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Regarding: IURC No. 20 Tariff Filing

Dear Ms. Peerman:

This filing is being made pursuant to the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission's ("IURC") 30-day filing rules, as set forth in the Indiana Administrative Code 170 IAC 1-6.

Attached for filing, please find the following tariff revisions for the following Indiana Bell Telephone Company Inc.'s d/b/a AT&T Indiana ("AT&T Indiana") IURC Tariff No. 20:

Part 4, Section 4 - Eighth Revised Sheet 1
Part 4, Section 4 - Sixth Revised Sheet 2
Part 4, Section 4 - Eighth Revised Sheet 3

This filing updates the Lifeline provisions included in IURC Tariff No. 20 for compliance with the IURC's November 21, 2017 Order in Cause No. 41052 ETC 39 S1 granting AT&T Indiana's request for a partial relinquishment of its eligible telecommunications carrier designation.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at (216) 375-5027.

Very truly yours,

/s/ *Maryann Mackey*

Director, Regulatory

1. LOW-INCOME PROGRAM

- A. The Low-Income Program consists of the federal Lifeline program.

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Effective December 8, 2017, new Low-Income Program (Lifeline) service is available only to eligible customers who reside in Indiana Connect America Fund II (CAF II) Funded Census Blocks, shown in Exhibit B of the Petition of AT&T Indiana for Order Confirming Partial Relinquishment of Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designation, Cause No. 41052 ETC 39 S1, effective November 21, 2017. Effective March 16, 2018, Low-Income Program (Lifeline) service will be available only to eligible customers who reside in the CAF II Funded Census Blocks.

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- B. Definitions

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The following terms shall be defined as follows:

Toll Blocking Service - a service provided by the Company that lets consumers elect not to allow the completion of outgoing toll calls from their residential exchange access line.

- C. Lifeline Assistance

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1. General

Lifeline Assistance is available to residential customers in accordance with the provisions established by the FCC and set forth in 47 C.F.R. 54.

2. Description

The Federal Lifeline Program assists qualified low-income applicants by providing a \$9.25 reduction in their monthly rate for qualifying services as defined in 47 C.F.R. 54.400(m) and C.F.R. 54.400(l) at eligible locations.

3. Eligible Criteria

To constitute as a qualifying low-income consumer:

- a) A consumer's household income as defined in §54.400(f) must be at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines for a household of that size; or
- b) The consumer, one or more of the consumer's dependents, or the consumer's household must receive benefits from one of the following federal assistance programs: Medicaid; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; Supplemental Security Income; Federal Public Housing Assistance; or Veterans and Survivors Pension Benefit.

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C. Lifeline Assistance (cont'd)

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4. Eligibility Determination and Certification Criteria

- a) An applicant may request Lifeline assistance through completion and submission of a form provided by the Company or by an agent of the state or Federal Communications Commission.
- b) Applicants must provide proof of eligibility and be deemed eligible for participation consistent with the federal requirements set forth in 47 C.F.R. 54.410.
- c) Applicants qualifying by income may produce any of the following documents for certification:

- Prior year's state or federal tax return
- Current income statement from an employer or paycheck stubs
- Social Security statement of benefits
- Veterans Administration statement of benefits
- Retirement/pension statement of benefits
- Unemployment/Workmen's Compensation statement of benefits
- Divorce decree
- Federal notice letter of participation in General Assistance
- Child support document

If anything other than tax returns is used to demonstrate eligibility, three consecutive months of the same document from within the same calendar year is required.

- d) The Company will periodically recertify all Lifeline subscribers consistent with the federal requirements in 47 C.F.R. 54.410(f).

5. Credits

- a) Customers eligible for Lifeline Assistance shall receive a \$9.25 credit applied to their monthly bill in accordance with the federal Lifeline provisions set forth in 47 C.F.R. 54.
- b) Customers eligible for Lifeline Assistance are eligible to receive Toll Blocking Service at no charge. This service will only be provided at the customer's request.

D. Link-Up Assistance (Lifeline Connection Assistance)^{/1/}

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/1/ The requirement for ETCs to offer Link-Up assistance (discounted service connection charges) was eliminated by the Federal Communications Commission pursuant to the Lifeline Reform and Modernization Order, Released February 6, 2012.

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/2/ Material formerly located on Sheet 3.

1. LOW-INCOME PROGRAM (cont'd)

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/1/ Material now appears on Sheet 2.