

 **Sagebrush**  
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d/b/a *Nemont*

June 26, 2017

Mr. Darrell Nitschke  
Executive Secretary  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept 408  
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505-0480



Re: Sagebrush Cellular, Inc.  
FCC Form 481 filed pursuant to 47 CFR 54.313 and 47 CFR 54.422 – SAC 389013

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Sagebrush Cellular, Inc. respectfully submits it's 2017 FCC Form 481 to the PSC pursuant to 47 CFR 54.313 and 47 CFR 54.422 for Study Area Code 389013.

An electronic version of this filing has also been submitted via the Commission's website at [ndpsc@nd.gov](mailto:ndpsc@nd.gov).

Should you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me via electronic mail at [barrowsconsulting@gmail.com](mailto:barrowsconsulting@gmail.com) or by telephone at 406-449-3214.

Sincerely,

*Sandra Barrows*

Sandra Barrows  
Regulatory Consultant for  
Sagebrush Cellular, Inc.

Enclosures

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Form 481 – Copy of FCC 47 CFR Sect. 54.422 Annual Report  
Sagebrush Cellular, Inc.  
Sandra Barrows, Regulatory Consultant



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June 23, 2017

**VIA ECFS**

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12th Street, SW  
Room TW-A325  
Washington, DC 20554

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**RE: Sagebrush Cellular, Inc., SAC 389013  
Submission of FCC Form 481 Annual Report  
WC Docket No. 14-58 – ETC Annual Reports and Certifications**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Sagebrush Cellular, Inc., Study Area Code 389013, hereby files its FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting Data Collection Form in compliance with 47 C.F.R. §§54.313 and 54.422.

The FCC Form 481 has also been filed with the Universal Service Administrative Company and with the relevant state commissions and Tribal governments, as appropriate.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Stuart Polikoff  
Authorized Representative for  
Sagebrush Cellular, Inc.

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SP/ag

cc: Remi Sun, Sagebrush Cellular, Inc.

**FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting  
Data Collection Form**

FCC Form 481  
OMB Control No. 3060-0066/OMB Control No. 3060-0819  
July 2013

<010> Study Area Code	389013
<015> Study Area Name	Sagebrush Cellular, Inc.
<020> Program Year	2018
<030> Contact Name: Person USAC should contact with questions about this data	Remi Sun
<035> Contact Telephone Number: Number of the person identified in data line <030>	4067832358 ext.
<039> Contact Email Address: Email of the person identified in data line <030>	remi.sun@nemont.coop
Form Type	54.313 and 54.422



**(300) Unfulfilled Service Request  
Data Collection Form**

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<020> Program Year 2018

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<035> Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030> 4067832358 ext.

<039> Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030> remi.sun@nemont.coop

<300> Unfulfilled service request (voice)

<310> Detail on attempts (voice) \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Attached Document

<320> Unfulfilled service request (broadband)

<330> Detail on attempts (broadband) \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Attached Document

(400) Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers  
Data Collection Form

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July 2013

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<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	4067832358 ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	remi.susi@nemont.coop
<400>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report voice complaints (zero or greater) for voice telephony service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize.	Offered only mobile voice
<410>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed voice	
<420>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile voice	0 . 0
<430>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report end-user customer complaints (zero or greater) for broadband service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize.	
<440>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed broadband	
<450>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile broadband	

**(500) Compliance With Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules**  
**Data Collection Form**

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<020>	Program Year	2018
<030>	Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data	Rami Sun
<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	4067612338 ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	rami.sun@comcast.coop
<500>	Certify compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules	Yes 389013ND510 .pdf
<510>	Descriptive document for Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance	
<515>	Certify compliance with applicable minimum service standards	

**(600) Functionality in Emergency Situations  
Data Collection Form**

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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	remi_sun@remont.coop
<600>	Certify compliance regarding ability to function in emergency situations	Yes
<610>	Descriptive document for Functionality in Emergency Situations	389013ND610.pdf







**(900) Tribal Lands Reporting  
Data Collection Form**

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 <039> Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030> remi\_sun@nemont.coop

<900> Does the filing entity offer tribal land services? (Y/N) Yes

Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves  
 Turtle Mountain Tribe

Name of Attached Document  
 389013ND920.pdf

If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes,No, NA) for each of these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached PDF, on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:

Select Yes or No or Not Applicable
No
No
No
No
No
No
No
No
No

- <921> Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions.
- <922> Feasibility and sustainability planning;
- <923> Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;
- <924> Compliance with Rights of way processes
- <925> Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements
- <926> Compliance with Facilities Siting rules
- <927> Compliance with Environmental Review processes
- <928> Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes
- <929> Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.

**(1000) Voice and Broadband Service Rate Comparability Data Collection Form**

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 <039> Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030> remi\_sun@nemont.coop

<1000> Voice services rate comparability certification Not Applicable

<1010> Attach detailed description for voice services rate comparability compliance

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Attached Document

<1020> Broadband comparability certification

<1030> Attach detailed description for broadband comparability compliance

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Attached Document

**(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting  
Data Collection Form**

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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	Remi_sun@nemont.coop

<1100> Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Y/N)

Yes

<1130> Please select the appropriate response (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g).

**(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers  
Lifeline  
Data Collection Form**

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389013ND1210.pdf
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<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans

Name of Attached Document

<1220> Link to Public Website  HTTP

"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:

- <1221> Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers,
- <1222> Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan,
- <1223> Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan.

**(2005) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation**

**Data Collection Form**

*Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers*

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Select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e). The information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

**Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting**

- <2011> 3rd Year Certification 47 CFR §54.313(b)(1)(ii) - Note that for the July 2017 certification, this applies to Round 2 recipients of Incremental Support.
- <2022> Recipient certifies, representing year three after filing a notice of acceptance of funding pursuant to 54.312(c), that the locations in question are not receiving support under the Broadband Initiatives Program or the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program for projects that will provide broadband with speeds of at least 4 Mbps/1Mbps - 54.313(b)(2)(i). Round 2 recipients only.
- <2023> The attachment on line 2024 includes a statement of the total amount of capital funding expended in the previous year in meeting Connect America Phase I deployment obligations, accompanied by a list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent. This covers year three - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.
- <2024A> Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?
- <2024B> Attach list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent in year three - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.
- <2025A> Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?
- <2025B> Attach geocoded Information for Phase I milestone reports (Round 2 for year three) - Connect America Fund, WC Docket 10-90, Report and Order, FCC 13-73, paragraph 35 (May 22, 2013).
- <2015> 2016 and future Frozen Support Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(c)(4)

**(2005) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation**

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**Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support {47 CFR § 54.313(d)}**

<2016> Certification support used to build broadband

**Connect America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}**

<2017A> Connect America Fund Phase II recipient?

<2017C> Total amount of Phase II support, if any, the price cap carrier used for capital expenditures in 2016.

<2018> Attach the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the carrier newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year - 54.313(e)(1)(ii)(A)

<2019> Recipient certifies that it bid on category one telecommunications and Internet access services in response to all FCC Form 470 postings seeking broadband service that meets the connectivity targets for the schools and libraries universal service support program for eligible schools and libraries located within any area in a census block where the carrier is receiving Phase II model-based support, and that such bids were at rates reasonably comparable to rates charged to eligible schools and libraries in urban areas for comparable offerings - 54.313(e)(1)(ii)(C)

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

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Select from the drop down menu or check the boxes below to note compliance with 54.313(f)(1). Privately held carriers must ensure compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

(3009) Progress Report on 5 Year Plan  
Carrier certifies to 54.313(f)(1)(iii)

(3010A) Certification of Public Interest Obligations (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i))

(3010B) Please Provide Attachment

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3012A) Community Anchor Institutions (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii))

(3012B) Please Provide Attachment

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3013) Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2))

(Yes/No)

 

(3014) If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report

(Yes/No)

 

Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires:

(3015) Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)

(3016) Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

(3017) If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3018) If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited?

(Yes/No)

 

If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:

(3019) Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or

(2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers

(3020) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

(3021) Management letter and/or audit opinion issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit.

If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:

(3022) Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers

(3023) Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant

(3024) Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.

(3025) Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

(3026) Attach the worksheet listing required information

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

**(3005) Plans Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)**

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**Financial Data Summary**

(3027) Revenue	
(3028) Operating Expenses	
(3029) Net Income	
(3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TPIS)	
(3031) Total Assets	
(3032) Total Debt	
(3033) Total Equity	
(3034) Dividends	

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**4005 Rural Broadband Experiment**

Authorized Rural Broadband Experiment (RBE) recipients must address the certification for public interest obligations, provide a list of newly served community anchor institutions, and provide a list of locations where broadband has been deployed.

**Public Interest Obligations – FCC 14-98 (paragraphs 26-29, 78)**

Please address Line 4001 regarding compliance with the Commission’s public interest obligations. All RBE participants must provide a response to Line 4001.

**4001.** Recipient certifies that it is offering broadband to the identified locations meeting the requisite public interest obligations consistent with the category for which they were selected, including broadband speed, latency, usage capacity, and rates that are reasonably comparable to rates for comparable offerings in urban areas?

**Community Anchor Institutions – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 79)**

**4003a.** RBE participants must provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which they newly deployed broadband service in the preceding calendar year. On this line, please respond (yes – attach new community anchors, no – no new anchors) to indicate whether this list will be provided.

If yes to 4003A, please provide a response for 4003B.

**4003b.** Provide the number, names and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the recipient newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information \_\_\_\_\_

**Broadband Deployment Locations – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 80)**

**4004a.** Attach a list of geocoded locations to which broadband has been deployed as of the June 1st immediately preceding the July 1st filing deadline for the FCC Form 481.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information \_\_\_\_\_

**4004b.** Attach evidence demonstrating that the recipient is meeting the relevant public service obligations for the identified locations. Materials must at least detail the pricing, offered broadband speed and data usage allowances available in the relevant geographic area.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Certification - Reporting Carrier Data Collection Form</b>	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:**

<b>Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients</b>	
I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	
Signature of Authorized Officer:	Date
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	Filing Due Date for this form:
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

**Certification - Agent / Carrier  
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**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:**

Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I certify that (Name of Agent) <u>Moss Adams, LLP</u> is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.	
Name of Authorized Agent:	Moss Adams, LLP
Name of Reporting Carrier:	Sagebrush Cellular, Inc.
Signature of Authorized Officer:	CERTIFIED ONLINE Date: 06/20/2017
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	Remi Sun
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	CFO
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	4067832358 ext.
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	389013 Filing Due Date for this form: 07/03/2017
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:**

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	Sagebrush Cellular, Inc.
Name of Authorized Agent Firm:	Moss Adams, LLP
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	CERTIFIED ONLINE Date: 06/19/2017
Name of Authorized Agent Employee:	Moss Adams, LLP
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent	Staff Consultant
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	5097770231 ext.
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Attachments





## **LINE 510 - SERVICE QUALITY STANDARDS AND CONSUMER PROTECTION RULES COMPLIANCE**

Sagebrush Cellular, Inc. ("the Company") complies with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules for its voice and broadband services.

The Company is in compliance with service quality standards for voice service established by the FCC and the North Dakota Public Service Commission. It also complies with any and all consumer protection obligations under state law.

The Company complies with the CTIA Consumer Code for Wireless Service. Specifically: (1) the Company discloses its rates and terms of service to customers; (2) the Company makes available maps showing where service is generally available; (3) the Company provides contract terms to customers and confirms changes in service; (4) the Company allows a trial period for new service; (5) the Company provides specific disclosures in its advertising; (6) the Company separately identifies carrier charges from taxes on its billing statements; (7) the Company provides customers the right to terminate service for changes to contract terms; (8) the Company provides ready access to customer service; (9) the Company promptly responds to consumer inquiries and complaints received from government agencies; and (10) the Company abides by policies for protection of consumer privacy.

In particular, the Company has a policy and established operating procedures that comply with the FCC's Customer Proprietary Network Information (CPNI) rules (47 C.F.R. §§64.2001-64.2011).

Finally, the Company complies with the FCC's Open Internet rules, 47 C.F.R. §§8.3-8.11. These rules prohibit blocking, throttling, and paid prioritization, and also require the Company to publicly disclose information regarding its network management practices, performance, and the commercial terms of its broadband services.

## **LINE 610 - FUNCTIONALITY IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS**

Sagebrush Cellular, Inc. ("the Company") is able to remain functional in emergency situations for both voice and broadband service. The Company has a reasonable amount of back-up power to ensure functionality of voice services without an external power source. Buildings and central offices are equipped with uninterruptible power supply ("UPS") using battery backup and standalone generators. Cell sites are equipped with at least eight hours of battery backup and plug-ins for portable generators. The Company is able to reroute cellular traffic around damaged facilities, and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations. The Company is fully protected for all cellular traffic which will transfer over to the redundant path in case of an emergency or maintenance. All network transport is designed and installed in a redundant, geo diverse, ring architecture that will automatically transfer over in case of a disruption in service.

## **LINE 920 – TRIBAL GOVERNMENT ENGAGEMENT OBLIGATION**

Sagebrush Cellular, Inc. (“the Company”) serves on tribal lands of the Turtle Mountain Indian Reservation (“the Reservation”). In prior years, the Company has sought to engage with the Reservation, requesting meetings to discuss the topics set forth in 47 C.F.R. §54.313(a)(9), but has never received a response from any tribal government official associated with the Reservation. In 2016, the Company inadvertently failed to contact the Reservation to offer to meet with them. Nevertheless, the Company provides the same high-quality voice and broadband service on the tribal lands contained within its service area as it does throughout the rest of its territory. Also, on July 1, 2016, the Company sent the tribal government a copy of its 2016 Form 481, pursuant to 47 C.F.R §54.313(i), as well as a copy of its Form 690 (Mobility Fund Phase I Annual Report Form).

The Company commits to making the necessary attempts to engage with the Reservation in 2017 and in subsequent years.

## **LINE 1210 – TERMS & CONDITIONS OF VOICE TELEPHONY LIFELINE PLANS**

Residential customers of Sagebrush Cellular, Inc. (“the Company”) residing on non-Tribal lands who qualify for the Lifeline Program receive a federal discount of \$9.25 on voice telephony service. Residential Lifeline customers of the Company residing on Tribal lands receive a discount of up to \$34.25 on voice telephony service (\$9.25 federal discount + up to an additional \$25.00 federal discount). The Tribal Lifeline credit cannot exceed the total of the subscriber residential rate.

In the Company’s non-Tribal areas, the Lifeline single-line residential rate is \$55.75 (\$65.00 standard rate - \$9.25 discount).

For customers residing on Tribal lands, the Lifeline single-line residential rate is \$30.75 (\$65.00 standard rate - \$34.25 discount.)

Under the above-mentioned plan, Lifeline customers have an unlimited number of minutes for local and domestic long distance calls and unlimited texting.

Data usage is not included in the above-mentioned voice Lifeline offering. Lifeline customers may subscribe to any residential voice telephony service package that is generally available to the public and will receive the applicable Lifeline discount off of the regular price of the package.