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Section 7 - SPECIAL SERVICES AND PROGRAMS (Cont'd)

7.1 LIFELINE TELEPHONE SERVICE (Cont'd)

7.1.2 Eligibility (Cont'd)

Lifeline services are effective upon receipt of a completed and signed form or an application form certified from an entity authorized by the Company. If the form is not returned, no further action is taken by the Company to establish eligibility. The Lifeline discount is credited as of the service connection date.

An individual's eligibility may be documented by information obtained by the Company as a result of enrollment programs, including but not limited to confidential computerized matching programs, conducted by the Company in conjunction with state agencies.

The Company, in coordination with appropriate agencies, will periodically verify each Lifeline customer's eligibility. If a customer is identified as being ineligible, the customer will be notified that unless the information is shown to be in error, the Lifeline discount will be discontinued. The customer will be billed for discounts received for any period in which he or she is proven to be ineligible for the service.

7.1.3 Charges

A qualified customer may choose one of the Lifeline services as described. For connection of new service, service connection charges apply unless the customer qualifies for connection assistance under the Link Up America plan as outlined in 7.2, following.

Service connection charges do not apply to change existing service from:

- a. Message Rate Service to Basic Lifeline service;
- b. Basic Lifeline service to Message Rate Service.

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