

Midvale Telephone Exchange, Inc.

Serving Rural Customers in Idaho, Oregon, Washington & Arizona

August 8, 2006

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Ms. Carole J. Washburn, Executive Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 South Evergreen Park Drive SW
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: Request for Certification Pursuant to WAC 480-123-060 and
47 C.F.R. §54.314

Dear Ms. Washburn:

Pursuant to WAC 480-123-060, M&L Enterprises, dba Skyline Telephone ("Company") hereby requests that the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission certify that the Company has met the requirements of 47 C.F.R. §54.314 for eligibility for continued receipt of federal high-cost funds.

The certifications and reports that are specified in WAC 480-123-060, WAC 480-123-070 and WAC 480-123-080 are enclosed.

Sincerely,

Karen J. Ellison, Ph.D.
Regulatory Affairs

Enclosures

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**REPORTS PURSUANT TO WAC 480-123-070
AND WAC 480-123-080**

M&L Enterprises, dba Skyline Telephone (the “Company”) hereby submits the following reports in accordance with WAC 480-123-070 and WAC 480-123-080.¹

Report 1 A: Report on use of Federal funds and benefits to customers - WAC 480-123-070(1)(a): Attached is a copy of the Company’s NECA-1 Report for the calendar year 2005, that, as of the date of the report, the Company expects that it will report as the basis for support from the federal high-cost fund.

Report 1 B: WAC 480-123-070(1)(b): The Company reports that the investments and expenses reported under Report 1, above, benefited customers as follows:

Through the expenditure of these funds, the Company was able to continue to provide services at a level that the Company believes meets the intent set forth in 47 U.S.C. §254 of providing quality telecommunications services to customers in the service area for which the Company is designated as an ETC.² The Company has made substantial investments over the past several years which allow it to provide quality telecommunications services to its customers in its designated ETC service area. Those expenditures and investments, including those reflected in Report 1, above, generally benefit all customers receiving the federal high-cost fund supported services from the Company within its designated ETC service area.

Report 2: Local Service Outage Report. The Company has had no services outages of thirty minutes or more.

Report 3: Report on Failure to Provide Service. The Company has no held orders and no known areas where customers who want service cannot get service.

Report 4: Report on Complaints per One Thousand Handsets or Lines. WAC 480-123-070(4): The Company reports that the Company is not aware of any complaints during calendar year 2005 to the Federal Communications Commission or the Consumer Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Washington.³

Report 5: WAC 480-123-070(5): Certification of compliance with applicable service quality standards is attached.

Report 6: WAC 480-123-070(6): Certification of ability to function in emergency situations is attached.

¹ It is the Company’s understanding that it is not required to submit the reports described in WAC 480-123-070(2) and (3).

² The term “ETC” is used in the same sense as the term is used in Chapter 480-123 WAC.

³ The references to the services supported by the federal high-cost fund is to the services designated for support as set forth in 47 C.F.R. §54.101(a).

Report 7: WAC 480-123-070(7): Certification and affidavits of publication regarding the availability of telephone assistance programs, annual notices and web page information are attached.

Report 8: Plan for USF Expenditures WAC 480-123-080(1)(a): The Company expects to use the federal support received during the period October 2006-September 2007 to continue to maintain and upgrade services in the designated service area. In particular, we plan to use some of these funds for switch upgrades and implementing SS7 services. All customers in the area will benefit from these expenditures and they will manifest as improved call completion times, better reliability, improved ability to monitor our own network, and the availability of operator services.

WAC 480-123-080(1)(b): As they are known to the Company at the date of this Report, the planned investment and expenses related to Washington state for the period October 1, 2006, through September 30, 2007, that the Company expects to use as a basis to request federal high-cost support are expected to be relatively similar to those investments and expenses the Company has set forth in its information filed under Report 1, above, taking into account normal fluctuations in investment and expense levels. The Company expects that levels of expenses will remain relatively the same as those it experienced in calendar year 2005, subject to the effects of inflation and other commonly experienced changes in cost of labor and materials.

WAC 480-123-080(2): The Company's investment plans directly affecting federal high-cost supported services offered by it in its designated ETC service area do not include a major construction project at the present time. The Company expects that it will have relatively the same level of investment related to maintenance, replacement and minor upgrades of equipment and plant as occurred in calendar year 2005. The Company has not completed its budgeting process and does not have final numbers prepared for investment and expense levels for 2007. The expected benefit to customers from the anticipated investment and expenditures is that customers will continue to receive a high level of telecommunications service.

Universal Service Fund
2005 Data Collection Form

SAC: 521402

SA Name: Midvale Telephone Exchange - Skyline Region: Western

I. EXCHANGE CARRIER/DATA IDENTIFICATION

(010)	Study Area Code	(010)	<u>521402</u>
(020)	Contact Name	(020)	<u>RJ Del Mese</u>
(030)	Contact Telephone Number	(030)	<u>800.888.4065</u>
(040)	USF Data Collection Period	(040)	<u>2006-1</u>

<u>Data Line</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Latest View 2005-1 Amount</u>	<u>Data Line</u>	<u>Pending View 2006-1 Amount</u>	<u>Data Source</u>
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II. WORKING LOOPS

(060)	Total Loops (Cat. 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3)	<u>134</u>	(060)	<u>142</u>	
(070)	Category 1.3 Loops (Excluding Cat. 1.3 TWX Loops)	<u>134</u>	(070)	<u>142</u>	
(080)	Reserved				

III. INVESTMENT, EXPENSE AND TAXES

Net Plant Investment

(160)	Acct. 2001 - Telephone Plant in Service	<u>839,973</u>	(160)	<u>863,078</u>	
(170)	Acct. 1220 - Materials and Supplies	<u>17,406</u>	(170)	<u>5,369</u>	
(190)	Acct. 3100 - Accumulated Depreciation	<u>176,230</u>	(190)	<u>227,663</u>	
(195)	Acct. 3400 - Accumulated Amortization Tangible	<u>0</u>	(195)	<u>0</u>	
(200)	Reserved				N O E N T R Y R E Q U I R E D
(205)	Reserved				N O E N T R Y R E Q U I R E D
(210)	Acct. 4340 - Net Noncurrent Deferred Operating Income Taxes	<u>89,664</u>	(210)	<u>90,768</u>	
(220)	Net Plant Investment (Sum of Lines 160 + 170 Minus Lines 190 Through 210)	<u>591,485</u>	(220)	<u>550,016</u>	Calculation

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Selected Plant Accounts					
(230)	Acct. 2210 - Central Office Switching Equipment	161,861	(230)	172,308	
(235)	Acct. 2220 - Operator System Equipment	0	(235)	0	
(240)	Acct. 2230 - Central Office Transmission Equipment	115,664	(240)	128,323	
(245)	Total Central Office Equipment (Sum of Lines 230 Through 240)	277,525	(245)	300,630	Calculation
(250)	Circuit Equipment Category 4.13	88,280	(250)	98,040	
(255)	Acct. 2410 - Cable and Wire Facilities Total	497,393	(255)	497,393	
(260)	Acct. 3100 (2210) - Accumulated Depreciation Central Office Switching Equipment	44,964	(260)	65,830	
(265)	Acct. 3100 (2220) - Accumulated Depreciation Operator System Equipment	0	(265)	0	
(270)	Acct. 3100 (2230) - Accumulated Depreciation Central Office Transmission Equipment	24,847	(270)	32,052	
(275)	Acct. 3100 (2210-2230) - Total Accumulated Depreciation Central Office Equipment (Sum of Lines 260 Through 270)	69,811	(275)	97,882	Calculation
(280)	Acct. 3100 (2410) - Accumulated Depreciation Cable and Wire Facilities	76,801	(280)	96,860	

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(285)	Reserved		N O	E N T R Y	R E Q U I R E D
(290)	Reserved		N O	E N T R Y	R E Q U I R E D
(295)	Reserved		N O	E N T R Y	R E Q U I R E D
(300)	Reserved		N O	E N T R Y	R E Q U I R E D
(305)	Reserved		N O	E N T R Y	R E Q U I R E D
(310)	Acct. 4340 (2210) - Net Noncurrent Deferred Operating Income Taxes - Central Office Switching Equipment	<u>17,278</u>	(310)	<u>18,121</u>	
(315)	Acct. 4340 (2220) - Net Noncurrent Deferred Operating Income Taxes - Operator System Equipment	<u>0</u>	(315)	<u>0</u>	
(320)	Acct. 4340 (2230) - Net Noncurrent Deferred Operating Income Taxes - Central Office Transmission Equipment	<u>12,347</u>	(320)	<u>13,495</u>	
(325)	Acct. 4340 (2210-2230) - Net Noncurrent Deferred Operating Income Taxes - Central Office Equipment (Sum of Lines 310 Through 320)	<u>29,625</u>	(325)	<u>31,616</u>	Calculation
(330)	Acct. 4340 (2410) - Net Noncurrent Deferred Operating Income Taxes - Cable and Wire Facilities	<u>53,095</u>	(330)	<u>52,310</u>	

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Plant-Specific Operation Expense					
(335)	Acct. 6110 - Network Support Expense Total	0	(335)	0	
(340)	Acct. 6110 - Benefits Portion of Network Support Expense	0	(340)	0	
(345)	Acct. 6110 - Rents Portion of Network Support Expense	0	(345)	0	
(350)	Acct. 6120 - General Support Expense Total	2,009	(350)	2,607	
(355)	Acct. 6120 - Benefits Portion of General Support Expense	141	(355)	131	
(360)	Acct. 6120 - Rents Portion of General Support Expense	0	(360)	0	
(365)	Acct. 6210 - Central Office Switching Expense - Total	37,719	(365)	41,954	
(370)	Acct. 6210 - Benefits Portion of Central Office Switching Expense	12,158	(370)	10,856	
(375)	Acct. 6210 - Rents Portion of Central Office Switching Expense	1,200	(375)	1,100	
(380)	Acct. 6220 - Operator System Expense - Total	0	(380)	0	
(385)	Acct. 6220 - Benefits Portion of Operator System Expense	0	(385)	0	
(390)	Acct. 6220 - Rents Portion of Operator System Expense	0	(390)	0	
(395)	Acct. 6230 - Central Office Expense - Transmission Equipment - Total	3,893	(395)	7,244	

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(400)	Acct. 6230 - Benefits Portion of Central Office Expense - Transmission Equipment	689	(400)	1,047	
(405)	Acct. 6230 - Rents Portion of Central Office Expense - Transmission Equipment	0	(405)	0	
(410)	Accts. 6210-6230 - Central Office Expense Total (Sum of Lines 365 + 380 + 395)	41,612	(410)	49,198	Calculation
(415)	Reserved	N O	E N T R Y	R E Q U I R E D	
(420)	Reserved	N O	E N T R Y	R E Q U I R E D	
(425)	Reserved	N O	E N T R Y	R E Q U I R E D	
(430)	Acct. 6410 - Cable and Wire Facilities Expense - Total	16,828	(430)	16,224	
(435)	Acct. 6410 - Benefits Portion Cable and Wire Facilities Expense	2,670	(435)	4,210	
(440)	Acct. 6410 - Rents Portion Cable and Wire Facilities Expense	0	(440)	0	
(445)	Total Plant-Specific Expense (Sum of Lines 335 + 350 + 365 + 380 + 395 + 415 + 430)	60,449	(445)	68,029	Calculation
Plant-Nonspecific Expense					
(450)	Acct. 6530 - Network Operations Expense - Total	2,640	(450)	3,340	
(455)	Acct. 6530 - Benefits Portion Network Operations Expense	1,078	(455)	1,221	

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(465)	Reserved	NO	ENTRY	REQUIRED	
(470)	Reserved	NO	ENTRY	REQUIRED	
(480)	Reserved	NO	ENTRY	REQUIRED	
(485)	Reserved	NO	ENTRY	REQUIRED	
(500)	Reserved	NO	ENTRY	REQUIRED	
(505)	Reserved	NO	ENTRY	REQUIRED	
Depreciation and Amortization Expenses					
(510)	Acct. 6560 (2210) - Depreciation and Amortization Expense - Central Office Switching Equipment	<u>24,290</u>	(510)	<u>20,866</u>	
(515)	Acct. 6560 (2220) - Depreciation and Amortization Expense - Operator System Equipment	<u>0</u>	(515)	<u>0</u>	
(520)	Acct. 6560 (2230) - Depreciation and Amortization Expense - Central Office Transmission Equipment	<u>6,934</u>	(520)	<u>7,205</u>	
(525)	Acct. 6560 (2210-2230) Depreciation and Amortization Central Office Equipment (Sum of Lines 510 Through 520)	<u>31,224</u>	(525)	<u>28,071</u>	Calculation
(530)	Acct. 6560 (2410) - Depreciation and Amortization Expense - Cable and Wire Facilities	<u>21,389</u>	(530)	<u>20,059</u>	
Corporate Operating Expenses					
(535)	Acct. 6710 - Executive and Planning Expense - Total	<u>7,497</u>	(535)	<u>15,800</u>	
(540)	Acct. 6710 - Benefits Portion Executive and Planning Expense	<u>2,712</u>	(540)	<u>5,173</u>	

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(550)	Acct. 6720 - General Administrative Expense - Total	38,798	(550)	39,292	
(555)	Acct. 6720 - Benefits Portion - General Administrative Expense	2,329	(555)	5,495	
(565)	Total Corporate Operations Expense (Sum of Lines 535 + 550)	46,295	(565)	55,092	Calculation
Other Expenses and Revenues					
(600)	Benefits Portion of All Operating Expenses - Total	25,914	(600)	34,783	
(610)	Rents Portion of All Operating Expenses - Total	1,266	(610)	1,100	
(620)	Reserved	N O	E N T R Y	R E Q U I R E D	
(630)	Reserved	N O	E N T R Y	R E Q U I R E D	
Taxes					
(650)	Acct. 7200 - Operating Taxes	51,226	(650)	11,191	
(655)	Reserved	N O	E N T R Y	R E Q U I R E D	
IV. PART 36 - COST STUDY DATA					
(700)	Acct. 2410 - Cost Study Average Cable and Wire Facilities	506,096	(700)	497,393	
(710)	Cost Study Average Cable and Wire Facilities Cat. 1 - Total Exchange Line C&WF Excluding Wide Band	356,565	(710)	298,019	

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V. AMORTIZABLE TANGIBLE ASSETS (Refer to instructions prior to completing this section)					
(800)	Acct. 2680 - Amortizable Tangible Assets	0	(800)	0	
(805)	Acct. 2680 (2230) - Amortizable Tangible Assets - Central Office Transmission Equipment	0	(805)	0	
(810)	Acct. 2680 (2230) - Amortizable Tangible Assets - Central Office Transmission Equipment Allocated to Category 4.13	0	(810)	0	
(815)	Acct. 2680 (2410) - Amortizable Tangible Assets - Cable and Wire Facilities	0	(815)	0	
(820)	Acct. 2680 (2410) - Amortizable Tangible Assets - Cable and Wire Facilities Allocated to Category 1	0	(820)	0	
(830)	Acct. 6560 (2680) - Depreciation and Amortization Expense - Amortizable Tangible Assets	0	(830)	0	

VI. COMMENTS/SIGNIFICANT CHANGE EXPLANATION

VI. RENT REVENUE: OFFSET TO EXPENSE

(1)	Account 6120 - General Support Expense	0	Correct Year Input form
(2)	Account 6210 - Central Office Switching Expense	0	Correct Year Input form
(3)	Account 6220 - Central Office Operator Expense	0	Correct Year Input form
(4)	Account 6230 - Central Office Transmission Expense	0	Correct Year Input form
(5)	Account 6310 - Information Orig/Term Expense	0	Correct Year Input form
(6)	Account 6410 - Cable & Wire Facilities Expense	0	Correct Year Input form
	TOTAL	0	Ln 1-6

**AFFIDAVIT CONTAINING CERTIFICATIONS
AS REQUIRED BY WAC 480-123-060 AND WAC 480-123-070**

I, Lane R. Williams, being of lawful age and duly sworn, on my oath state that I am President of M&L Enterprises, dba Skyline Telephone ("Company"), that I am authorized to execute this Affidavit on behalf of the Company, and that the facts set forth in this Affidavit are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. On this basis, I hereby certify to the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission ("Commission") for use by the Commission in providing the certification to the Federal Communications Commission and Universal Service Administrative Company required by 47 C.F.R. §54.314, as follows:

(1) That the funds from the sources described in 47 C.F.R. §54.314 received by the Company will be used only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of the facilities and services for which the support is intended;

(2) That during the 2005 calendar year, the Company met substantially the applicable service quality standard found in WAC 480-123-030(1)(h);

(3) That during the 2005 calendar year, the Company maintained the ability to function in emergency situations under the standard found in WAC 480-123-030(1)(g), as such standard relates to functionality of wireline carriers in emergency situations; and

(4) That during the 2005 calendar year, the Company publicized the availability of its applicable telephone assistance programs in a manner reasonably designed to reach those likely to qualify for service and in a manner which, in the Company's judgment, included advertisements likely to reach those who are not current customers of the Company within the Company's designated service area.

Dated this 21 day of July, 2006.

Company: [Company name]

By: Lane R. Williams

Its: President

Idaho ^{IKB}
STATE OF WASHINGTON)
County of Washington) : ss.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 21st day of July, 2006.

Glenn K. Bonner
Glenn K. Bonner
[Printed Name]

^{IKB}
Idaho Notary Public in and for the State of
Washington, residing at Midvale.
My commission expires 4/6/12.

Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF WASHINGTON

ss.

County of Okanogan

(2005-283-Aug. 10)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Skyline Telephone is a quality telecommunications service provider who provides basic and enhanced services within its service territory. Basic services are offered at the following rates:

	Monthly Service Charge
Single Party Residence Service	\$19.50
Single Party Business Service	25.00
Federal Subscriber Line Charge-Single Line	6.50
Multi Line	9.20
Touch Tone Service-	
Residence	No Charge
Business	No Charge
Toll Blocking-	No Charge
Emergency 911 Service	No Charge

Low income individuals eligible for Lifeline and Link-up telephone assistance programs may be eligible for discounts from these basic local service charges through State and Federal specified telephone assistance plans.

Basic services are offered to all consumers in Skyline Telephone's service territory at the rates, terms and conditions specified in the Company's tariff. If you have any questions or need further information regarding the Company's services, please call us at our office 1-800-462-4523

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The undersigned, being duly sworn on oath, deposes and says that she is the principal clerk of the Omak-Okanogan County Chronicle, a weekly newspaper, that she is duly authorized to make this affidavit; that said newspaper is a legal newspaper and has been approved as a legal newspaper by order of the Superior Court in the county in which it is published and it is now and has been for more than six months prior to the date of publications hereinafter referred to, published in the English language continuously as a weekly newspaper in Omak, Okanogan County, Washington, and it is now and during all of said time was printed in an office maintained at 618 Okoma Drive, the place of publication of said newspaper. That the annexed is a true copy of

Public Notice

as it was published in regular issues (and not in supplement form) of said newspaper on the following dates:

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and that such newspaper was regularly distributed to its subscribers during all of said period. The full amount of the fee charged for the foregoing publication is the sum of \$ 70.00 at the rate of \$9.50 per column inch.

Elizabeth B. Widel

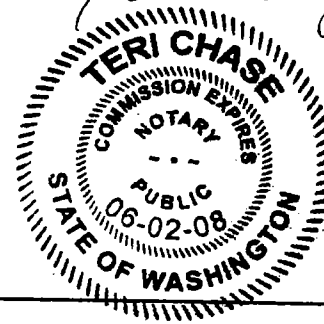
Principal Clerk

Subscribed and sworn to before me 8-12-05

Teri Chase
Notary Public in and for the State of Washington

Residing at *Omak, Washington*

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Midvale Telephone Exchange, Inc.
Annual Notices
2005

General

Midvale Telephone is a privately held, family-owned and operated company established in 1909. Our customers are served by a network we've built ourselves using Federal low interest loans and the Federal High Cost fund support. Midvale is an equal opportunity employer, and strives to provide high quality phone service even in our most remote service areas. You can reach us at:

PO Box 7	(800) 462-4523	www.midvaletelephone.com
2205 Keithley Crk Rd	(208) 355-2211	info@midvaletelephone.com
Midvale, ID 83645	(208) 355-2222 (fax)	

National Do-Not-Call List –

You can register your phone number for free, and it will remain on the national do-not-call list for five years. You may re-enter your number on the list when the five years have passed, and you may remove your number from the list at any time.

The Do-Not-Call registry does not prevent all unwanted calls. It does not cover the following:

- calls from organizations with which you have established a business relationship;
- calls for which you have given prior written permission;
- calls which are not commercial or do not include unsolicited advertisements;
- calls by or on behalf of tax-exempt non-profit organizations.

For Consumers: Subscribers may register their residential telephone number, *including wireless numbers*, on the national Do-Not-Call registry by telephone or by Internet at no cost. Consumers can register on-line for the national do-not-call registry by going to www.donotcall.gov. To register by telephone, consumers may call 1-888-382-1222: for TTY call 1-866-290-4236. You must call from the phone number you wish to register.

For Industry: Starting January 1, 2005, telemarketers and sellers are required to search the registry at least once every 31 days and drop from their call lists the phone numbers of consumers who have registered.

How to File a Complaint You can file a complaint by e-mail (donotcall@fcc.gov), telephone 1-888-CALL-FCC (1-888-225-5322) voice or 1-888-TELL-FCC (1-888-835-5322) TTY, or mail. Your complaint should include:

- name, address, and telephone number where you can be reached during the business day;
- the telephone number involved with the complaint; and
- as much specific information as possible, including the identity of the telemarketer or company contacting you, the date on which you placed your number on the national Do-Not-Call registry or made a company-specific do-not-call request, and the date(s) of any subsequent telemarketing call(s) from that telemarketer or company.

If mailing a complaint, send it to:

Federal Communications Commission
Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau
Consumer Inquiries and Complaints Division
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Lifeline & Link-up

The Low-Income Program provides discounts on telephone installation and monthly telephone service to qualifying consumers. Telephone service is considered a necessity for daily modern life, yet the cost of activating and maintaining such service may be prohibitively expensive for low-income consumers. Under Congressional mandate, the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) Federal Universal Service Fund includes the Low-Income Program. Below are frequently asked questions about the Low-Income Program.

What Benefits are Available Under the Low-Income Program?

- **Link-Up America** helps qualified low-income consumers to initiate telephone service. This federal program offsets one-half of the initial hook-up or connection fee, up to \$30.00. The program also includes a deferred payment schedule for these charges.
- **Lifeline Assistance Program** provides certain discounts on monthly service for qualified telephone subscribers. These discounts can be up to \$10.00 per month, depending on your state.
- Residents of Native American Indian and Alaska Native tribal communities may qualify for enhanced Lifeline support (up to an additional \$25.00 in support beyond current levels) and expanded Link-Up support (up to \$70.00 in additional support beyond current levels).

How Do You Qualify for Lifeline and Link-Up Discounts?

The Lifeline and Link-Up Programs are available to qualifying consumers in every state, territory, and commonwealth. Eligibility for participation in these programs varies by state. States that have their own state Lifeline Program may have their own criteria. In states that rely solely on the Federal Low Income Program, a consumer must either have an income that is at or below 135%* of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, or participate in one of the following assistance programs:

- Medicaid,
- Food Stamps,
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI),
- Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8),
- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP),
- Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, or
- The National School Lunch Program's Free Lunch Program.

Estimated income requirements for households at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines are as follows:

Household Size	Annual Income*
1	\$12,920
2	\$17,321
3	\$21,722
4	\$26,123
5	\$30,524
6	\$34,925
7	\$39,326
8	\$43,727

* Note that some states have different income requirements; these however are the minimal requirements set by the FCC. In Arizona, residents are qualified at 150% of the federal poverty rate.

If you are currently on Lifeline in any state, ALITAP or Vacation service in Arizona, please note that you must recertify each year that you continue to be qualified. Please contact your CSR to insure you continue to receive these benefits.

State Discount Programs

Each state Midvale operates in has a program that is often paired with the Federal Lifeline program. Feel free to talk to your customer service representative at Midvale, or visit these websites to see if you qualify:

Oregon	https://apps.puc.state.or.us/rspf/otapapp.asp
Idaho	http://www.puc.state.id.us/CONSUMER/ITSAP.PDF
Washington	http://www.wutc.wa.gov/webdocs.nsf/0/3756b44bfb509ca8825678b005620e3?OpenDocument
Arizona	No website is available, contact Midvale Telephone for more information

Limitations of Service

Midvale Telephone provides dial-tone services to the customer premises, usually marked by a network interface device. Customers are responsible for all inside wiring and any telecommunication devices they may choose to connect to our network. Midvale is in no way responsible for maintaining customer inside wiring, equipment and cannot be responsible for any damage to same while connected to the network. If customer owned wire or equipment is suspected of jeopardizing the integrity of the overall network, Midvale will act to protect the network.

All service orders and trouble reports will be responded to promptly, in the order they are received and in accord with all state applicable rules and regulations. Midvale cannot be responsible for any loss of business due to a service outage and cannot guarantee service at any specific point of time. Please see our tariff on file with your state utility commission for full disclosures and limitations.

Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 West Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007
<http://www.cc.state.az.us/>

Washington UTC
P.O. Box 47250
1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW
Olympia, WA 98504-7250
<http://www.wutc.wa.gov>

Idaho Public Utility Commission
P O Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720-0074
472 W Washington 83702
<http://www.puc.state.id.us/>

Oregon Public Utility Commission
550 Capitol St NE #215
PO Box 2148
Salem, OR 97308-2148
<http://www.puc.state.or.us>

Privacy Notice

With the exception of directory information, Midvale Telephone does not sell or release any personal information about our customers to anyone. We hold all customer information in strictest confidence.

Credit Policy

Although rules vary by state, in most cases new customers can establish credit simply by providing a copy of their last phone bill showing it was current. In lieu of that, customers may establish credit by paying a \$50 deposit which is then credited back to your account six months later.

Delinquent Payment Policy

All bills are due and payable by the 20th of the month they were issued. We do our best to notify customers (both by mail and by attempting to reach you by phone) when their service is in jeopardy, regardless it is the customer's responsibility to ensure their bill is paid in full and on time. Please contact your customer service representative for any help with managing your account.



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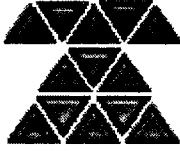
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Telephone Assistance Programs Available
For our Idaho/Oregon/Washington Customers

Midvale Telephone participates in the State and Federal programs designed to keep telephone service affordable, especially for those on fixed or low income. These materials are designed to inform you of the programs available and help you apply or re-certify for them. Under new regulations, you must recertify each year to continue participation in these programs. If you have questions on any of these materials and how they apply to you, please feel free to contact your customer service representative at 800-462-4523.

What programs are available?

TAP – Is a state program designed to provide assistance for the elderly who are on a low or fixed income. To qualify simply contact your local community action office, health and welfare, senior citizens center, or call Midvale Telephone.

LIFELINE – Is a federal program that provides customers with a monthly credit of \$8.25 to help offset the cost of local basic telephone service. When combined with the state Telephone Assistance program (TAP), the discount can be as much as \$13.50 per month. Each household meeting the income requirements qualifies for this credit and the phone service must be in the name of the person applying. To qualify, customers must participate in at least one qualifying program, or verify that their household income is less than 135% of the federal poverty level (see application form).

LINK-UP – Is a federal program to provide eligible customers with a one-time credit to be applied to the installation charge for basic telephone service. Customers who qualify for Lifeline assistance will also be given the Link-up credit if their application for assistance is received within 60 days of the installation of their service, and if they have not had a link-up credit at the same physical address.

Who is eligible for Telephone Assistance?

Customers may qualify for federal assistance (LIFELINE AND LINK-UP) when they participate in one of the following low-income programs:

- Medicaid
- Food Stamps
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Public Housing Assistance
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP)
- Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)
- National School Lunch Program (NSL)

If you participate in one of these programs, simply complete the **PART 1** of the attached application form and return to our offices: MTE, PO Box 7, Midvale Idaho, 83645.

If you do **not** participate in the programs listed here, you may still qualify. If your income is at or below 135% of the federal poverty level, you still qualify for Telephone Assistance, even though you might not participate in the programs listed above. If this is the case, please complete **PART 2** of the attached application form, **and** send it along with verification of your income. Such verification can be any one of the following:

- Last year's Federal or State income tax return
- Current Income statement or Paycheck stubs for three consecutive months
- Veteran's Administration Statement of Benefits
- Retirement or Pension Statement of Benefits
- Unemployment or Worker's Compensation Statement of Benefits
- Letter of Participation in Federal or BIA General Assistance
- Divorce Decree
- Child Support documentation

For questions or help completing the form, please contact Midvale Telephone at 800-462-4523.

Lifeline & Link-Up Application

Name: _____
Address: _____
Telephone Number: _____

RETURN COMPLETE
FORM TO:

MIDVALE TELEPHONE
PO BOX 7
MIDVALE, ID 83645

208-355-2222 FAX

PART 1: Complete to apply for Federal LIFELINE OR LINK-UP

A. I currently participate in the following program (only one is required):

- _____ Medicaid
- _____ Food Stamps
- _____ Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- _____ Federal Public Housing Assistance
- _____ Low-Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP)
- _____ Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)
- _____ National School Lunch program

PART 2: Complete to apply for Federal LIFELINE OR LINK-UP IF YOU DO NOT QUALIFY UNDER PART 1:

A. I qualify for Federal telephone assistance because my household income is at or below 135% of the federal poverty level – CHECK the appropriate box **and attach supporting material** to document your claim (e.g., tax return, statement of benefits)

B.

Size of house-Hold unit	Household Income (at or below)	Size of house-hold unit	Household income (at or below)
_____ 1	\$13,230	_____ 5	\$31,590
_____ 2	\$17,820	_____ 6	\$36,180
_____ 3	\$22,410	_____ 7	\$40,770
_____ 4	\$27,000	_____ 8	\$45,360

Add \$4,590 for each family member over 8

I certify under penalty of perjury that the above information is true. I agree to notify Midvale Telephone when I no longer participate in these programs or where there is a change in the information reported here. I understand that I can only apply for assistance on one telephone line.

Your signature

Social Security #

Date

If you are qualifying under PART 2, please remember to attach supporting documentation. Call 800-462-4523 if you have any questions on this form. Supporting documents allowed include:

- State/Federal income tax return
- Current Income statement or Paycheck stubs for three consecutive months
- Veteran’s Administration Statement of Benefits
- Retirement or Pension Statement of Benefits
- Child Support documentation
- Divorce Decree
- Unemployment or worker’s comp Statement of Benefits