

February 16, 2009

Mississippi Public Service Commission
Mr. Brian U. Ray, Executive Secretary
501 Northwest Street, Suite 201-A
Jackson, MS 39201

Re: CenturyTel of North Mississippi, Inc.--1178
Docket No. 2007-AD-487

Dear Mr. Ray:

CenturyTel of North Mississippi, Inc. dba CenturyTel hereby submits a revised tariff sheet for filing in compliance with rules of the Mississippi Public Service Commission:

CENTURYTEL OF NORTH MISSISSIPPI, INC.

Section I – 2nd Revised Sheet 4
Section II – 4th Revised Sheet 14A

The purpose of this filing is to revise the tariff to comply with the Order in Docket No. 2007-AD-487. CenturyTel is expanding the eligibility criteria for Lifeline/Link-Up to include the National School Lunch Program's Free Lunch Initiative, and the income based criteria established by Federal Poverty guidelines.

Sincerely,

Chantel Mosby
Director, Tariffs and Compliance

GENERAL

LIFELINE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

A. General

- 1. Lifeline Assistance is a retail service offering available to qualifying low-income subscribers as provided for below. Lifeline Assistance enables eligible subscribers to pay reduced charges for the following package of services: voice-grade access to the public switched Network; local usage; dual-tone multi-frequency signaling or its functional equivalent; access to emergency services; access to operator services; access to interexchange service; access to directory assistance; and toll limitation.
- 2. The discounts apply to monthly recurring rates for qualifying residential customer.
- 3. Discounts are applied to existing tariffed rates and charges for residential telephone service.

B. Regulations

- 1. Regulations specified in Section V of the Century Telephone of North Mississippi, Inc. tariff apply to Lifeline Service.
- 2. Lifeline Service is available only with residence service, excluding foreign exchange service.
- 3. Lifeline Service is limited to one line per household at the customer's primary residence.
- 4. The named subscriber to the local telecommunications service must participate in one of the listed assistance programs to qualify for Lifeline. The federal and state credits are applied to the Local Service bills for qualified residential recipients of Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Food Stamps, Medicaid, federal public housing assistance or Section 8 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), the National School Lunch Program's Free Lunch Initiative (NSLP), or the income based criteria if the Consumer's household income if at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. (N)
- 5. Applications for this service will be verified with the state agency responsible for administration of the programs mentioned in No. 4 preceding. Customers may self-certify their eligibility in this program but the certification will be subject to the penalty of perjury for submitting false information. (N)
- 6. The Company will process all applications and apply the appropriate credit on the customer's monthly bill.
- 7. Customers of Lifeline Service must notify the Company of any changes, which would affect qualification. Verification of eligibility by the Company will take place initially and at a minimum annually each year of service thereafter. When the customer is no longer eligible for Lifeline Service, the discount will be discontinued and regular tariff rates and charges would apply.
- 8. The Company may not disconnect the service of a Lifeline Program customer for the non-payment of toll charges unless the Company has received a waiver from the Commission allowing disconnection of service for this reason.
- 9. Eligible customers may elect to have toll restriction and/ or toll control at no charge. No service deposit is required if a customer elects these toll limitation services.*

*Toll Control (limiting of toll charges during a billing period) was not technically feasible as of the date that it was added to the tariff, but was added so that it could be offered when it does become available.

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SERVICE CONNECTION CHARGES

LINK UP MISSISSIPPI

A. General

Link Up Mississippi is offered in all exchanges to provide subsidized assistance to qualifying applicants. It is intended to preserve and promote subscribership among low income households by providing a credit to the installation and connection charges applicable to the provisioning of residence service.

B. Applicability

- 1. Applicable to qualifying residential households as defined under eligibility requirements below. These reduced charges described below shall be assessed only for a single residential telephone line per eligible household. Customers may self-certify their eligibility in this program but the certification will be subject to the penalty of perjury for submitting false information.
 - a. All tariffed charges applied in initiating telephone service to residential customers shall either be reduced by one half of the amount required to connect the customer to the local telephone network or thirty dollars, whichever is less.

C. Eligibility Requirements

The following requirements shall be used by the Company to determine the eligibility of a subscriber for Link Up Mississippi assistance.

- 1. The subscriber must meet the requirements of a state established income test.
- 2. Low-income customers may receive the credit more than once per year when a relocation occurs. Only one credit a year for a customer may be obtained at the same residence.
- 3. The named subscriber to the local telecommunications service must participate in one of the listed assistance programs to qualify for Lifeline. The federal and state credits are applied to the Local Service bills for qualified residential recipients of Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Food Stamps, Medicaid, federal public housing assistance or Section 8 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), National School Lunch Program's Free Lunch Initiative (NSLP), or the income based criteria if the Consumer's household income is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

(N)
(N)

D. Charges

- 1. The applicable charges for Link Up Mississippi follow. These charges do not include an amount for security deposit requirements. A nonrecurring credit in the amount of one-half (maximum of \$30.00) of the installation and connection charge will be applied to the subscriber's total nonrecurring installation and connection charge.

	<u>Residence</u>
a. Service Ordering Charge	\$ 7.00
b. Central Office Line Access Charge	\$15.00

- 2. A deferred payment schedule for payment of charges assessed for commencement of service is available. No interest charges are applied to this deferred amount. Payments can be made over four (4) months.

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