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PURPOSE: This tariff filing modifies the Lifeline tariff in compliance with federal and state and orders.

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1. LIFELINE ASSISTANCE

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A. General

1. Lifeline service shall be a flat rate, monthly, primary access line service with touchtone service or any other packages/bundles of service, if available to customers, less the lifeline discount and shall provide all of the following:
 - a. Recurring discount equal to the maximum contribution of federally available assistance will be applied to the customer's monthly service charge;
 - b. Waiver of the Federal Universal Service Fee;
 - c. Waiver of a deposit to establish service;
 - d. Waiver of the applicable service connection charges for establishing service, not more than once per customer at a single address in a twelve month period;
 - e. Free toll restriction and automatic blocking for 900 and 976 calls.

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2. Customers qualifying for Lifeline Assistance with past due bills for regulated local service charges shall be offered special payment arrangements with the initial payment not to exceed \$25.00 before service is installed, with the balance for regulated local charges to be paid over six equal monthly payments. Lifeline service customers with past due bills for toll service charges shall have toll restricted service until such past due toll service charges have been paid or until the customer establishes service with a subsequent toll provider.

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B. Regulations

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1. Lifeline Assistance is available to residential customers who qualify as a low-income consumer pursuant to 47 C.F.R. 54.409, as it may be revised in the future. (N)
2. A customer is not eligible for Lifeline Assistance if he or she is already receiving Lifeline service or if there is anyone else in the customer's household, as defined in C.F.R. 54.400(h), subscribed to a Lifeline service.
3. Initial Subscriber Eligibility Determination and Certification

The Company will ensure that Lifeline subscribers are eligible to receive Lifeline services consistent with the federal requirements set forth in 47 C.F.R. 54.410.
4. Subscriber Eligibility Re-certification

The Company will annually recertify all Lifeline subscribers consistent with the federal requirements in 47 C.F.R. 54.410(f).
5. All other aspects of the state-specific Lifeline service shall be consistent with the federal requirements in 47 C.F.R. 54. (N)

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