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September 19, 2005

Ms. Beth Salak
Director, Division of Competitive Markets and Enforcement
Attention: Tariff Section
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

RE: **TL727**

Dear Ms. Salak:

Attached for filing, please find the following revised pages for the Sprint-Florida, Incorporated General Exchange Tariff. This filing is submitted with a proposed effective date of September 19, 2005. The Company's tariffs are available on its website at www.sprint.com/tariffs.

Section A3	Seventh Revised Sheet 59.1 Original Sheet 59.1.1
Section A4	Fourth Revised Sheet 12

This filing proposes to give Lifeline Assistance and Link-Up Florida benefits to victims of Hurricane Katrina without requiring the qualifications outlined in the tariff for the period of September 19, 2005 through March 31, 2006. In addition, this filing clarifies the requirements for Link-up Florida adds the National School Lunch program to the qualifying programs and changes the percent of a customer's gross annual income to qualify for Link-Up Assistance from 125% to 135% of the federal poverty guidelines.

Commission consideration and timely approval of these pages are respectfully requested. If you have questions or need additional information regarding this filing, please call Nancy Schnitzer at 850-599-1276.

Sincerely,

Mary L. Matthews

cc: Nancy Schnitzer
Attachments
FL 05-83

GENERAL EXCHANGE TARIFF

SPRINT-FLORIDA, INCORPORATED

SECTION A3

By: F. B. Poag
Director

Seventh Revised Sheet 59.1
Cancelling Sixth Revised Sheet 59.1
Effective:

BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

J. LIFELINE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM - (Cont'd)

1. General - (Cont'd)

- f. SmallTalk Service as found in D.2. of this tariff section is not eligible for Lifeline Assistance.
- g. Vacation Service is not applicable to lines with Lifeline assistance.
- h. Local Service may not be disconnected for failure to pay toll charges.
- i. Toll Blocking services are available to Lifeline customers at no charge.
- j. Deposits may not be collected from customers who select toll blocking. If a Lifeline customer removes Toll Blocking prior to establishing an acceptable credit history, a deposit may be required. When applicable, advance payments will not exceed the connection and local service charges for one month.
- k. Federal Universal Service Fund End User Charge will not be billed to Lifeline customers. (N)

l. From September 19, 2005 through March 31, 2006, relocated victims of Hurricane Katrina from the following areas:

- 1. Any Louisiana parish***
- 2. Any Mississippi county***
- 3. Baldwin, Choctaw, Clarke, Greene, Hale, Jefferson, Marengo, Mobile, Pickens, Sumter, Tuscaloosa or Washington Counties in Alabama***

may receive Lifeline assistance without qualifying under 1.b., 1.c. or 1.d above upon self certification of displacement from the above identified areas and qualification for any federal or state disaster relief program. Effective April 1, 2006, Hurricane Katrina Lifeline benefits will be discontinued unless the subscriber qualifies under one of the above programs. (N)
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(M) Material formerly appearing on this sheet now appears on in /Section A3, Original Sheet 59.1.1.

GENERAL EXCHANGE TARIFF

SPRINT-FLORIDA, INCORPORATED

SECTION A3

By: F. B. Poag
Director

Original Sheet 59.1.1
Effective:

BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

J. LIFELINE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM - (Cont'd)

2. Applications and Regulations

a. Guidelines for implementation of this program are as follows:

- 1) Certification Procedures – As proof of eligibility, all applicants for this service will sign a Simplified Certification Document, certifying under penalty of perjury, that the customer is receiving benefits from one of the programs identified in paragraph J.1.b, above, identifying the specific program or programs from which the customer receives benefits, and agreeing to notify the Company if the customer ceases to participate in such program or programs.

The Simplified Certification Document will be provided to the customer by the Company, upon request.

- 2) Processing Procedures -- The Company will process all Simplified Certification Documents and apply the appropriate credit on the subscriber's monthly bill.
- 3) Verification Procedures -- The Company reserves the right to periodically audit its records, working in conjunction with the appropriate state agencies, for the purpose of determining continuing eligibility. Information obtained during such audit will be treated as confidential information to the extent required under State and Federal laws. The use or disclosure of information concerning enrollees will be limited to purposes directly connected with the administration of the Lifeline plan.

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(M) Material now appearing on this sheet formerly appeared in Section A3, Sixth Revised Sheet 59.1.

GENERAL EXCHANGE TARIFF

SPRINT-FLORIDA, INCORPORATED

By: F. B. Poag
Director

Section A4
Fourth Revised Sheet 12
Cancelling Third Revised Sheet 12
Effective:

SERVICE CHARGES

G. LINK-UP FLORIDA (Cont'd)

2. Regulations (Cont'd)

a. (Cont'd)

- 1) The customer will be responsible for payment of any applicable monthly charges in association with his/her service.
- 2) The Company reserves the right to require a deposit according to the regulations set forth in Section A2.
- 3) Any additional services, other than the basic R-1 service will be at the appropriate tariffed rate.

b. The subscriber must not be a dependent for federal income tax purposes, unless the subscriber is more than 60 years of age.

c. ***The federal credit is applied to the local service bills for qualified residential recipients of public assistance who apply for the credits and authorize agency verification of their participation*** in at least one of the following programs: Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), Medicaid, Supplementary Security Income (SSI), food stamps, Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8), ***Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and National School Lunch Program (free meals program only).***

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d. For an applicant living on federally recognized Native American reservations, additional assistance programs are as follows: Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) General Assistance, Tribally Administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Head Start (only for those meeting its income qualifying standard) and National School Lunch Program (free meals program only).

e. Additionally, customers not receiving benefits under one of the preceding programs, and whose total gross annual income does not exceed **135%** of the federal poverty guidelines, meet the requirements of a State established means test and may apply directly to the Office of Public Counsel (OPC) for eligibility certification.

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f. ***From September 19, 2005 through March 31, 2006, relocated victims of Hurricane Katrina from the following areas:***

(N)

1. ***Any Louisiana parish***
2. ***Any Mississippi county***
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may receive Link-Up Florida benefits without qualifying under 2.c. or 2.d above upon self certification of displacement from the above identified areas and qualification for any federal or state disaster relief program.

(N)

GENERAL EXCHANGE TARIFF

SPRINT-FLORIDA, INCORPORATED

SECTION A3

By: F. B. Poag
Director

~~Seventh Sixth~~ Revised Sheet 59.1
Cancelling ~~Sixth Fifth~~ Revised Sheet 59.1
Effective: March 24, 2005

BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

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~~2. Applications and Regulations~~

~~a. Guidelines for implementation of this program are as follows:~~

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~~2) Processing Procedures — The Company will process all Simplified Certification Documents and apply the appropriate credit on the subscriber's monthly bill.~~

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GENERAL EXCHANGE TARIFF

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SECTION A3

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GENERAL EXCHANGE TARIFF

SPRINT-FLORIDA, INCORPORATED

Section A4

By: F. B. Poag
Director

~~Fourth Third~~ Revised Sheet 12
Cancelling ~~Third Second~~ Revised Sheet 12
Effective: August 26, 2003

SERVICE CHARGES

G. LINK-UP FLORIDA (Cont'd)

2. Regulations (Cont'd)

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