



January 20, 2020

Darrell Nitschke
Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
12th Floor State Capitol
600 East Boulevard, Dept. 408
Bismarck ND 58505-0480

RE: North Dakota Telephone Company Exchange and Network Services Tariff

North Dakota Telephone Company (NDTC) respectfully files with the North Dakota Public Service Commission the enclosed revised tariff pages of the NDTC Exchange and Network Services Tariff. We have enclosed both an original and a redlined copy.

The filing of the revised tariff Section 4, Pages 12, 13, & 16, update the Link Up Program eligibility requirements and rates effective January 1, 2020. Section 1, Page 12, and Section 5, Page 24 & 26, serves to offer Terminating Call Screening service, effective November 1, 2019, to all customers within North Dakota Telephone Company exchanges.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know and I will be happy to provide this as requested.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rodney Hoffmeyer".

Rodney Hoffmeyer
CEO/General Manager
North Dakota Telephone Company

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Enclosures

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4. LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

4.8 TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS (CONT'D)

B. Lifeline Program

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Consumers with household* income at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines are eligible for support. (L)

Residents of Tribal lands qualify if they participate in any of the above programs or one of the following: Tribally Administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance, Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations, and Head Start (those meeting its income-qualifying standards).

The Federal Lifeline Program consists of the following:

- a. Qualifying low income consumers pay reduced charges for retail local telecommunications service.
- b. Lifeline service includes voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent, minutes of use for local service provided at no additional charge to end users, access to emergency services, and toll limitation service to qualifying low income consumers.
- c. Toll Limitation Service will be provided at no additional cost to the consumer who qualifies for Lifeline where the ETC still distinguishes between local and long distance.
- d. A deposit may not be collected in order to initiate Lifeline Service for plans that:
 1. Do not charge subscribers additional fees for toll calls; or
 2. That charge additional fees for toll calls, but the subscriber voluntarily elects toll limitation service.
- e. North Dakota Telephone Company will not disconnect Lifeline service if consumer keeps their basic local service in good standing

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B. Lifeline Program (Cont'd)

- f. Only one Federal Lifeline Service is available per household. * (L)
- g. Lifeline credits applied to retail residential basic local telecommunication service rates are as follows:

Regular Federal Lifeline Customers	Code	Credits	
Interstate Lifeline Credit	LLCR	\$0.75	(R)
Federal Lifeline Waiver	LLW	\$6.50	
Lifeline Regular Toll Block Credit	BLKLL	\$1.00	

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Federal Lifeline Waiver	LLW	\$6.50
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2. In order to receive Tribal Lifeline for residents of Tribal lands, a consumer must be approved in the National Verifier by USAC. (T)
3. Federal Lifeline credits applied to tribal residential basic local telecommunications service rates are as follows: (D)

Tribal Lifeline Credit Amounts

<u>Exchange with Tribal Land</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Credit Amount</u>	
Interstate Lifeline Credit	<u>LLCRX</u>	\$ 0.75	(R)
Federal Lifeline Waiver	<u>LLWX</u>	\$ 6.50	
Additional Federal Tribal Lifeline Amounts			
	<u>LLXTT</u>		
Crary.....		\$21.25	(I)
Fort Totten.....		\$21.25	
Minnewaukan.....		\$21.25	
Oberon.....		\$21.25	
Sheyenne.....		\$21.25	
Tolna.....		\$21.25	
Warwick.....		\$21.25	
Toll Block	<u>BLKEX</u>	\$ 1.00	(I)

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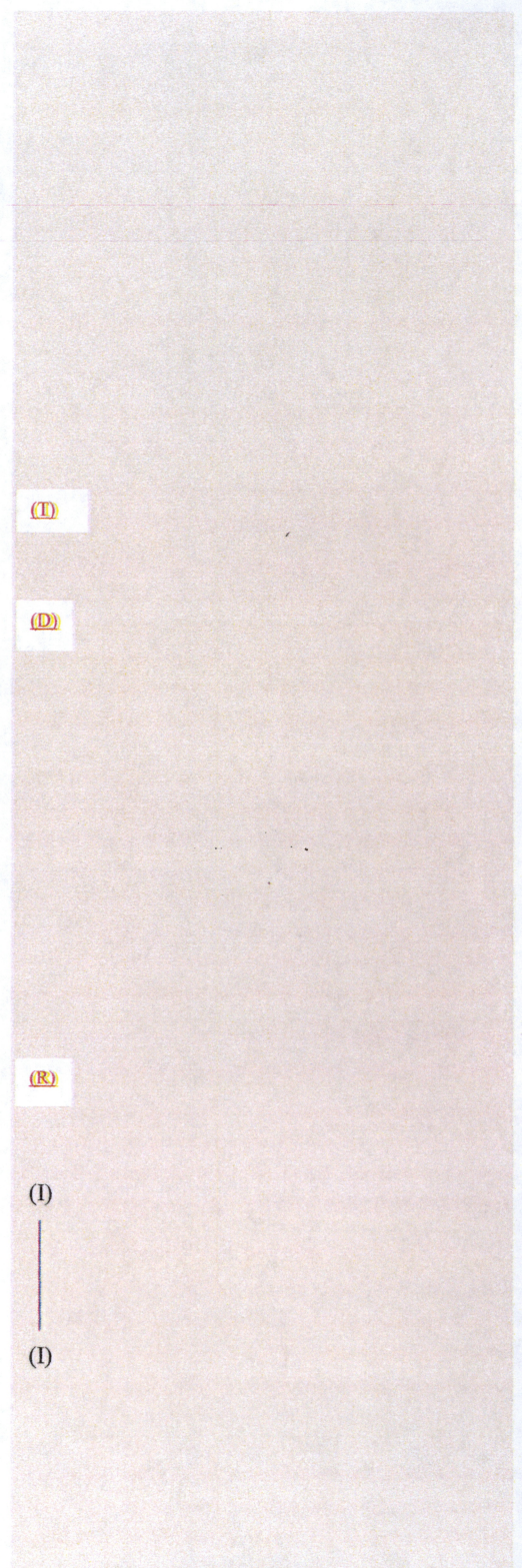
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 - ~~a. a statement that the consumer is certifying the information conveyed in the completed certification under penalty of perjury,~~
 - ~~b. indication that the consumer is receiving benefits under one of the programs listed under Section 4.8.D.1 for Tribal Lifeline,~~
 - ~~c. indication that the consumer lives on Tribal lands, and~~
 - ~~d. a statement that the consumer agrees to notify North Dakota Telephone Company if the consumer ceases to participate in the program or programs.~~
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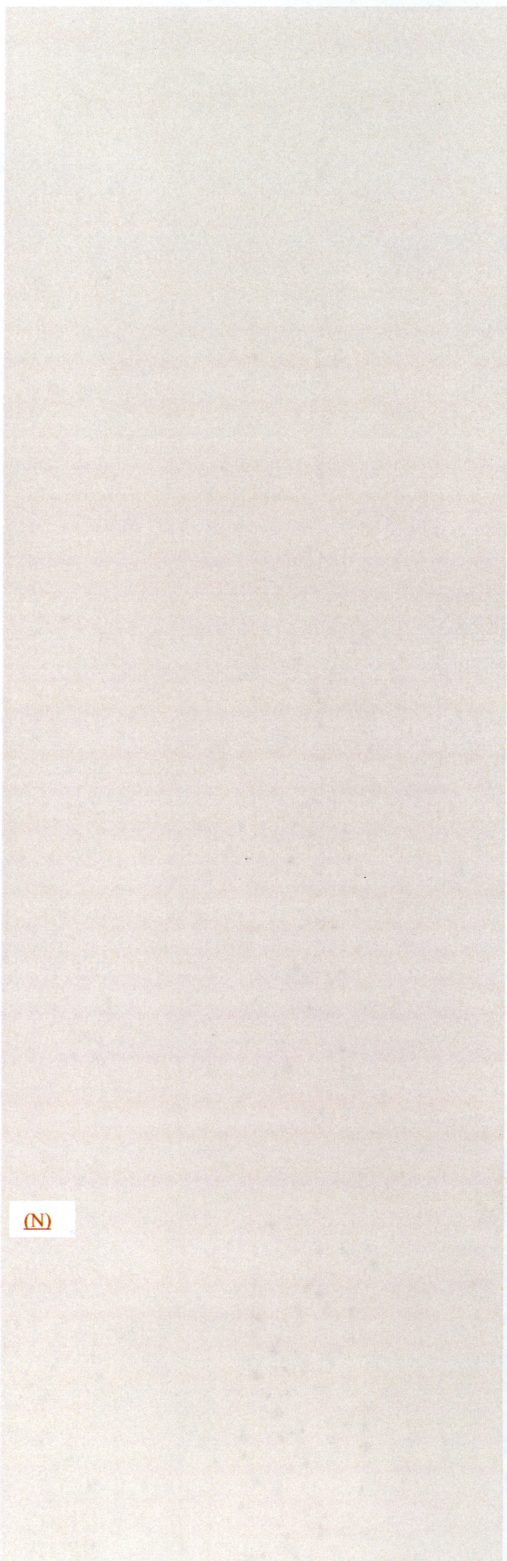
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5. GENERAL SERVICES

5.13 CUSTOM CALLING SERVICES (CONT'D)
A. General (Cont'd)

2. Description of Features (Cont'd)

f. Call Waiting

Call Waiting provides a burst of tone to inform a station user with a call already in progress that another call is waiting to be answered. The station user may answer the waiting call by hanging up or hitting the switch hook.

g. Cancel Call Waiting

Cancel Call Waiting allows a station user, on a per-call basis, to deactivate Call Waiting by dialing an access code.

h. Three-Way Calling

Three-Way Calling allows a station user to add a third party to the existing call, enabling a simultaneous conference between parties at multiple locations. If multiple parties of the conversation subscribe to this service, each may establish an additional line, to a maximum of six lines.

i. Speed Calling

Speed Calling 8 Code enables a station user to call a list of up to eight (8) preselected directory numbers by dialing one-digit codes instead of the directory numbers. Up to thirty (30) numbers may be accessed by a two-digit code with Speed Calling 30 Code.

j. Terminating Call Screening provides the subscriber with the ability to screen calls prior to terminating the call on the subscribers line. (N)

B. Rates and Charges

1. Service Charges may apply with the following exceptions:

- a. The Company will waive applicable service charges during special promotions in exchanges equipped with available facilities.
- b. Upon conversion to a "Stored Program Control" switch in an exchange a 90 day grace period will follow to allow those customers wishing to subscribe to Custom Calling features without application of service charges.

2. Service Charges do not apply when Custom Calling Service is provided with associated services for which appropriate services charges are charged.

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5.13 CUSTOM CALLING SERVICES (CONT'D)

B. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

	<u>Per Line Monthly Rate</u>		
Terminating Call Screening	Business	\$1.95	(N)
	Residence	\$1.95	

C. Conditions

1. Restriction of service to three-way and Speed Call Features may be inherent due to equipment limitations; i.e., "within same hunting group."
2. Custom Calling Services may be provided on individual line, Private Branch Exchange trunks and key system business lines and may not be provided in conjunction with coin telephone services.

5.14 SPECIAL BILLING NUMBER SERVICE

A. General

Special Billing Number Service is the provision of a separate listing of toll telephone messages each month for each special billing number used in placing a call.

B. Rates

Monthly Rate

1. Special Billing Numbers, each \$1.70

C. Conditions

1. Special Billing Number Service may be provided in conjunction with all classes and grades of service.
2. The minimum period for which this service may be offered is two months.

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5.13 CUSTOM CALLING SERVICES (CONT'D)

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Per Line Monthly Rate

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