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Ms. Jocelyn G. Boyd, Chief Clerk  
South Carolina Public Service Commission  
101 Executive Center Dr., Suite 100  
Columbia, SC 29210

**RE: McClellanville Telephone Company, Inc.  
Revise Lifeline FCC 12-11 Order**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Attached are the following tariff pages:

**Section 3 Second Revised Contents Sheet 1  
First Revised Sheets 4 & 5**

The purpose of this filing is to make revisions to the Low Income Telephone Assistance Program tariff. These revisions are being made in response to the FCC 12-11, as well as the State Docket 2012 – 115-C. This filing relates specifically to Lifeline.

This revision is also applicable at our other South Carolina Companies listed below:

Norway Telephone Company, Inc.  
St. Stephen Telephone Company, Inc.  
Williston Telephone Company, Inc.

The effective date for this filing is August 1, 2012.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kris A. Groth', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Enclosures

Cc: C. Duke Scotts

# GENERAL EXCHANGE TARIFF

**McCLELLANVILLE TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.**  
d/b/a TDS Telecom  
South Carolina

Section 3  
Second Revised Contents Sheet 1  
Cancels First Revised Contents Sheet 1

## BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

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BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

3.5 LOW-INCOME ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS (LIFELINE)

Lifeline Assistance was developed to reduce rates for low income customers. The Company participates in this assistance program to increase the availability of telecommunications services to all consumers in its serving areas. The structure of the program is outlined in the following paragraphs.

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3.5.1 Lifeline Assistance

a. General

Lifeline Assistance reduces an eligible customer's monthly rates for local service. An eligible customer receives credit for the Federal Subscriber Line Charge, as well as a credit towards the residential access line rate.

b. Regulations

1) Lifeline Assistance is available to all residential customers who meet the income based qualifier of 135% of Federal Poverty Levels effective as of June 1, 2012 or participates in one of the programs listed below in a):

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a) Participation in Medicaid, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), federal public housing assistance or Section 8 (a Federal Housing Assistance Program administered by the Dept. of Urban Development), Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), or National School Lunch's free lunch program.

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b) All applications for Lifeline Assistance are subject to verification with the state agency responsible for administration of the qualifying program.

c) Proof of eligibility in any of the qualifying low-income assistance programs should be provided to the Company at the time of application for service. The credits will not be established until proof of eligibility has been received by the Company.

d) When a customer is determined to be ineligible, the Company will contact the customer. If the customer cannot provide eligibility documentation, the Lifeline credit will be discontinued.

e) One Lifeline discount is allowed per household. The FCC defines "household" as any individual or group living together at the same address as one economic unit.

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### 3.5 LOW-INCOME ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS (Continued)

#### 3.5.1 Lifeline Assistance (Continued)

##### b. Regulations (Continued)

- 2) As a participant in Lifeline Assistance, customers are eligible to receive Toll Restriction Service at no charge. This service will only be provided at the customer's request.
- 3) Local service deposit requirements will be waived for customers who voluntarily receive Toll Restriction Service.
- 4) Participants in Lifeline Assistance shall not be disconnected from Local Service for non-payment of toll charges. In addition, the Company will not deny re-establishment of local service to customers who are eligible for Lifeline Assistance and have previously been disconnected for non-payment of toll charges. Lifeline Assistance will not be connected if an outstanding balance is owed by the customer for local service.
- 5) Partial payments that are received from Lifeline customers will first be applied to local service charges and then to any outstanding toll charges.

##### c. Credits

The following credits\* will apply for each customer eligible for Lifeline Assistance:

	Monthly Credit*	
1) Federal Credit to Residential Access Line	(1)	(A) (D)
2) State Credit to Residential Access Line	\$3.50	(A) (D)

\* Credit amount will not exceed the total of the Subscriber Line Charge and the Residential Local Exchange rate.

(1) Authorized FCC rate per 47.C.FR.54.403(a) (A)

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