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Missouri Public
Service Commission

Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Re: Alma Telephone Company – revised Local Exchange Tariff Filing

Dear Mr. Roberts,

Please find enclosed for filing on behalf of Alma Telephone Company, three (3) copies of the following revised tariff sheets:

P.S.C. Mo. No. 3, 7th Revised Sheet 30-15

P.S.C. Mo. No. 3, 5th Revised Sheet 30-16

P.S.C. Mo. No. 3, 5th Revised Sheet 30-17

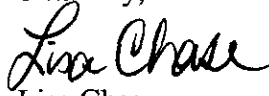
The purpose of this filing is to add provisions for low-income assistance and disabled assistance through the Missouri Universal Service Fund.

Please also find attached a copy of Alma Telephone Company's Request for Waiver. The purpose for this waiver is to exempt Alma from collecting its surcharge from its customers due to administrative costs and burdens, and permit Alma to pay the USF assessment directly from its revenue.

Please see that this filing is brought to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel. If there are any questions regarding the attached they may be directed to me at the above number.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa Chase".

Lisa Chase

Enclosure

Cc: Office of Public Counsel
MoPSC General Counsel
Andrew Heins

LOCAL EXCHANGE TARIFFS

LIFELINE SERVICE

A. General Regulations

1. Lifeline service is available to qualifying low-income subscribers for single party residence service.
2. Lifeline service is a reduction in the monthly local service charges normally paid by qualifying low-income consumers. Eligible Lifeline subscribers will receive a total reduction of their basic local rate for residential one party service \$6.75. The components of the reduction to basic residential one-party rates are as follows:

State reduction in local rate: \$1.75

Federal baseline Lifeline reduction: \$5.00

The Federal baseline lifeline reduction shall be used to waive the consumers federal End- User Common Line charge.
3. Lifeline will not be furnished on a Foreign Exchange service.
4. Lifeline service shall not be disconnected for non-payment of toll charges.
5. Toll blocking provides a means of restricting access to the Long Distance Message Telecommunications Network. Toll blocking for the purposes of lifeline service will restrict 1+, 0+ and 0- (operator handled) calls.
 - a. If the customer chooses "toll blocking" the company will not charge a service deposit.
 - b. Toll blocking is offered to Lifeline subscribers at no charge.

B. Eligibility Requirements

1. An applicant must meet all of the following criteria in order to qualify for Lifeline Service.
 - a. To qualify for Lifeline the consumer must participate in one of the following programs:
 1. Medicaid
 2. Food Stamps
 3. Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
 4. Federal public housing assistance
 5. Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program
2. The customer must sign, under penalty of perjury a document certifying:
 - a. He/she is receiving benefits from one of the programs in B.1 above.
 - b. Name of the program(s) from which they are receiving benefits.
 - c. That he/she will notify the company if he/she no longer participates in the program(s) named in a. preceding.
3. The premises at which the residence service is requested must be the applicant's principal place of residence.

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LOCAL EXCHANGE TARIFFS

LIFELINE SERVICES (CONTINUED)

B. Eligibility Requirements (Continued)

4. There is only one telephone line servicing the residential premises. The residence premises household (dwelling unit) shall consist of that portion of an individual house or building or one flat or apartment occupied by a single family or individuals functioning as one domestic establishment.

1. Missouri USF Low-Income Assistance

(N)

- A. **General-** A low-income customer is any customer who requests or receives residential essential local telecommunications service and who has been certified by the Department of Social Services (DSS) as economically disadvantaged. Qualified individuals will receive discounted services under either the low-income assistance or the disabled assistance program.
- B. **Regulations-** Low income assistance is available to all residential customers who demonstrate, by self certifying with the company under penalty of perjury, that they are eligible for support by participation in:
1. Medicaid
 2. Food stamps
 3. Supplementary Security Income (SSI)
 4. Federal Public Housing Assistance or section 8
 5. Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- C. **Eligible Services-** Essential local telecommunications service is defined as two (2) way switched voice residential service within a local calling scope as determined by the commission, comprised of the following services and their recurring charges:
1. Single line residential service, including touch-tone dialing and any applicable mileage or zone charges
 2. Access to local emergency services, including, but not limited to, 911 service established by local authorities
 3. Access to basic local operator services
 4. Access to basic local directory assistance
 5. Standard intercept service
 6. Equal access to Inter-Exchange Carriers consistent with rules and regulations of the FCC
 7. One (1) standard white pages directory listing
 8. Toll blocking or toll control for qualifying low-income customers
- D. **Support Amount-** Customers eligible under the established criteria can receive a discount from their bill for essential local telecommunications service equal to the amounts approved by the Missouri Public Service Commission and the Federal Communications Commission. The amount of combined federal and state lifeline support for any customer will not exceed the sum of the federal Subscriber Line Charge (SLC) and the recurring charges for essential local telecommunications services (including the basic service rate, Touch-Tone calling charge, extended area service additive, and mileage additives, if any).

2. Missouri USF Disabled Assistance

- A. **General-** A disabled customer, or a dependent, is a customer who requests or receives residential essential local telecommunications service, as defined in section 1(c) of this tariff, and meets the eligibility requirements set forth in this tariff.

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LIFELINE SERVICES (CONTINUED)

- B. **Regulations-** Disabled assistance is available to all residential customers who demonstrate, by self certifying with the company under penalty of perjury, that they, or a dependant, are totally and permanently disabled or blind and receiving any of the following: (N)
- 1) Federal Social Security Disability benefits.
 - 2) Federal Supplemental Security income benefits
 - 3) Veterans Administration benefits
 - 4) State blind pension pursuant to Section 209.010 to 209.160 RSMo
 - 5) State aid to blind persons pursuant to Section 209.240 RSMo
 - 6) State supplemental payments pursuant to Section 208.030, RSMo Section 660.100.2 RSMo 2000.
- C. **Support Amount-** Customers eligible under the established criteria can receive a discount equal to the amount approved by the Missouri Public Service Commission from their bill for essential local telecommunications service. The amount of state lifeline support for any customer will not exceed the recurring charges for essential local telecommunications services (including the basic service rate, Touch-Tone calling charge, extended area service additive, and mileage additives, if any.) (N)

SERVICE CONNECTION-LINK UP MISSOURI

A. General Regulations

The Link Up Missouri Service Connection Program is a Federal Lifeline assistance program applicable to eligible residential subscribers, as defined below, and designed to promote subscribership to the telephone network among low income residential households.

1. Service Connection Charges, as set forth in this tariff*, for initial installation of the main residential service access line, will be discounted at a rate of 50 percent, or \$30.00, whichever is less. These reduced charges shall be assessed only for a single residential telephone line per eligible household at the principle place of residence.
2. The customer may defer payment on up to \$200 of the above charges without interest for a period not to exceed one year. The deferred charges do not include any permissible security deposits required. Payments shall be equally paid over a twelve month period.
3. A qualifying low-income customer may choose with 1. or 2., or both 1. and 2. as described above.
4. Link up assistance is available for a second or subsequent time only for a principal place of residence with an address different from the residence address where assistance was previously provided.
5. The premises at which the residence service is requested must be the applicant's principal place of residence.
6. There is only one telephone line serving the residence premises. The residence premises household (or dwelling unit) shall consist of that portion of an individual house or building or one flat or apartment occupied by a single family or individuals functioning as one domestic establishment.
7. Link Up will not be furnished on a Foreign Exchange Service.

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