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Ms. Malia Brock  
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P.O. Box 1088  
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Re: *Nehalem Telecommunications, Inc. Tariff Advice*  
Revisions to Lifeline Service in PUC Or. No. 6

Dear Ms. Brock:

I am submitting this Tariff Advice Letter on behalf of Nehalem Telecommunications, Inc. pursuant to Commission Rules 132 and 143. The proposed revisions reference the OPUC Order 20-204 effective July 1, 2020, to temporarily increase the amount of support of the Oregon Telephone Assistance Program (OTAP), governed by the administrative rules set forth in ORS Chapter 860, Division 33.

Transmitted herewith is a searchable Adobe Acrobat pdf showing the changes as they will appear in the proposed new tariff. We respectfully request that the proposed changes become effective retroactive to July 1, 2020.

Please call me at 509.777.0137 or email [Tym.Rutkowski@mossadams.com](mailto:Tym.Rutkowski@mossadams.com) if you have any questions about the content or questions on the PDF filing.

Sincerely,

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Nehalem Telecommunications, Inc.

LOCAL ACCESS LINE SERVICE

OREGON TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIFELINE OR OTAP)

Description

- a. Pursuant to Chapter 290, Oregon Laws 1987, and Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) Chapter 800, Division 33, the Oregon Telephone Assistance Program (OTAP) is the state counterpart to the federal Lifeline program and is governed by Federal Communication Commission 47 Code of Federal Regulations Subpart E, 54. This state and federal government assistance program provides qualifying low-income consumers with reduced monthly charges for any local residential service plan that includes voice telephony service. Eligible voice telephony services must provide voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent, access to emergency services and toll limitation services.
- b. Customers must meet the eligibility requirements for OTAP/Lifeline defined in OAR 860-033-0030.

Terms and Conditions

Support Amount

Basic federal Lifeline support amount: 47 CFR § 54.403  
 (Credit first applies to the \$6.50 Federal End User Common Line Charge. Additional credit above \$6.50, if applicable, applies to basic service.)

State Credit for the exchange access line and broadband internet access service for OTAP participants. [1] [2]

[1] Effective January 1, 2020, this credit also applies to broadband internet access service.

[2] Oregon Public Utility Commission Authorized Rate.

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- a. The basic federal Lifeline support amount is applied to the End User Common Line charges or equivalent. The remaining basic federal and OTAP support amount is applied to the qualifying low-income customer's intrastate rate.
- b. Billing will reflect that the OTAP/Lifeline credit became effective on the date specified by the Public Utility Commission of Oregon for each approved customer.
- c. Partial payments from OTAP/Lifeline customers are first applied to the allocated price of the voice telephony service component and then to toll charges or the cost of other services.
- d. OTAP/Lifeline customers may voluntarily elect toll limitation service at no charge. OTAP/Lifeline customers who subscribe to toll limitation service will not be required to pay a service deposit in order to initiate OTAP/Lifeline service.

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Nehalem Telecommunications, Inc.

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Description (Cont'd)

- e. OTAP/Lifeline customers may not be charged the federal universal service fund fee or the monthly number-portability charge as part of their local residential service plan that includes voice telephony service.
- f. The Residential Service Protection Fund surcharge must be charged to OTAP/Lifeline customers.

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