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Rebuttal Testimony of
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1 has a Service Order Charge of \$5.00 and a Central Office Charge of \$7.50 for a combined
2 connection charge of \$12.50; the reduction for Link Up would be \$6.25.

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4 **Q. Does NWMC offer Lifeline and Link Up?**

5 A. No. NWMC does not currently offer Lifeline or Link Up. In fact, Mr. Bundridge states
6 that "NWMC is unable to provide Lifeline plans without ETC support."²⁶ A commitment
7 to provide Lifeline and Link Up discounts and Missouri Universal Fund discounts are
8 requirements placed upon carriers seeking ETC designation.²⁷ Therefore, NWMC is not
9 required to offer Lifeline plans without ETC support.

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11 **Q. Will NWMC offer Lifeline and Link Up with USF support?**

12 A. NWMC states they will offer two Lifeline only plans. The first, for \$9.70 per month will
13 include only the "traditional ILEC calling area for the subscriber's address."²⁸ The other
14 plan for \$13.70 per month will include the entire service area for NWMC. NWMC did
15 not provide adequate information with the second plan on the number of minutes that
16 would be included or the charge for minutes over those unknown minutes. Additionally,
17 NWMC states they will offer Link Up discounts of 50% off the \$35 activation fee and
18 establish a deferred non-interest payment plan not to exceed one year for the \$200
19 connection charge.²⁹

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21 **Q. Please compare the Lifeline and Link Up plans of Holway and NWMC?**

²⁶ Refer to Page 8, lines 13 and 14 of Mr. Bundridge's direct testimony.

²⁷ Refer to Missouri Rule 4 CSR 240-3.570 (2).(A).10.

²⁸ Refer to page 7, lines 10 and 11 of Mr. Bundridge's direct testimony.

²⁹ Refer to page 8, lines 16 to 21 of Mr. Bundridge's direct testimony.

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1 A. Holway's Lifeline rate is \$6.25 for unlimited local minutes compared to the proposed
2 \$9.70 ~~or~~ for the first plan and \$13.70 for ~~NWMC~~ the second plan with unknown
3 minutes. The least expensive NWMC regional coverage plan is \$22.00 with 90 minutes;
4 the next plan for \$30.00 includes 200 minutes; and the most expensive plan for \$145.00
5 has 2,400 minutes. Additional minutes range from \$0.35 to \$0.25 per minute.

6 Holway's Link Up rate is \$12.50 compared to \$217.50 (50% of \$35 plus \$200) for
7 NWMC. Lifeline service is available to qualifying low-income subscribers.

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9 **Q. Has NWMC provided any indication that they will reduce rates if they receive USF**
10 **support?**

11 A. No. NWMC states it will offer Lifeline and Link-up and an ILEC-equivalent plan if
12 designated as an ETC in response to a data request.³⁰ The Lifeline and Link Up services
13 are described above. The ILEC-equivalent plan would be priced at \$17.95 per month,
14 would be available to all NWMC subscribers, and would include only the "traditional
15 ILEC calling area for the subscriber's address." NWMC plans are minute-of-use based
16 and region specific. Since the details provided in testimony and responses to data
17 requests did not provide adequate information on the per-minute rate when the customer
18 is away from the home site, I assume that the roaming rate of \$0.65 per minute would
19 apply, or \$39.00 per hour.

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³⁰ Response to Data Request 1.11 requested on March 8, 2006; response received on April 6, 2006; provided as Exhibit WJW-8.