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Transmittal No. 9  
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Communications Division  
Michigan Public Service Commission  
6545 Mercantile Way  
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Dear Mr. Isiogu:

Enclosed is one copy of Drenthe Telephone Company's Tariff M.P.S.C. No. 1R revisions being filed under Tariff Transmittal 9 under the authority of Public Acts 179 of 1991 and 216 of 1995.

This filing is being made pursuant to its rate-setting authority and the inapplicability of MTA Section 310, as specified in Section 310(8) and its exemption from Section 310(2) granted by the Commission pursuant to Section 304(10).

The changes fall under Drenthe's local telephone exchange service tariff, M.P.S.C. Tariff No. 1 (R), and changes the Lifeline discount rate to \$11.25.

Drenthe M.P.S.C. Tariff 1(R) can be viewed in its entirety at [www.mecaone.com/drenthempstariffno.1r.pdf](http://www.mecaone.com/drenthempstariffno.1r.pdf).

The sheets that contain changes can be viewed at [www.mecaone.com/drenthempstariffno.1rtransmittal9.pdf](http://www.mecaone.com/drenthempstariffno.1rtransmittal9.pdf).

The effective date of these changes is December 22, 2004.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact our office.

Yours truly,

Agris Pavlovskis  
President

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LIFELINE SERVICE

A. DESCRIPTION

1. Lifeline Service which is available not later than December 1, 1990, applies discounts to monthly recurring rates for qualifying residential customers. These discounts are applied to existing tariffed rates and charges for residential telephone service.
2. In order to be eligible for Lifeline Service a residential customer's household income must be at or below 150% of the poverty level as determined by the United State Office of Management and Budget and as approved by the State Treasurer.
3. Lifeline Service includes the services and functionalities enumerated by the F.C.C. as follows: voice grade access to the public switched network; local usage; dual tone multi-frequency signaling or its functional equivalent; single-party service or its functional equivalent; access to operator services; access to interchange service; access to directory assistance; and toll blocking for qualifying customers.
4. Other services can be provided with the Lifeline Service at applicable rates and charges.

B. REGULATIONS

1. Regulations specified elsewhere in the Company's tariffs apply to Lifeline Service
2. Lifeline Service is only available with residence services, excluding foreign exchange service. Lifeline Service is limited to one line per household at the customer's primary residence.
3. A miscellaneous service charge does not apply when Lifeline Service is added or discontinued to existing service when that is the only work being done.
4.
  - a. A discount of 20% of the Basic Local Exchange rate or \$11.25, whichever is greater, on the monthly Basic Local Exchange Service for Lifeline customers is applicable. For Lifeline customers 65 years of age or more, the discount will be 25% of the Basic Local Exchange rate or \$11.25, whichever is greater. The total discount shall not exceed 100% of the end user common line charges and the Basic Local Exchange rate. (C)
  - b. The credit will be applied in the following order: (1) The Interstate End User Access Charge, National Exchange Carriers Association, Inc. Tariff F.C.C. No. 5. Access Service, (2) End User Common Line charge, Michigan Exchange Carriers Association (MECA), Tariff M.P.S.C. No. 25, Part XVII, Section 17.1.2. and (3) The balance of the credit, if any, will be applied as a credit to the Basic Local Exchange rate. (C)
  - c. The Company will provide, at the qualifying customer's option, toll blocking service at no charge. The Company defines toll blocking as a service provided by the Company that lets the customer elect not to allow the completion of outgoing toll calls from their telecommunications channel.
  - d. The Company will not require a service deposit in order to initiate Lifeline Service if the qualifying customer voluntarily elects toll blocking service.
  - e. The Company will not disconnect Lifeline Service for non-payment of toll charges by qualifying customers.
5. The Lifeline plan will apply after receipt and processing of a completed Company or government provided application, including documentation indicating that the household meets the eligibility standards established above.
6. Customers of Lifeline Service must notify the Company of any changes which would affect qualification. Reverification of eligibility will take place on an ongoing basis. When the customer is no longer eligible for Lifeline service, the Lifeline discount will be discontinued and regular tariff rates and charges would apply.

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