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November 21, 2019

Ms. Rosemary Chiavetta
Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
P.O. Box 3265
Harrisburg, PA 17105

Re: **Palmerton Telephone Company**
Supplement No. 189 to Telephone PA PUC No. 5

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Please find Supplement No. 189 to Telephone – PA P.U.C. No. 5 on behalf of the above company, with an effective date of December 1, 2019.

This supplement makes changes to Lifeline Service in compliance with the FCC's Lifeline Modernization Order released on April 27, 2016 (WC Docket No. 11-42)

This letter also serves as certification that this company will maintain an accurate electronic version of its tariff on the Internet.

If you have questions concerning the filing, please contact Sue Carter at 717-238-8311 or sue.carter@patel.org.

Sincerely,

Steven J. Samara

cc: Office of Consumer Advocate
Office of Small Business Advocate
Tim Hausman

PALMERTON TELEPHONE COMPANY

RATES, RULES AND REGULATIONS

Governing the Furnishing of Telephone Service

IN

Carbon and Monroe Counties, Pennsylvania

As shown on sheet 5

Issued: November 21, 2019

Effective: December 1, 2019

By

David L. Masenheimer, President
Palmerton, Pennsylvania



NOTICE

Changes Made By This Supplement

CHANGE:

This supplement reduces the Lifeline Service Credit amount for voice only service from \$9.25 to \$7.25 in compliance with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) 2016 Lifeline Order released on April 27, 2016 (WC Docket No. 11-42).

In addition, this supplement makes administrative changes based on additional changes that have been made by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) relative to Lifeline Program procedures and the launch of the National Verifier.

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Palmerton Telephone
Company

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(C) Indicates Change

LIFELINE SERVICE

B. REGULATIONS (cont'd)

- 3. An applicant for Lifeline Service must be a current participant in one of the following eligibility programs, or be able to provide proof of household income which is at or below 135% of the annual Federal Poverty Guidelines for all States (except Alaska and Hawaii) and the District of Columbia. Recertification of Lifeline Service participants must be conducted annually to ensure continued eligibility. Lifeline customers have the responsibility to notify the Telephone Company within thirty (30) days of a change in eligibility status if they no longer qualify for Lifeline Service. (C)

Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (DHS) Programs

- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Medicaid
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (f/k/a Food Stamps)

Additional Eligible Programs (Federal)

- Federal Public Housing
- Veteran's Pension or Survivor's Pension Benefit

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- 4. Lifeline Service will be provided to a customer only so long as such customer continues to meet the participation and certification guidelines in B.3. above. At the time of initial establishment of Lifeline Service, the customer agrees to have his or her eligibility recertified annually. When the Company is notified by the customer or determines through recertification that the Lifeline Service customer is no longer a participant in the eligibility programs in B.3. 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 (60 working 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). (C)

(C) Indicates Change

LIFELINE SERVICE

C. LIFELINE SERVICE DIAL TONE LINE MONTHLY RATE

1. Applicable Residence Dial Tone monthly rate minus \$7.25 ⁽¹⁾. (D)
2. 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⁾ See FCC Public Notice released May 1, 2012, In re: *Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization et al.*, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, WC Docket Nos. 11-42 et al., CC Docket No. 96-45, FCC 12-11 (rel. Feb. 6, 2012) and subsequent orders. (C)

(D) Indicates Decrease

(C) Indicates Change