

November 23, 2016

Advice No. 14

Beth Salak, Director
Office of Communications
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shummard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Dear Ms. Salak:

Enclosed please find the revised tariff pages to Frontier Communications of the South, Inc., General Subscriber Services Tariff, issued November 22, 2016, to become effective December 2, 2016, subject to the Public Service Commission approval, as follows:

The purpose of this filing is to revise the Lifeline tariff by streamlining program rules and eliminating outdated program obligations as required in the FCC's April 27, 2016 Report and Order, Further Report and Order, and Order on Reconsideration of Proposed Rulemaking in WC Docket No. 11-42, (FCC 16-38).

If you have a question regarding this filing, please call me at (304) 325-1688.

Sincerely,

/s/ Angie McCall

Angie McCall
Government and External Affairs Manager

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LIFELINE ASSISTANCE

Telecommunications Access System Act of 1991 A.

Pursuant to passage of the Telecommunications Access System of 1991 by the Florida Legislature during the 1991 session, a monthly surcharge shall be imposed on all Local Exchange Telephone Company subscribers on an individual access line basis, except that such surcharge shall not be imposed upon more than 25 basic telecommunication access lines per account bill rendered. The Florida Public Service Commission shall determine the amount of the surcharge however, in no case shall the amount exceed 25 cents per line per month. The surcharge shall appear on the initial bill to the subscriber and be itemized at least once annually.

В. Lifeline Assistance Plan

General 1.

- This program is a government Lifeline Assistance Plan and provides for a credit a. to eligible customers on their monthly billing. Funding for Lifeline Assistance is obtained from a universal service support mechanism to which all telecommunications carriers that provide interstate telecommunications services contribute on an equitable and nondiscriminatory basis.
- In order to qualify for the Florida Lifeline Assistance Plan, a customer may selfb. certify under penalty of perjury, or authorize an agency to verify their participation in at least one of the following programs:
 - Supplemental Security Income (SSI),
 - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program,

 - Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8),
 - Veterans Pension, or
 - Survivors Pension
- Customers will also qualify for Lifeline Assistance if their household income is at C. or below 135% of the Federal Poverty guidelines.

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- B. Interstate Subscriber Line Charge Waiver and Matching Program (Lifeline Assistance Plan) (Continued)
 - 2. Application and Regulations

Guidelines for implementation of this program are as follows:

- a. <u>Certification Procedures</u> Subscriber certification will comply with 47 C.F.R. Sec. 54.410.
- b. <u>Processing Procedures</u> The Telephone Company will process all applications and apply the appropriate credit on the subscriber's monthly bill. An explanation of the credit will appear on each telephone bill.
- c. <u>Verification Procedures</u> Subscriber recertification will comply with 47 C.F.R. Sec. 54.410.
- d. Lifeline Service can only be associated with the primary residential connection.
- e. Toll blocking service is available to Lifeline Service customers at no charge.
- f. Lifeline Service may not be disconnected for non-payment of toll charges.
- g. Deposit requirements do not apply to Lifeline Service customers if toll blocking is employed.

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B. Lifeline Assistance Plan (Continued)

3. Rates and Charges

a. A total credit amount applies to the Lifeline customer's monthly bill as follows:

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Monthly Credit

Federal Lifeline Credits::

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Federal Lifeline Support Credit

\$9.25

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- b. A secondary service order charge does not apply when an existing customer converts their service to Lifeline Assistance.
- c. All recurring and nonrecurring charges for any service ordered by the customer shall be billed at the tariffed rates.
- d. When a customer is no longer eligible for Lifeline service, the Lifeline credit amount specified in a. preceding, will be discontinued and, if requested by the customer, Transitional Lifeline Assistance will be applied for a period of 1 year. At the end of the 1-year period, regular tariffed rates and charges apply.

C. Transitional Lifeline Assistance Program

1. General

Transitional Lifeline Assistance is a state program, which provides a 30% reduction of the applicable monthly exchange flat rate for Residential Basic Local Service for subscribers who no longer qualify for the Lifeline Assistance Plan.

2. Regulations

A Lifeline Assistance subscriber who requests this service will receive a discounted rate for a period of one (1) year from the date the subscriber ceases to be qualified for the Lifeline Assistance Program.

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