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PSCK NO. 3

CINCINNATI BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY

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BASIC TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE

A. LINK-UP KENTUCKY

1. General

Link-Up Kentucky is a local residential telephone assistance program available with all residential classes of service. Customers eligible for Link-Up Kentucky will receive a fifty percent discount (maximum of \$30) off the initial charge to establish a residential exchange access line as described in Section 2 of the Exchange Rate Tariff when service is established at the principal place of residence.

2. Regulations

(a) Link-Up Kentucky is available to residential service customers who are currently participating in one of the qualifying assistance programs. When establishing service, the Link-Up Kentucky applicant may be required to provide the Company with documentation verifying that he/she is currently receiving aid from one of the qualifying assistance programs.

(1) Food Stamps

(2) Medicaid

(3) Supplemental Security Income

(4) Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8)

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(5) Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

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(6) Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) or

(7) National School Lunch (NSL) - free lunch program

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(b) No other exchange service will be permitted on the same premises.

(c) Link-Up Kentucky recipients cannot be dependents (as defined by the Federal Income Tax Code) under the age of 60.

(d) If an applicant for Link-Up Kentucky does not qualify for the program yet believes that he/she should qualify, the applicant may file an informal complaint with the Public Service Commission of Kentucky.

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A. LINK-UP KENTUCKY (Continued)

2. Regulations (Continued)

The Telephone Company shall require, as proof of eligibility for Link-Up Kentucky, a document signed by the customer certifying under penalty of perjury that the customer is receiving benefits from one of the programs identified in paragraph 2.a., above; identifying the specific program or programs from which the customer receives benefits, and agreeing to notify the carrier if the customer ceases to participate in such program or programs. If a customer is simultaneously applying for both Link-Up Kentucky and the CBT Lifeline Residential Rate Program, such customers may utilize the same document to verify eligibility for both programs.

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C. CBT LIFELINE RESIDENTIAL RATE PROGRAM

1. General

- a. The CBT Lifeline Residential Rate Program is a Commonwealth of Kentucky telecommunications service support program which provides a reduction in the monthly rate for residence Primary Flat Rate Individual Line service as listed in Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company's Exchange Rate Tariff, PSCK NO. 1. The benefits provided are: (T)
- A CBT (state) provided monthly discount of \$3.50 off the Basic Local Exchange Service, Primary Flat Rate Individual Line monthly rate as listed in the Exchange Rate Tariff, PSCK NO. 1. (T)
- Waiver of the monthly federal subscriber line charge.
- A monthly (federally provided) discount of \$1.75 off the customer's Basic Local Exchange Service, Primary Flat Rate Individual Line monthly service charge. (T)
- An additional (federally provided) \$1.75 off the monthly Basic Local Exchange Service, Primary Flat Rate Individual Line service charge based on additional state supported qualified discounts. (T)
- Free toll limitation services (e.g. toll blocking) upon customer request.
- A waiver of the Telephone Company's service deposit requirement, if the customer elects to receive toll limitation services.

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C. CBT LIFELINE RESIDENTIAL RATE PROGRAM (Continued)

2. Regulations

a. CBT Lifeline Residential Rate Program is available to residential customers who are currently participating in one of the following assistance programs:

- (1) Medicaid;
- (2) Food Stamps;
- (3) Supplemental Security Income (SSI);
- (4) Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8);
- (5) Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP);
- (6) Temporary Aid for Needy Families (TANF).
- (7) National School Lunch (NSL) - free lunch program

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b. Reductions to customer accounts through this program shall not produce a monthly rate that is below zero.

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c. The Telephone Company shall require, as proof of eligibility for the CBT Lifeline Residential Rate Program, a document signed by the customer, certifying under penalty of perjury that the customer is receiving benefits from one or more of the qualifying programs listed in paragraph 2.a. above; identifying the specific program or programs from which the customer receives benefits, and agreeing to notify the Telephone Company if the customer ceases to participate in such program or programs.

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D. LIFELINE SUPPORT CHARGE

1. Kentucky Lifeline Support Surcharge

- a. The Kentucky Lifeline Support Surcharge was set up to support Lifeline Service in Kentucky.
- b. The Kentucky Lifeline Support Surcharge is imposed on each residential and nonresidential service access line of all Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers (ILECs), Competitive Local Carriers (CLECs) and Wireless Service Providers' bills. The surcharge is being imposed pursuant to Orders issued by the PSCK in Administrative Case No. 360. For purposes of application of this surcharge, access lines are defined as facilities which provide access to and from the telecommunications network for toll and/or local calling with the exception of Coin, WATS, remote calling forwarding, radio common carriers, interLATA foreign exchange lines, private line services, mobile, other common carriers, and company official accounts.
- c. The surcharge will appear on each customer's bill under the line item "Kentucky Lifeline Support" and will be billed at the rate of \$0.08 per month per line.

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