Why the increase: The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has issued various orders that require local phone service providers to charge a minimum monthly rate for local phone service in order to avoid forfeiture of Universal Service High Cost Loop Fund dollars. This support is essential in providing telecommunication services to our rural, high cost service areas and in keeping your rates affordable. The FCC has increased the local service rate floor price to \$18.00 effective June 1, 2016 and we in turn must change our rates to comply with the rate floor.

Please contact our business office at 701-553-8309 or 866-553-8309 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Donna Thiel".

Donna Thiel
Administrative Assistant

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