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Re: Tariff Transmittal No. 19

General Exchange Tariff No. 1

Lifeline Program

TeleGuam Holdings, LLC dba GTA files this revised tariff page transmittal to reflect the adjusted discount of the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Lifeline Services.

In January 2012, FCC Order 12-11 was issued to modernize the Lifeline Program for the Digital Age to ensure low income consumers had affordable access to the internet. As part of that Order, in anticipation of technical convergence of mobile voice and data, and, to phase in broadband requirements, support for standalone voice support decreases have commenced since last year to the current \$7.25 for Lifeline Support. The next adjustment and decrease to \$5.25 goes into effect on December 1, 2020 and then to zero by December 1, 2021 (except in areas where there is only one Lifeline provider. Voice services will remain eligible for full support as part of a voice and data bundle.

Given this Order, GTA respectfully submits this request for modification to its General Exchange Tariff governing to reflect the FCC Order stepping down and discontinuing discounts for Lifeline Services. The tariff change reflects stand-alone voice support down to \$5.25 on December 1, 2020 and \$0 on December 1, 2021. To reiterate, this change it is for "stand-alone voice or a bundle of voice and broadband where the broadband does not meet the FCC's minimum service standard".

All other Telephone Assistance Programs remain in effect and remain unchanged.

In accordance with 12 Guam Code Annotated and the notice provisions of the Guam Telecom Act, GTA hereby requests that the Guam Public Utilities Commission approve this filing to ensure compliance with the FCC Order by December 1, 2020. (see attachment).

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## **ATTACHMENT**

## **MISCELLANEOUS SERVICE (continued)**

- XII. TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS (continued)
  - C. Lifeline Service
  - 1. Description of Service
    - a. The Lifeline program is designed to increase the availability of telecommunications services to low income subscribers by providing a credit to monthly recurring local service to qualifying low income residential subscribers.
    - b. Lifeline is supported by the federal universal service support mechanism.
    - c. The total Lifeline credit available to an eligible customer on Guam is \$5.25 (effective December 1, 2020) and zero on December 1, 2021; in conformance with FCC Order 21-11.