

THE
NORTH STATE TELEPHONE COMPANY
(d/b/a "NORTH STATE COMMUNICATIONS")
GENERAL EXCHANGE TARIFF
FOR THE
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

This Tariff contains regulations and rates applicable for the furnishing of *specified* general subscriber services offered by North State Telephone Company within this State. This Tariff and individual exchange service area maps are on file with the North Carolina Utilities Commission.

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Communications Services described in this Tariff are furnished through facilities provided by the Company for the transmission of intelligence by electrical impulse principally, by means of wire, radio or combination thereof.

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The rates, terms and conditions listed in this Tariff are applicable for services provided pursuant to this tariff. When services are not provided pursuant to a filed tariff, the rates, terms and conditions shall be offered in the North State General Exchange Price List provided at the following link <https://www.northstate.net/Content/pdf/Regulatory/PriceLists/TableofContents.pdf>.

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EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS

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(B)	To signify rates established under bond
(C)	To signify a changed regulation or tariff
(D)	To signify discontinued rate, regulation or text
(I)	To signify increase in rate
(M) & (#) ¹	To signify a move from one page to another with no change to text, regulation or tariff
(N)	To signify new rate and/or new regulation, and/or new text
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(R)	To signify reduction in rate
(S)	To signify matter already appearing in another part of the tariff and repeated for clarification
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(U)	To signify USOC added or changed only
(V)	To signify vintaged tariff

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1. EXPLANATION OF TERMS

LIFELINE

A low income assistance program, available to qualified residential subscribers, which reduces monthly charges for local service through credits supported by universal service funding and state tax credits.

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3.4.2 LIFELINE AND TRIBAL LINK UP PROGRAMS

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A. Description of Service

1. Lifeline service is a federally administered program providing a monthly discount to qualifying low-income consumers for voice-telephone service or broadband service.
2. Tribal Link Up service a federally administered program providing a discount to the customary charge for commencing telecommunications service to a qualifying consumer on Tribal lands.
3. Lifeline and Tribal Link Up are supported by the federal universal service support mechanism.

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B. Program Eligibility

1. In order to be eligible for assistance, a consumer must meet the eligibility requirements set forth in Commission Rule R9-6 and 47 C.F.R. part 54, subpart E of the Federal Communications Commission's rules.

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C. Verification of Eligibility

1. The method for verification of the eligibility criteria set forth in (B) above shall be a national eligibility verifier. Until the national eligibility verifier has been established to verify eligibility in North Carolina, the verification method will be self-certification by the recipients of the eligible programs.

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D. Support

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1. General

- a. Lifeline is provided as a monthly credit on the eligible residential subscriber's bill.
- b. Tribal Link Up is provided as a one-time credit on the eligible residential subscriber's invoice that contains the initial connection charge.

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2. Rate

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- a. The monthly recurring and one-time connection discount provided to consumers through the Lifeline and Link Up programs is set forth in 47 C.F.R. part 54, subpart E of the Federal Communications Commission's rules.

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