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Dear Ms. Ancona:

RE: Westphalia Broadband Inc. (WBI) Tariff M.P.S.C. No. 1(R)  
TAM Transmittal No. 2

Enclosed is one copy of WBI's Tariff M.P.S.C. No. 1(R) revisions for filing with the Commission pursuant to Public Act 179 of 1991, as amended, MCL 484.2101 et seq.

The changes reflect WBI's compliance with new federal Lifeline regulations.

WBI's Tariff M.P.S.C. No. 1(R) can be viewed in its entirety at <http://telecommich.org/news/?newsid=200>.

The tariff sheets that are included in this transmittal can be viewed at [www.telecommich.org/Documents/WBI\\_MPSC1RTAMtransmittal2.pdf](http://www.telecommich.org/Documents/WBI_MPSC1RTAMtransmittal2.pdf).

The effective date of these tariffs is July 1, 2014.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact our office.

Yours truly,

Scott Stevenson  
President

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The pages of this tariff, as listed below, are effective as of the date shown. Sheets with the effective date blank are effective as of October 5, 2004, the original effective date of this tariff. Revised sheets contain all changes from the original tariff that are in effect as of the date indicated.

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**SECTION 4 - RATES AND CHARGES, CONTINUED.**

4.2 Service Charges, Continued

4.2.4 Restoration Charge Continued

(B) Nonpayment or Shutoff

In the event service is temporarily interrupted pursuant to Section 2.5.6 of this tariff, such service will be restored upon compliance with all requirements of Section 2.5.6 or, at the discretion of the Company, a substantial portion thereof, and in addition, charges as specified following will be applicable to restore such services.

(1) Residence		
Secondary Service Ordering Charge, per request		\$34.00
Charge per Telephone Number Restored		\$34.00 _____
(2) Business		
Secondary Service Ordering Charge, per request		\$34.00 _____
Charge per Telephone Number Restored		\$34.00 _____

4.3 Lifeline Program

A. DESCRIPTION

1. Lifeline applies discounts to monthly recurring rates for qualifying residential customers. These discounts are applied to existing rates and charges for residential telephone service.
2. In order to be eligible for Lifeline a residential customer's annual household income must be at or below 150% of the poverty level as determined by the United States Department of Health and Human Services and as approved by the State Treasurer, or the person 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
3. Lifeline includes the services and functionalities enumerated in by the FCC. as follows: 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 the emergency services provided by local government or other public safety organizations, such as 911 and enhanced 911, to the extent the local government in an eligible carrier’s service area has implemented 911 or enhanced 911 systems; and toll limitation services.
4. Other services can be provided with Lifeline at applicable rates and charges.
5. Proof of eligibility will be required for all initial Lifeline applicants and all Lifeline recipients will be required to re-certify every year.

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**SECTION 4 - RATES AND CHARGES, CONTINUED.**

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## 4.3 Lifeline Program (Cont'd)

## B. REGULATIONS

1. Regulations specified elsewhere in the Company's tariffs apply to Lifeline.
2. Lifeline is 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 is added or discontinued to existing service when that is the only work being done.
4. The Lifeline plan will apply after receipt and processing of a completed Lifeline application, including documentation indicating that the household income meets the eligibility standards established above.
5. Customers of Lifeline must notify the Company of any changes which would affect qualification. Recerification of eligibility will take place on an ongoing basis. When the customer is no longer eligible for Lifeline service, the Lifeline discount will be discontinued and regular tariff rates and charges will apply.
6. As a participant in Lifeline, customers are eligible to receive toll blocking service at no charge. This service will only be provided at the customer's request. 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.
7. Local service deposit requirements will be waived for customers who voluntarily receive Toll Blocking Service.
8. Participants in Lifeline shall not be disconnected from local service for nonpayments of toll charges. In addition, The Company will not deny re-establishment of local service to customers who are eligible for Lifeline and have previously been disconnected for nonpayment of toll charges.

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C. MONTHLY RATES AND DISCOUNTS FOR LIFELINE CUSTOMERS

1. The discount on the monthly rate for residential exchange service for qualified Lifeline customers shall be \$9.25 from the Federal discount program plus \$2.00 from the State discount program for a total discount of \$11.25. Credits are applied to the end user's basic local exchange service. At no time shall the total Lifeline credit exceed the sum of the end user common line charge and the basic local exchange rate. The discount on the monthly rate for residential exchange service for qualified Lifeline customers 65 years of age or more shall be \$9.25 from the Federal discount program plus \$3.10 from the State discount program for a total discount of \$12.35. Credits are applied to the end user's basic local exchange service. At no time shall the total Lifeline credit exceed the sum of the end-user common line charge and the basic local exchange rate.

D. MONTHLY RATE FOR NON LIFELINE CUSTOMERS

A rate specified in MECA's Tariff M.P.S.C. No. 25 Part XVII, General applies per exchange access line to cover the costs of the Lifeline service, to the Telephone Company intrastate services as listed below:

- Business and Residence exchange services excluding Lifeline customers.
- PBX Trunk Services
- Centrex Services

The rate for business Centrex station lines will be computed based on the trunk Equivalence Table specified in the Company's Tariff M.P.S.C. No. 2.