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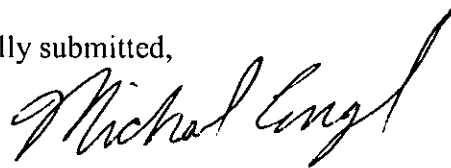
Re: Local Tariff of SNiP Link LLC Incorporating *Lifeline* and *Link Up America* Services

Dear Mr. McNulty:

Enclosed please find an original and three (3) copies of SNiP Link LLC's ("SNiP") revised local tariff pages. This tariff implements the authority granted on September 30, 1999, in Docket No. A-310820, and pursuant to the Commission's Model Lifeline Tariff Order, SNiP revises its tariff to provide *Lifeline* and *Link Up America* services for its customers in compliance with FCC and Commission requirements.

Also enclosed is a duplicate of this filing and a self-addressed, postage-paid envelope. Please date-stamp the duplicate and return in the envelope provided. If you have any questions, I may be reached at (202) 955-9600.

Respectfully submitted,



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ADDITIONAL SERVICES

9.2 LIFELINE SERVICE (Cont'd) (C)

9.2.2. REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

- 12. Access to Alerting and Reporting Systems (9-1-1 dialing).
- 13. Access to the Pennsylvania Telecommunications Relay Service.
- 14. Caller ID Per-call and Per-line Blocking
- 15. One optional vertical service (1)

(1) When a Lifeline customer subscribes to the company's or a private vendor's voice mail service as the optional vertical service, a second vertical service may be added if necessary to make the voicemail service function.

- c. An applicant for Lifeline Service must be a current participant in one of the following Pennsylvania Department or Public Welfare (DPW) programs, federal public housing, and be able to provide proof of income which is at or below 150% of the annual United States Census Bureau Poverty Level Guidelines For All States (Except Alaska and Hawaii) and the District of Columbia. Recertification of Lifeline Service participants may be conducted biennially by the Company.

Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare Lifeline Service Programs:

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

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 non-participation). Participation by DPW is subject to execution of an agreement with DPW and the Company.

- d. Lifeline Service will be provided to a customer only so long as such customer continues to meet the participation and certification guidelines in 2 (c) above. At the time of initial establishment of Lifeline Service, the customer agrees to have his or her eligibility recertified as determined by the Company. When the Company is notified by the customer or determines through recertification that the Lifeline Service customer is no longer a participant in the DPW programs in 2(c) above or otherwise low-income eligible, the customer will be notified (by telephone or letter) that the Lifeline Service rate is no longer applicable. Within the stated customer notification period (10 working (C)

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## 9.2.2. REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

days from the date of the notification), the customer can contact the Company to negotiate new Dial Tone Service arrangements at applicable tariff rates (no connection charges will apply for existing services or options retained). If the customer does not contact the Company by the end of the notification period, the Lifeline Service will be changed to applicable Exchange Area Dial Tone Line service at existing tariff rates (no connection charges will apply to existing services or options retained). Upon contacting the Company, the customer will have ten (10) working days to complete the low-income certification or recertification process in order to retain Lifeline Service.

- e. 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.
- f. Only services listed in 2 (b) above will be provided to Lifeline customers. All other premium services offered by the Company will not be available.
- g. Lifeline Service customers are required to apply for the Link Up America benefit when applicable.
- h. Customer requested temporary suspension of Lifeline Service is not permitted.
- i. Lifeline Service does not apply to applicants who are full time students living in university or college controlled housing.
- j. The applicant must not be a dependent for Federal Income Tax purposes, unless he or she is 60 years of age or older.
- k. Lifeline customers are subject to all Residence service regulations in this and other tariffs the Company.
- l. Residence Lifeline Service cannot be resold by the Lifeline customer or the Lifeline customer's agent(s).
- m. Resale of Lifeline Services are subject to wholesale rate obligations under Section 251(c)(4) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

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9.2.3 DIAL TONE LINE MONTHLY RATE

- a. Applicable Residence Dial Tone monthly rate minus \$1.75 (1).
- b. Lifeline Service customers will pay the applicable Subscriber Line Charge monthly rate minus \$3.50 (1) (2).
- c. Lifeline Service is subject to all applicable state, local and federal taxes, and Surcharges, and to all applicable tariff rates, charges, surcharges and regulations.

NOTE:

- (1) The Dial Tone Line and Subscriber Line Charge monthly rate discounts will be reduced to the extent that application of the full discount would not result in rates that are less than zero.
- (2) \$4.35 for Interstate Pricecap Companies per FCC CALLS order (FCC 00-193, May, 31, 2000)

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9.3. LINK UP AMERICA SERVICE (Cont'd)

9.3.2 REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

- d. Link Up America applicants are not exempt from the Company deposit requirements.
- e. Service will not be established at discounted rates prior to receipt of certification. Service will be established at full service connection charges. If certification is received within 60 days of original application, credit will be applied to provide the Link UP America discount.
- f. The Link Up America discount does not apply to applicants who are full-time students living in university or college controlled housing.

9.3.3 RATES

The Link Up America program provides for a 50% discount on the Service Connection Charge associated with the connection of a new residence exchange access line (dial tone line) as specified in the Company's tariff. The total amount of the discount may not exceed \$30.00 and the remaining charges will be billed to the Link Up America customer in monthly installments as specified in the Company's tariffs.

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