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**RE: Amended Local Tariff Revision for NOW Communications, Inc.  
d/b/a Cleartel Communications**

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Please accept the enclosed amended local tariff pages submitted on behalf of NOW Communications, Inc. d/b/a Cleartel Communications. This filing tariff revision introduces LifeLine / Link-Up Service. The Company respectfully requests this tariff revision to become effective on May 21, 2008.

*The following tariff pages are included with this filing:*

3 <sup>rd</sup> Revised Page 1.1	Updates Check Sheet;
Original Page 25.1	Introduces LifeLine Service;
Original Page 25.2	Introduces Link-Up Service;
Original Page 25.3	Introduces Link-Up Service;
Original Page 32	Introduces Link Up South Carolina Rates and Charges.

Questions regarding this filing may be directed to my attention at (407) 740-3031 or via e-mail at sthomas@tminc.com. Please acknowledge receipt of this filing via email.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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Consultant to NOW Communications, Inc.

*Enclosure*

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CHECK SHEET

All Pages of this tariff are effective as of the date shown. Original and revised pages, as named below, comprise all changes from the original tariff in effect on the date indicated.

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4	First		24.5	First			
5	First		24.6	First			
6	Second		24.7	First			
7	First		25	First			
8	First		25.1	Original	*		
9	First		25.2	Original	*		
10	First		25.3	Original	*		
11	First		26	First			
12	First		27	Second			
13	Second		28	Third			
13.1	Original		29	Second			
14	Second		30	First			
15	Second		31	Second			
16	First		32	Original	*		
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*\*Indicates tariff pages included with this filing.*

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**3. DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES, (Cont'd.)**

3.4 LifeLine / Link Up Service

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3.4.1 LifeLine Service

The following Terms, conditions, and restrictions are in addition to those applicable to prepaid Basic local Service.

- A. Restriction - Lifeline Service is for residential use only. One lifeline service is available per household. Lifeline Service can only be associated with the primary residential connection and may not be applied to multiline packages. The name on the account MUST match the name of the person who proves they are eligible for Lifeline as defined below.
- B. A deposit is not required if Toll Blocking (optional) is elected by the Customer. Toll Blocking shall be available at no charge. A deposit may be required for Lifeline Customers if Toll Blocking is not employed; such deposit is at the sole discretion of the Company.
- C. Lifeline Service may not be disconnected for non-payment of toll charges or ancillary services, but may be disconnected for non-payment of basic local service charges, taxes and fees. Access to toll or ancillary service may be denied for non- payment of regulated (basic or non-basic) local charges.
- D. Restriction Eligibility - This service is restricted to low income residential Customers. The Customer must provide proof of eligibility in any of the qualifying low income assistance programs listed below, or a valid application form to the Company, signed, under penalty of perjury if falsely submitted, stating that the Customer is certified as income eligible because they participate in at least one of the following programs:
  - Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), previously known as AFDC;
  - Food Stamps;
  - Medicaid.

Upon request, a Customer will be sent an application form to be completed by the Customer or authorized representative of the Customer.

- E. All applications for service are subject to verification with the state agency responsible for administration of the qualifying program.
- F. Restriction - Responsibility for Proof of Eligibility. The Customer is wholly responsible for proof of eligibility. The use or disclosure of information concerning enrollees will be limited to purposes directly connected with the Administration of the Lifeline plan.

Life Line services are effective upon receipt of a completed valid and signed application form or an proof of eligibility certified from an entity authorized by the Company. If the form requested by the Customer is not returned, no further action is taken by the Company to establish eligibility. The Life Line discount is credited as of the service connection date, or the receipt of a valid and properly authorized application form, whichever occurs later.

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**3. DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES, (Cont'd.)**

3.4 LifeLine / Link Up Service, (Cont'd.)

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3.4.2 Link-Up Service

Link-Up is a program designed to increase the availability of telecommunications services to low income subscribers by providing a credit to the non-recurring installation and service charges to qualifying residential subscribers. Basic terms and conditions are in compliance with the FCC's Order on Universal Service in CC Docket 97-157, which adopts the Federal-State Joint Board's recommendation in CC Docket 96-45, which complies with the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Specific terms and conditions are as prescribed by the South Carolina Public Service Commission and are as set forth in this tariff.

Link-Up is supported by the federal universal service support mechanism.

A federal credit amount of fifty percent (50%) of the non-recurring charges for connection of service, up to a maximum of thirty dollars (\$30.00), is available to be passed through to the subscriber.

A. Regulations

1. General

- a. Customers eligible under Link-Up are also eligible for monthly recurring assistance under the Lifeline program.
- b. Link-Up connection assistance is available per household and is applicable to the primary residential connection only.
- c. The Link-Up credit is available each time the customer installs or relocates the primary residential service.
- d. To receive the credit, proof of eligibility must be provided within 30 days after installation of service.
- e. The total tariffed charges for connecting service, including service and other installation charges, are considered in the credit calculation.

B. Eligibility

1. To be eligible for a Link-Up credit, the named subscriber must be a current recipient of any of the following low income assistance programs:
  - a. Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), previously known as AFDC
  - b. Food Stamps
  - c. Medicaid
2. All applications for service are subject to verification with the state agency responsible for administration of the qualifying program.

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**4. RATES, (Continued)**

4.5	LifeLine / Link Up South Carolina			(N)
4.5.1	Monthly Recurring Charge	<u>Maximum Rates*</u>	<u>Current Rates*</u>	
	Zone 1	\$40.00	\$19.99	
	Zone 2	\$40.00	\$19.99	
	Zone 3	\$40.00	\$19.99	
4.5.2	Nonrecurring Installation Charge	\$20.00	\$10.00	(N)

*\*Does not include Taxes and Surcharges.*