

SCHEDULE OF CHARGES AND  
REGULATIONS GOVERNING

STATE AND FEDERAL LOW-INCOME CONSUMERS DISCOUNTS

Applying to Local Telephone Exchange Service in Michigan

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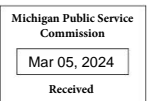
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CONCURRING CARRIERS

The Telephone Companies listed below concur in all sections of the tariff, except as otherwise indicated by the asterisk.

ACE TELEPHONE COMPANY OF MICHIGAN  
d/b/a Acentek  
5351 N M-37  
Mesick, MI 49668

THE DEERFIELD FARMERS' TELEPHONE COMPANY  
4200 Teal Road  
Petersburg, MI 49270  
Applies to OCN 0691

HIAWATHA TELEPHONE COMPANY  
108 West Superior Street  
Munising, MI 49862

ALLBAND COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE  
7251 Cemetery Road  
Curran, MI 48728

LENNON TELEPHONE COMPANY  
11908 Main Street  
Lennon, MI 48449

BARAGA TELEPHONE COMPANY  
204 State Street, P.O. Box 9  
Baraga, MI 49908  
Applies to OCN 0675

MEI TELECOM, INC.\*  
123 W. Orchard St., Box 127  
Delton, MI 49046

BARAGA TELEPHONE COMPANY  
204 State Street, P.O. Box 9  
Baraga, MI 49908  
Applies to OCN 4253

MICHIGAN CENTRAL BROADBAND COMPANY, LLC.  
397 US 41 N., P.O. Box 86  
Carney, MI 49812-0086

BLANCHARD TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION, INC.  
P. O. Box 67  
Blanchard, MI 49310

MIDWAY TELEPHONE COMPANY  
P.O. Box 97  
Watton, MI 49970

BLOOMINGDALE TELEPHONE COMPANY  
P.O. Box 187  
Bloomingdale, MI 49026

ONTONAGON COUNTY TELEPHONE COMPANY  
618 River Street  
Ontonagon, MI 49953

CARR TELEPHONE COMPANY  
4325 South Masten Road  
Branch, MI 49402

PIGEON TELEPHONE COMPANY  
7585 West Pigeon Road  
Pigeon, MI 48755

CHAPIN TELEPHONE COMPANY  
19994 W. Ridge Rd.  
Elsie, MI 48831

SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN COMMUNICATIONS, INC.\*  
P.O. Box 187  
Bloomingdale, MI 49026

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SPRINGPORT TELEPHONE COMPANY  
137 Main Street  
Springport, MI 49284

COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION OF MICHIGAN,  
INC.  
525 Junction Road  
Madison, WI 53717

UPPER PENINSULA TELEPHONE COMPANY  
397 N. U.S. Hwy. 41, P.O. Box 86  
Carney, MI 49812-0086

ISLAND TELEPHONE COMPANY  
525 Junction Road  
Madison, WI 53717

WALDRON TELEPHONE COMPANY  
115 South Main Street  
Waldron, Michigan 49288

KALEVA TELEPHONE COMPANY  
9281 Osmo Street  
Kaleva, MI 49645

WESTPHALIA TELEPHONE COMPANY  
109 East Main, P.O. Box 368  
Westphalia, MI 48894

OGDEN TELEPHONE COMPANY  
4726 East Weston Road  
Blissfield, MI 49228

WINN TELECOM\*  
402 N. Mission St., Suite 1  
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

SAND CREEK TELEPHONE COMPANY  
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Sand Creek, MI 49279

WINN TELEPHONE COMPANY  
2766 West Blanchard Road, P.O. Box 367  
Winn, MI 48896

SHIAWASSEE TELEPHONE COMPANY  
525 Junction Road  
Madison, WI 53717

CHATHAM TELEPHONE COMPANY  
525 Junction Road  
Madison, WI 53717

WOLVERINE TELEPHONE COMPANY  
525 Junction Road  
Madison, WI 53717

CLIMAX TELEPHONE COMPANY  
13800 E. Michigan Ave.  
Galesburg, MI 49053-9658

BARRY COUNTY TELEPHONE COMPANY  
107 N. Grove St.  
Delton, MI 49046

ASPIRE NETWORKS I, LLC  
DBA HIGHLINE INTERNET  
2222 N. Lincoln Rd.  
Escanaba, MI 49829

\*Concurring in the State Lifeline Program only

STATE AND FEDERAL LOW-INCOME CONSUMERS DISCOUNTS

The table below shows carriers concurring in the Federal Lifeline Program only.

CARRIER	EFFECTIVE DATE
ACE TELEPHONE COMPANY OF MICHIGAN d/b/a Acentek	January 1, 2023
ASPIRE NETWORKS I, LLC d/b/a HIGHLINE INTERNET	March 12, 2023
CARR TELEPHONE COMPANY	February 8, 2023
CHAPIN TELEPHONE COMPANY	April 30, 2023
THE DEERFIELD FARMERS' TELEPHONE COMPANY	March 1, 2023
HIAWATHA TELEPHONE COMPANY	February 1, 2023
MIDWAY TELEPHONE COMPANY	February 1, 2023
ONTONAGON COUNTY TELEPHONE COMPANY	February 1, 2023
PIGEON TELEPHONE COMPANY	March 1, 2023
SAND CREEK TELEPHONE COMPANY	January 1, 2023
WALDRON TELEPHONE COMPANY	April 1, 2024
WESTPHALIA TELEPHONE COMPANY	February 8, 2023

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STATE AND FEDERAL LOW-INCOME CONSUMERS DISCOUNTS

A. APPLICATION OF TARIFF

This Tariff applies to low-income consumers discounts furnished in Michigan by each of the Telephone Companies listed as a concurring carrier, hereinafter each of which is referred to as the Company.

B. EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS

- (C) Signifies a changed regulation.
- (D) Signifies a discontinued rate, treatment or regulation.
- (I) signifies an increased rate or new treatment resulting in an increased rate.
- (N) Signifies a new rate, treatment or regulation.
- (R) Signifies a reduced rate or new treatment resulting in a reduced rate.

STATE AND FEDERAL LOW-INCOME CONSUMERS DISCOUNTS

1. Federal Lifeline Program
  - A. The Federal Lifeline Program offers discounts on existing rates and charges to qualifying low income consumers for the purchase of Federal Eligible Lifeline Services listed below.
  - B. Consumer Qualification for Eligibility in Federal Lifeline Program.
    - (a) To constitute a qualifying low-income consumer:
      - (1) A consumer's household income as defined in 47 CFR §54.400 (f) and (h) must be at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines for a household of the consumer's size; or
      - (2) The consumer, one or more of the consumer's dependents, or the consumer's household must receive benefits from one of the following federal assistance programs; Medicaid; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; Supplemental Security Income; Federal Public Housing Assistance; or Veterans and Survivors Pension Benefit.
    - (b) A consumer who lives on rural Tribal lands is eligible for federal Lifeline service as a "qualifying low-income consumer" as defined by 47 CFR §54.400(a) and as an "eligible resident of Tribal lands" as defined by 47 CFR §54.400(e) if that consumer meets the qualifications for Lifeline specified in section (a)(1) or (2) of this section or if the consumer, one or more of the consumer's dependents, or the consumer's household participates in one of the following Tribal-specific federal assistance programs: Bureau of Indian Affairs general assistance; Tribally administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families; Head Start (only those households meeting its income qualifying standard); or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations.
    - (c) In addition to meeting the qualifications provided in paragraph (a) or (b) of this section, in order to constitute a qualifying low-income consumer, a consumer must not already be receiving a Lifeline discount, and there must not be anyone else in the consumer's household subscribed to a Lifeline service and receiving a Lifeline discount for such service.
  - C. Lifeline Eligible Services in the Federal Lifeline Program include:
    - (a) "Voice Telephony Service" as defined in 47 CFR §54.400(m);
    - (b) "Broadband Internet Access Service" as defined in 47 CFR §54.400(l);
    - (c) A bundle of Broadband Internet Access Service and fixed Voice Telephony Service, or;
    - (d) Any service plan described in paragraph (a)-(c) of this section which also includes optional calling features such as, but not limited to, caller identification, call waiting, voicemail, and three-way calling.
  - D. Other separate telecommunications or internet services can be provided to eligible low income consumers at applicable rates and charges. Lifeline discounts do not apply to such other services.
  - E. Proof of eligibility will be required for all initial Lifeline applicants, and all Lifeline recipients will be required to recertify their eligibility every year.

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F. Monthly Discounts For Federal Lifeline Consumers

- (a) The discount on the monthly rate for qualified Federal Lifeline consumers purchasing Lifeline Eligible Services listed on Sheet 6 shall be as follows:
  - (1) For packages that include a Broadband Internet Access Service, the discount is \$9.25;
  - (2) For packages that do not include a Broadband Internet Access Service, the discount is \$5.25.
- (b) The discount shall be applied first to the end user common line charge, and then to the monthly service rate for Lifeline Eligible Services.
- (c) Tribal lands discount amount. An additional federal Lifeline discount of up to \$25 per month will be made available to an eligible resident of rural Tribal lands as defined in 47 CFR §54.400(e), and 47 CFR §54.403(a)(3).
- (d) At no time shall the total Lifeline discount exceed the sum of the end user common line charge and the monthly service rate, excluding applicable taxes, fees, and other surcharges.

G. Tribal Link Up Program

- (a) A discount on the line connection charge is available to qualifying Federal Lifeline consumers residing on rural Tribal lands as defined in 47CFR §54.400(e) for the installation or transfer of services from one residential premises to another.
- (b)
  - (1) A qualifying consumer may receive a 100% reduction up to \$100 in the installation charges, or transfer of service charges, for connection at the consumer's principal place of residence.
  - (2) A qualifying consumer may then make payments for the remaining connection charges on a deferred schedule in which the qualifying consumers does not pay interest. The interest charges not charged to the qualifying consumer shall be for connection charges of up to \$200.00 that are deferred for a period not to exceed one year. Charges assessed for installation or transfer of service include any charges that the Company customarily assesses to connect consumers to the network. These charges do not include any permissible security deposit requirements.
  - (3) A qualifying consumer can receive the benefits of the Tribal Link Up Program for a second and subsequent time only for a principal place of residence with an address different from the residential address at which the Tribal Link Up assistance was approved previously.

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STATE AND FEDERAL LOW-INCOME CONSUMERS DISCOUNTS

1. State Lifeline Program
  - A. The State Lifeline Program offers discounts on existing rates and charges to qualifying low income consumers for the purchase of State Eligible Lifeline Services listed below.
  - B. Consumer Qualification for Eligibility in State Lifeline Program.
    - (a) To constitute a qualifying low-income consumer:
      - (1) A consumer's annual household income must be at or below 150% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines for a household of that size; or
      - (2) The consumer, must participate in one of the following programs:
        - a. Medicaid
        - b. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) – Food Stamps
        - c. Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
        - d. Federal Public Housing Assistance/Section 8
        - e. Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
        - f. National School Lunch Program's free lunch program
        - g. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) a/k/a Family Independence Program
    - (b) In addition to meeting the qualifications provided in paragraph (a) of this section in order to constitute a qualifying low-income consumer, the consumer (1) must have met these qualifications and have been receiving a State Lifeline discount on December 31, 2019, and (2) there must not be anyone else in the consumer's household subscribed to a Lifeline service and receiving a Lifeline discount for such service.
    - (c) For consumers who before January 1, 2020, did not meet the eligibility criteria to qualify as a low-income consumer in paragraph (a) of this section and were not receiving a State Lifeline discount, the consumer must meet the eligibility criteria under the Federal Lifeline Program in Section 1B, Tariff sheet 6 above to receive the State Lifeline discount.
  - C. Lifeline Eligible Services in the State Lifeline Program include:
    - (a) "Basic Local Exchange Service" defined as a phone line and usage within the consumer's local calling area; or
    - (b) A bundle of Basic Local Exchange Service with any other service such as toll service, internet access, or optional calling features such as, but not limited to, caller identification, call waiting, voicemail, and three-way calling.
  - D. Other separate telecommunications or internet services can be provided to qualifying low income consumers at applicable rates and charges. Lifeline discounts do not apply to such other services.
  - E. Proof of eligibility will be required for all initial Lifeline applicants and all Lifeline recipients may be required to recertify their eligibility every year.

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F. Monthly Discounts For State Lifeline Consumers

(a) For Eligible State Low Income consumers who also qualify for discounts under the Federal Lifeline program, the total discounts are as follows:

- (1) An \$11.25 a month discount for consumers under age 65 for packages that include a Broadband Internet Access Service.
- (2) A \$10.25 a month discount for consumers under age 65 for packages that do not include a Broadband Internet Access Service.
- (3) A \$12.35 a month discount for consumers age 65 or more.

(b) Except as set forth in Section F (c) below, for Eligible State Low Income consumers who do not qualify for discounts under the Federal Lifeline program, the discounts under the State Lifeline Program are as follows:

- (1) A \$10.25 a month discount for consumers under age 65.
- (2) A \$12.35 a month discount for consumers age 65 or more.

(c) For concurring carriers which are CLECs operating as a separate legal entity, the discounts are as follows:

- (1) An \$8.25 a month discount for eligible consumers under age 65.
- (2) A \$12.35 a month discount for eligible consumers age 65 or more.

(d) The discounts in Sections (F)(a)(b) and (c) above shall be applied first to the end user common line charge, and then to the monthly service rate for Lifeline Eligible Services.

(e) At no time shall the total Lifeline discounts exceed the sum of the end user common line charge and the monthly service rate, excluding applicable taxes, fees, and surcharges.

## STATE AND FEDERAL LOW-INCOME CONSUMERS DISCOUNTS

### G. Regulations For the Federal And State Lifeline Programs

1. General Regulations specified elsewhere in the Company's Local Exchange tariffs apply to Federal and State Eligible Lifeline Services.
2. The Lifeline discounts are available only with residence services, excluding foreign exchange service. Lifeline is limited to a single subscription per household where household is defined to be any individual or group of individuals who are living together at the same address as one economic unit. For the purposes of this rule, an economic unit consists of all adult individuals contributing to and sharing in the income and expenses of a household.
3. A miscellaneous service charge does not apply when Lifeline service is added or discontinued to existing service when that is the only work being done.
4. Local service deposit requirements will be waived for consumers who voluntarily receive Toll Blocking Service.
5. The Lifeline discounts will apply after a determination that the consumer's household meets the eligibility standards established above for either the Federal or State Lifeline Programs.
6. Consumers of Lifeline must notify the Company of any changes which would affect qualification by eligibility. When the consumers is no longer eligible for Lifeline service, the Lifeline discounts will be discontinued and regular tariff rates and charges will apply.
7. As a participant in Lifeline, Voice Telephony Service consumers are eligible to receive toll blocking service at no charge. This service will only be provided at the consumer's request, unless the consumer has incurred and has failed to pay toll charges for at least 1 month. Toll blocking service is defined as a central office service that restricts access to the network. Toll blocking is provided where facilities permit and will not allow 1+, 0+, 0-, 101XXXX, 900, or interzone calls to be completed. Toll blocking does not restrict local calls, calls to intraNPA directory assistance, telephone repair service, 911, or calls to 800 or 950 numbers.
8. Lifeline consumers shall not be disconnected from Voice Telephony Service for nonpayment of toll charges. In addition, the Company will not deny re-establishment of local service to consumers who are eligible. However, toll blocking will be imposed if the consumer previously has incurred and failed to pay toll charges when due or has previously had local service disconnected for nonpayment of local service charges.
9. Where the facilities of the Company permit, the minimum service standards for speed and data usage allowance for fixed Broadband Internet Access Service will be those set forth in FCC Rule §54.408, and updated on an annual or periodic basis as set forth in such rule.

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H. Monthly Rate for Non-Lifeline Customers

Each non-Lifeline service customer of the companies listed below shall pay the indicated rate(s) per exchange access line per month for telephone company intrastate services (Basic Local Exchange Service, Individual Business and Residence line or trunk, PBX Trunk Services and Centrex Services) to cover the costs of the Lifeline service.

<b>Company</b>	<b>Basic Local Exchange Service</b>	<b>Primary Basic Local Exchange Service</b>
ACE TELEPHONE COMPANY OF MICHIGAN	\$0.00	None
ALLBAND COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE	None	None
BARAGA TELEPHONE COMPANY	\$0.10	None
BARRY COUNTY TELEPHONE COMPANY	\$0.10	\$0.07
BLANCHARD TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION, INC.	\$0.00	\$0.00
BLOOMINGDALE TELEPHONE COMPANY	\$0.00	\$0.00
CARR TELEPHONE COMPANY	\$0.00	None
CHAPIN TELEPHONE COMPANY	\$0.00	None
CHATHAM TELEPHONE COMPANY	\$0.00	None
CLIMAX TELEPHONE COMPANY	\$0.00	None
COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION OF MICHIGAN, INC.	\$0.00	None
THE DEERFIELD FARMERS' TELEPHONE COMPANY	\$0.00	None
HIAWATHA TELEPHONE COMPANY	\$0.00	None
ISLAND TELEPHONE COMPANY	\$0.00	None
KALEVA TELEPHONE COMPANY	\$0.00	None
LENNON TELEPHONE COMPANY	\$0.00	None
MICHIGAN CENTRAL BROADBAND COMPANY, LLC	\$0.07	None
MIDWAY TELEPHONE COMPANY	\$0.00	None
OGDEN TELEPHONE COMPANY	\$0.00	None
ONTONAGON COUNTY TELEPHONE COMPANY	\$0.00	None
PIGEON TELEPHONE COMPANY	\$0.00	\$0.00
SAND CREEK TELEPHONE COMPANY	\$0.00	None
SHIAWASSEE TELEPHONE COMPANY	\$0.00	None
SPRINGPORT TELEPHONE COMPANY	\$0.00	\$0.00
UPPER PENINSULA TELEPHONE COMPANY	\$0.07	None
WALDRON TELEPHONE COMPANY	\$0.00	None
WESTPHALIA TELEPHONE COMPANY	\$0.00	\$0.00
WESTPHALIA BROADBAND, INC.	\$0.00	\$0.00
WINN TELEPHONE COMPANY	\$0.00	\$0.00
WOLVERINE TELEPHONE COMPANY	\$0.00	None

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