

**Stayton Cooperative Telephone Company  
Annual Recertification Reports for ETCs in Oregon  
Report Formats to Satisfy Requirements of Order No. 06-292 for 2006**

**Report #1 – Supported Service Offerings**

**1.1.B. Basic Local Service Offerings**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Number of Mins. Included</b>	<b>Calling Area</b>	<b>Rate</b>
<b>Business</b>				
One Party	Local Access Line	Unlimited	Stayton and surrounding areas	\$14.02 per month
<b>Residential</b>				
One Party	Local Access Line	Unlimited	Stayton and surrounding areas	\$11.60 per month

**Report #2 – Unfiled Service Requests**

**2.1.B. Service quality reports for “primary held orders over 30 days” were Not filed with the Oregon PUC for calendar year 2005.**


2. The number of “primary held orders over 30 days” (as defined in Section 860-034-0390 of the Oregon Commission rules) for calendar year 2005: -0-.

**Report #3 – Evidence of Advertising for Basic Supported Services (excluding low-income/lifeline)**

Newspaper advertisement in local newspaper, February 9, 2005; The Stayton Mail, circulation: paid=2,700, unpaid=6,150. Distribution: area in and around Stayton, Sublimity, Scio, Aumsville, Turner and the North Santiam communities of Lyons, Mill City, Gates, Detroit and Idanha.

RUN DATE 2/9/05 IN THE STAYTON MAIL

**Public Notice  
of  
Basic Telephone Service**



*Stayton Cooperative Telephone Company* (SCTC) is designated as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier by meeting the guidelines of the Federal Communications Commission and the Oregon Public Utility Commission. We've been offering quality reliable telephone service since 1955 and realize the basic service is a fundamental aspect of everyday life.

Basic service from *SCTC* includes:

- Single party service with unlimited local calling
- Touch tone service
- Voice grade access to the public switched network
- Access to emergency services including Enhanced 911
- Access to operator services, inter-exchange carriers, and directory assistance

*SCTC* is proud to offer basic service to all customers in our serving territory. Our rate for residential basic service is \$10.41 per month and our rate for business basic service is \$12.58 per month. Low income individuals may be eligible for Lifeline and Link-up telephone assistance programs which provide discounts from these basic rates. Also available to Lifeline customers is toll blocking which lets customers block outgoing long distance calls free of charge.

If you have questions, or would like to become a customer of *SCTC*, please visit our business office at 475 North Second Avenue, Stayton, Oregon or contact us at 503-769-2121.

## **Report #4 – Low-income Services**

### **4.1 Number of Lifeline Customers**

The total number of customers receiving lifeline discounts during the month of December 2005 in the designated service area: 232.

### **4.2 Advertising of Low-Income Program Service Offerings**

The following article was included in our June 2005 customer newsletter.

***Yes, Everyone Can Afford Phone Service***



Every person in America should have access to quality, affordable telecommunications service. Stayton Cooperative Telephone Company supports this concept through a federally supported program called Lifeline and Link-up telephone assistance programs.

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- Access to operator services, inter-exchange carriers, and directory assistance

SCTC is proud to offer basic service to all customers in our serving territory. Our rate for residential basic service is \$10.41 per month. Low-income individuals may be eligible for Lifeline and Link-up telephone assistance programs that provide discounts from these basic rates. Another service available to Lifeline customers is toll blocking which lets customers block outgoing long distance calls free of charge. If you have questions, please visit our business office at 475 North Second Avenue, Stayton, Oregon or contact us at 503-769-2121. The office of the Oregon Public Utility Commission (OPUC) also has information on these programs. Contact the OPUC at 503-373-7171 or toll free 1-800-848-4442.

If you know of anyone in our service area who does not have or cannot afford telephone service, please contact us. Eligibility information may be obtained at our business office or at local social service organizations.



*Investing in Your Future*

The advertisement attached below was published in the August 2005 “Our Town” monthly periodical. Circulation 12,500; the periodical is mailed to all addresses in Stayton, Sublimity, Aumsville, Scio, Lyons and Mehama.

Our Town Monthly advertisement. Run date August, 2005.

**No one needs to be without basic telephone service.**



*Assistance programs available to eligible low income consumers:*

- Lifeline ● Link Up
- Toll Limitation Service

*Call toll free:*  
Oregon Public Utility Commission  
**1-800-848-4442**

This information provided by 

## 4.2 Advertising of Low-Income Program Service Offerings (cont.)

The advertisement attached below was published in the July 13, 2005 edition of “The Stayton Mail” weekly newspaper. Circulation: paid=2,700, unpaid=6,150. Distribution: area in and around Stayton, Sublimity, Scio, Aumsville, Turner and the North Santiam communities of Lyons, Mill City, Gates, Detroit and Idanha.

**Yes, you can afford phone service.**



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- Toll Limitation Service

*Call toll free:*  
**Oregon Public Utility Commission**  
**1-800-848-4442**

This information provided by 

The brochure attached below has been provided to the “Stayton Food Bank” since July 2005. The brochure is included with every box of food given to eligible participants. Between 70 and 100 families receive food boxes in a given month. The brochure is also available in our business office.

Every person in America should have access to quality, affordable telecommunications service. This principle of “Universal Service” has been the goal of the telecommunications industry for decades. In 1994, the federal government codified the goal and reaffirmed it in 1996 by establishing policies for the “preservation and advancement of Universal Service.”

To achieve the Universal Service goal, carriers have access to a fund that is generated by contributions from the telecommunications providers in the United States. Telecommunications companies draw from the fund to provide four programs that support telecommunications services nationwide. LinkUp America (Link-Up) and the Lifeline Assistance Program (Lifeline) are part of the fund’s Low-Income Programs and are described in detail below. Toll limitation service is another program available to low income subscribers to help them control what they spend on telephone service.

**Lifeline, Link Up, and Toll Limitation Service** support provide discounts to eligible low-income consumers to help them establish and maintain telephone service.

**What type of discount is available?**  
 Lifeline assistance lowers the cost of basic monthly local telephone service. Eligible consumers can receive up to \$10 per month in discounts. Additional state support also may be available.

Eligible residents of Indian reservations or tribal lands can receive up to an additional \$33 in Lifeline support, but must pay at least \$1 for basic monthly service.

**Link Up** reduces the cost of initiating new telephone service. Eligible consumers can receive a 50% discount off of the one-time costs associated with initiating telephone service, up to a maximum of \$30. Eligible consumers also qualify for a deferred payment schedule for remaining costs of up to \$200.

Eligible low-income consumers living on tribal lands are eligible for an additional discount of up to \$70 to cover 100% of the charges between \$60 and \$130.

**Toll Limitation Service (TLS)** support allows eligible consumers who wish to avoid incurring large long distance fees to choose toll blocking or toll control at no cost.

**How do I know whether I am eligible?**  
 Eligibility for Lifeline, Link Up and TLS support varies by state. Individuals who reside in states that have their own discount programs qualify for federal Lifeline, Link Up and TLS support if they meet the eligibility criteria established by their state. In states that do not provide state support, an individual is eligible if he or she participates in one of the following programs:

- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance or Section 8
- Medicaid
- Food Stamps
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- National School Lunch free lunch program

In addition, a consumer may be eligible if his or her household income is at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines:

**2004 Income Requirements — 48 Contiguous States**

Family Size	States & DC	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$12,569	\$15,701	\$14,445
2	\$16,962	\$21,074	\$19,386
3	\$21,115	\$26,447	\$24,327
4	\$25,448	\$31,820	\$29,268
5	\$29,741	\$37,193	\$34,209
6	\$34,034	\$42,566	\$39,150
7	\$38,327	\$47,939	\$44,091
8	\$42,620	\$53,312	\$49,032
For each additional person add	\$4,293	\$5,373	\$4,941

**Income-based criteria** will be in effect for all telephone companies that offer Lifeline beginning in June 2005. Some telephone companies may offer Lifeline discounts to individuals who qualify based on household income before that date.

Residents of Indian reservations or tribal lands qualify if they participate in any of the programs listed above, have a household income that is at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines, or participate in one of these programs:


- Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) general assistance
- Head Start (income eligible)
- Tribal TANF

**How do I apply to receive Lifeline, Link Up and TLS support discounts?**  
 Consumers must apply through their local telephone company — please let us know if you are interested in any of these programs. Visit the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) web site at [www.lifelinesupport.org](http://www.lifelinesupport.org) for more information about eligibility requirements. You also may call USAC toll free at 1-888-641-8722, with any questions about Lifeline, Link Up and TLS discounts.

AN IMPARTIAL MESSAGE FROM YOUR COMMUNITY-BASED TELECOM PROVIDER

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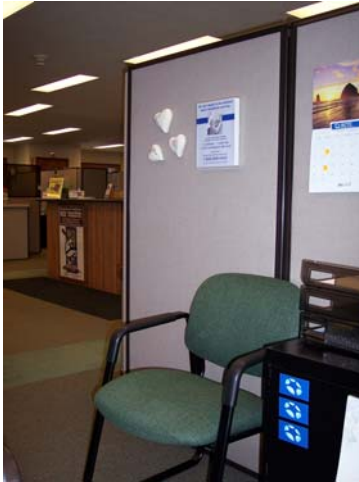
**Yes,**  
*You Can Afford  
 Telephone Service*



This brochure was produced by the Foundation for Rural Service, the philanthropic arm of the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association. Its mission is to promote, educate and advocate rural telecommunications in order to sustain and enhance the quality of life within communities throughout rural America. For additional information on the Foundation, visit [www.frs.org](http://www.frs.org). This advocacy campaign also is supported by the Rural Telephone Finance Cooperative, based in Henderson, VA.

#### 4.2 Advertising of Low-Income Program Service Offerings (cont.)

A lifeline poster is displayed in each Customer Service Representative's cubicle and in the foyer of the Administrative building. Picture attached below.



#### **Report #5 – Outage Report**


- A. The number of service outages, as defined in Section 860-034-0350 (9) of the Oregon PUC rules, that occurred during calendar year 2005: -0-.

#### **Report #6 – Trouble Report**

- B. The number of customer trouble reports, as defined in Section 860-034-0390 (5) of the Oregon PUC rules, received during the calendar year 2005: .67 per 100 working access lines.

**Report #9 – Certifications**

9.1. ICLS Certification Copy

		<a href="http://www.sctcweb.com">www.sctcweb.com</a>	
475 North Second Ave.	P.O. Box 477	Stayton, Oregon 97383	503-769-2121

**Interstate Common Line Support (ICLS)  
2006 - 2007**

Date: 5-Jun-06

To: Marlene H. Dortch  
Office of Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 - 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Karen Majcher  
Vice President - High Cost and Low Income Division  
Universal Service Administrative Company  
2000 L Street, NW, Suite 200  
Washington, DC 20036

Re: CC Docket No. 96-45  
**Interstate Common Line Support - ICLS**  
Annual Certification Filing

**ICLS**

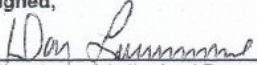
This is to certify that Stayton Cooperative Telephone Company  
will use its **INTERSTATE COMMON LINE SUPPORT - ICLS** only for the provision, maintenance  
and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of the company named above. This certification is for the  
study area(s) listed below.

**ICLS**

Company Name	State	Study Area Code
Stayton Cooperative Telephone Company	Oregon	532399

(If necessary, attach a separate list of additional study areas and check this box.)

Signed,  Date: 5-Jun-06  
[Signature of Authorized Representative]

Don Lawrence  
[Printed Name of Authorized Representative]

President  
[Title of Authorized Representative]

Carrier's Name: **Stayton Cooperative Telephone Company**  
Carrier's Address: **P.O. Box 477, Stayton, OR 97383**  
Carrier's Telephone Number: **(503) 769-2121**

Date Received  
(For official use only)

Basic Telephone      Wireless      Internet      Security      Long Distance

**Report #9 – Certifications (cont.)**

9.2. Certification of Use of Universal Service Funds

AFFIDAVIT CERTIFYING USE OF UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUNDS

I, Don Lawrence, being of lawful age and duly sworn, on my oath, state that I am the President / CEO of Stayton Cooperative Telephone Company ("Company") and that I am authorized to execute this Affidavit on behalf of the Company, and the facts set forth in this Affidavit are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Pursuant to the rules of the Federal Communications Commission, 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, there must be annual certification that funds received under the federal Universal Service Fund programs will be used only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. The Company hereby certifies to the Public Utility Commission of Oregon that pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.7, and for purposes of the certification required under 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, the company will use all federal high-cost support provided to it only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with the principles of universal service set forth in 47 U.S.C. 254. This includes, but is not limited to, trying to meet the goal of the provision of services that are properly supported by the high-cost funds at rates that are reasonably comparable to rates charged for similar services in urban areas.

DATED this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2006.

Stayton Cooperative Telephone Company (Company)

By: Don Lawrence (Name)

Its: President / CEO (Title)

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2006.

M Kendall  
Notary public in and for the State of Oregon

County of: Mason

My Commission Expires: 12/13/2008



**Report #9 – Certifications (cont.)**

9.3. Certification of Emergency Functionality and Compliance with Service Quality and Consumer Protection Measures

AFFIDAVIT CERTIFYING EMERGENCY FUNCTIONALITY AND COMPLIANCE WITH SERVICE QUALITY AND CONSUMER PROTECTION MEASURES

I, Don Lawrence, being of lawful age and duly sworn, on my oath, state that I am the President / CEO of Stayton Cooperative Telephone Company ("Company") and that I am authorized to execute this Affidavit on behalf of the Company, and the facts set forth in this Affidavit are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

The Company hereby certifies to the Public Utility Commission of Oregon, pursuant to the requirements of Commission Order No. 06-292, that it:

- 1) is able to remain functional in emergencies, and,
- 2) complies with service quality and consumer protection measures in (check one):
  - applicable Oregon Commission rules, or
  - the CTIA Consumer Code for Wireless Carriers, or
  - other (describe and explain conformance with requirements of Order No. 06-292): As a general rule Stayton Cooperative Telephone Company complies with Oregon Commission rules for small telephone companies.

DATED this 5th day of July, 2006.

Stayton Cooperative Telephone Company (Company)

By: Don Lawrence (Name)

Its: President / CEO (Title)

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 5th day of July, 2006.

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