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5.2.6 TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

A. Washington Telephone Assistance Program (WTAP)

1. Description

The WTAP is designed to help low income households afford access to local exchange telephone service. The program is only available to customers who meet eligibility requirements established by statute. Residents of Tribal lands can also qualify for the Federal portion of the Lifeline program based on terms and conditions for Tribal Lifeline.

2. Terms and Conditions

a. Certain qualifying residential customers are eligible for service under the WTAP. See the appropriate sections of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-122. If eligible, the program includes the following:

- A \$9.00 statewide rate for the lowest grade of residential flat rate service. Where available, single-party service shall qualify as the lowest available flat rate for persons otherwise eligible, who are sixty years of age or older, or who receive medical assistance. This condition is in accordance with WAC 480-122.
- A waiver of any deposit for local service.
- A 50% reduction in the installation charges associated with installing the access line.

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- c. Tribal Lifeline benefits apply to the primary flat local residential access line, including Extended Area Service (EAS), mileage charges, zone charges, or other non-discretionary charges associated with basic residential service. The benefit may not bring the basic local residential access line rate below \$1.00 per month.
- d. Federally recognized American Indian Lands include the counties of Clallan, Cowlitz, Douglas, Ferry, Grant, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Klickitat, Lewis, Lincoln, Mason, Pacific, Pond Oreille, Pierce, Okanogan, Skagit, Skamania, Snohomish, Spokane, Stevens, Thurston, Whatcom and Yakima and the cities of Asotin, Clarkson, Ellensburg, Hoquim and Wenatchee to the extent that Qwest serves them.

3. Monthly Credit[1]

	CREDIT USOC	CREDIT AMOUNT
• Flat individual line (1FR)[2]	ASGFT	\$9.17 (I)

[1] An ASGFR credit of \$8.44 applies in addition to the Tribal Lifeline credit. (C)

[2] The credit amount is calculated by adding the 1FR rate of \$12.50 plus the \$6.11 subscriber line charge together. An ASGFR credit of \$8.44 is subtracted from the total and the remaining difference less \$1.00 which is the minimum Tribal Lifeline rate allowed, is the credit amount. For example: $(\$12.50 + \$6.11 = \$18.61 - \$9.17 = \$9.44 - \$1.00) = \$8.44$ credit. (C)
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