



June 25, 2012

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
P.O. Box 3265
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

RE: Commonwealth Telephone Company d/b/a Frontier Communications Commonwealth Telephone Company
Supplement No. 119 – Telephone PA P.U.C. No. 23
Effective: August 1, 2012

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Commonwealth Telephone Company d/b/a Frontier Communications Commonwealth Telephone Company hereby files with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission the enclosed supplement.

The purpose of this filing is to make the Federal Lifeline Support equal to \$9.25 effective August 1, 2012. This filing is pursuant to an order by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in Docket No. FCC-12-11, *Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization*.

This supplement is an accurate representation of the company's official tariff currently on file with the P.U.C. and provided on the Internet.

If you have any questions, please contact Tanya Swanson at (651) 257-4835 or me at (585) 777-4717.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Leslie Zink

Leslie Zink
Manager, Pricing & Tariffs

Enclosures

COMMONWEALTH TELEPHONE COMPANY d/b/a FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS COMMONWEALTH
TELEPHONE COMPANY

LOCAL EXCHANGE TARIFF

RATES AND RULES

GOVERNING THE FURNISHING OF TELEPHONE SERVICE

IN

EXCHANGE AREAS OF ALL OF WYOMING COUNTY, AND PORTIONS
OF BERKS, BRADFORD, BUCKS, CARBON, CHESTER, COLUMBIA,
DAUPHIN, LACKAWANNA, LANCASTER, LEHIGH, LUZERNE,
LYCOMING, MONROE, NORTHAMPTON, SCHUYLKILL, SULLIVAN,
SUSQUEHANNA, TIOGA, AND YORK COUNTIES
IN THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

ISSUED: June 25, 2012

EFFECTIVE: August 1, 2012

by

MICHAEL P. SHARRY
STATE DIRECTOR
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FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS
COMMONWEALTH TELEPHONE COMPANY
DALLAS, PENNSYLVANIA

NOTICE

See Sheet 2

Telephone - PA P.U.C. No. 23

LIST OF MODIFICATIONS

Compliance filing to comply with FCC Docket No. FCC-12-11

Change Lifeline Rate to \$9.25 effective August 1, 2012

Section 3	Fourth Revised Sheet 8C
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Section 3
Fourth Revised Sheet 8C
Canceling Third Revised Sheet 8C

LIFELINE SERVICE

A. DESCRIPTION

The Lifeline Program is a federally funded program established to provide monthly assistance to residential low income households. Eligible subscribers will receive a monthly credit of \$9.25.

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B. REGULATIONS

1. Lifeline Service is available to qualified residence customers and is provided via a residence individual Dial Tone Line. Lifeline Service is limited to only one service per qualified customer or household. A potential Lifeline customer who has an outstanding final bill for telephone service which is less than (4) years old must pay the entire balance of any Basic Service final bill before being eligible for Lifeline Service.
2. Residence Lifeline Service consists of the following tariffed standard features and optional customer elected services at the applicable rates, charges and regulations for each feature and service provided:
 - a. One-Party Residence Unlimited Service and Local Measured Service, if available.
 - b. Directory Listing (standard only).
 - c. Non-Published or Non-Listed Telephone Number Service.
 - d. Access to Directory Assistance Service.
 - e. Touch-Tone Calling Service.
 - f. Access to Message Toll Telephone Service and Optional Dial Station-to-Station Calling Plan Services. However, the Residence Lifeline Dial Tone Line will be blocked from dial station access to 976/556/900 and any other type of Audiotex Service.
 - g. Access to Operator Services.
 - h. Voluntary Toll Restriction Option.
 - i. Access to 800/888 Services.
 - j. Access to Call Trace.
 - k. Access to Alerting and Reporting Systems (9-1-1 dialing).
 - l. Access to the Pennsylvania Telecommunications Relay Service.
 - m. Caller ID Per-call and Per-line Blocking.
 - n. Other eligible telecommunications services at tariffed rates.

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LIFELINE SERVICE
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B. REGULATIONS (cont.)

- 3. An applicant for Lifeline Service must be a current participant in one of the following programs, or be able to provide proof of income which is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

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Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare Lifeline Service Programs:

- * Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- * General Assistance (GA)
- * Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- * Medicaid
- * Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
- * Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

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Additional Eligible Programs (Federal)

- * Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8)
- * National School Lunch Program's Free Lunch Program

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The DPW Programs listed above must be certified by DPW. Such certification by DPW will be provided only when a DPW client requests Lifeline Service based on the client's status as a participant in any of the above eligibility programs. Certification by DPW will be limited to confirmation of the client's program status (i.e., participation or nonparticipation). Participation by DPW is subject to execution of an agreement with DPW and Commonwealth Telephone Company.

In addition to meeting the qualifications provided above, in order to constitute a qualifying low-income consumer, a consumer must not already be receiving a Lifeline service, and there must not be anyone else in the subscriber's household subscribed to a Lifeline service. For the purpose of this section, "household" means an economic unit that consists of all adult individuals contributing to and sharing in the income and expenses of a household.

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- 4. The Company will reconcile and confirm eligibility annually following the FCC Recertification Guidelines. The subscriber shall have 30-days from the date of the recertification letter to rectify or demonstrate eligibility prior to discontinuance of Lifeline benefits. If subscriber does not rectify or demonstrate eligibility prior the expiration of the 30-days, credit will be discontinued on the bill following written notification to the subscriber.

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LIFELINE SERVICE
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B. REGULATIONS (cont.)

5. A Lifeline Service customer may not subscribe to any other type of residence Local Exchange Service at the same or other premises. Lifeline Service will not be provided via Foreign Exchange or Foreign Central Office Service arrangements.
6. Only services listed in B. 2 above will be provided to Lifeline customers.
7. Customer requested temporary suspension of Lifeline Service is not permitted. (C)
8. Lifeline Service does not apply to applicants who are full time students living in university or college controlled housing. (C)
9. The applicant must not be a dependent for Federal Income Tax purposes, unless he or she is 60 years of age or older. (C)
10. Lifeline customers are subject to all Residence service regulations in this and other tariffs of Commonwealth Telephone Company. (C)
11. Residence Lifeline Service cannot be resold by the Lifeline customer or the Lifeline customer's agent(s). (C)
12. Resale of Lifeline Services are subject to wholesale rate obligations and under Section 251 (c) (4) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. (C)
13. All outstanding charges, account balances and service restrictions apply to existing customers who qualify for Lifeline Service. Service restrictions will remain until the arrearage(s) have been paid in full. (C)
14. Any Lifeline customer who has a past due balance of Toll Charges will be treated with the appropriate Chapter 64 regulations. The Residence Toll Restoral Charge applies to Lifeline customers who are suspended for non-payment and who subsequently pay their outstanding toll charges and request toll restoral. If a Lifeline customer is toll restricted for a second occurrence, the Company may, at its discretion, place the Lifeline customer on permanent toll restriction. (C)
15. Toll-Blocking and Toll-Control services will be provided at no charge to Lifeline Service subscribers, to the extent that they are offered. (C)

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LIFELINE SERVICE
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C. LIFELINE SERVICE DIAL TONE LINE MONTHLY RATE

1. Lifeline Service is subject to all applicable state, local and federal taxes, and surcharges, and to all applicable tariff rates, charges, surcharges and regulations.

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