

GENERAL AND LOCAL EXCHANGE TARIFF

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C. General Regulations (Continued)

11. Lifeline/Washington Telephone Assistance Program (WTAP) (Continued)

c. Eligibility Requirements (Continued)

(1) The applicant must be a participant in at least one of the following programs:

- (a) Medical Assistance (including Medicaid)
- (b) Food Assistance (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)
- (c) State Supplemental Security Income
- (d) General Assistance
- (e) Refugee Assistance
- (f) Community Options Program Entry System
- (g) DSHS Chore Services
- (h) Temporary Assistance to Needy Families
- (i) State Family Assistance
- (j) Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8)¹
- (k) Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program¹
- (l) National School Lunch Program's free lunch program¹

(N)
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(N)

The consumer must meet eligibility criteria established by a state for its residents provided that such state-specific criteria are based solely on income or factors directly related to income.

Applicants may be certified eligible by the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS).

If certified by the DSHS, the eligibility period is a one-year period and runs from July 1 through June 30 of the succeeding year.

(2) The Company shall provide lifeline telephone service to any applicant who certifies via supporting documentation, under the penalty of perjury, the household income to be at or below 135 percent of the applicable Federal Poverty Guidelines.

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¹ Applicants who qualify for these three programs may not necessarily qualify for WTAP assistance.

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d. Rates and Charges

A total credit amount applies to the Lifeline/Washington Telephone Assistance Program (WTAP) customer's monthly bill as follows:

	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	
Federal and State Lifeline Credits for a One-Party Line:		(C)
a. Federal Lifeline Support Credit	\$9.25	(C)
		(D)
		(D)

The matrix below shows the WTAP credit amounts applied to each rate group to reduce the customer's service rate to \$8.00 per month.

<u>Rate Group</u>	<u>WTAP Credit</u>	
1	\$6.15	(I)
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(D)
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C. General Regulations (Continued)

12. Native American Lifeline¹

Residential customers who reside on federally recognized tribal lands are eligible to receive additional enhanced federal Lifeline support in order to reduce the price for basic local telephone service. An individual living on tribal lands shall qualify for an additional enhanced federal Lifeline credit of up to \$25.00 per month if the individual participates in any state or federal programs identified in Section 2, Sheet 37.3 preceding or one of the following 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)
- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPRI)

If a resident of a federally recognized tribal land satisfies the Lifeline/Washington Telephone Assistance Program (WTAP) eligibility criteria as defined in Section 2, the resident will receive the state support, as well as the additional enhanced federal support.

The Company shall provide lifeline telephone service to any applicant who certifies via supporting documentation, under the penalty of perjury, the household income to be at or below 135 percent of the applicable Federal Poverty Guidelines.

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 (N)

The additional enhanced federal credit will be available to Lifeline customers who reside on tribal lands in the following exchanges:

<u>Reservation</u>	<u>Exchange</u>
Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation	Tonasket Republic Brewster Bridgeport
Lummi Tribe of the Lummi Reservation	Ferndale
Nooksack Indian Tribe	Everson Deming Lynden
Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe	Darrington

¹ Program will be available on October 1, 2001.