

2012 FCC TELECOMMUNICATION REFORM

Recent regulatory orders by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will negatively impact rural telecommunications customers with a July rate increase. The monthly increase will be fifty cents (\$0.50) for residential and single line business services and one dollar (\$1.00) for multi-line business services and is designated by the FCC as an Access Recovery Charge.

In addition to the Access Recovery Charge, the FCC has issued the Lifeline Modernization Order forcing most all Montana telecommunication companies to withdraw from the State lifeline program. The Federal Lifeline Assistance Program offers a telephone discount of \$9.25 to qualified low-income consumers on their residential communication services. If you participate in one of the following programs: Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), National School Lunch (Free Program Only), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) formerly known as Food Stamps, Federal Housing Assistance (Section 8), Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or you household Income is at or below 13% of the national poverty level you may qualify for this discount.

The qualifying incomes are: <u>Number in Household</u> <u>135% of Federal Poverty Level</u> 1 \$15,080 2 \$20,426 3 \$25,772 4 \$31,118 5 \$36,464

If you feel you may qualify for this \$9.25 discount or have any questions, please call Lincoln Telephone at 362-4216

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Round-Up—Are you signed up?

In March 1998 Lincoln Telephone implemented the Round-Up Plan. For those of you not familiar with this program, it is a voluntary charge which rounds up your telephone bill to the nearest whole dollar. This amount is then "pooled" together each month to benefit a charity or organization in the Lincoln/Canvon Creek Community. Some of the organizations that have benefited from the round up program are Lincoln Fire Department, Lincoln Ambulance, Lincoln School, Senior Center, Santa's Workshop, the Community Hall, Canyon Creek Fire Department, Canyon Creek Trinity School, Lincoln Hospital District and many more.

It costs less than \$1.00 a month to make this donation. For example, if your bill for the month is \$20.32 it would round up to \$21.00, and so on. For those of you who are already donating to this worthy cause, Thank You!

If you are not presently contributing to the Round Up program but would like to, simply write "ROUND UP" on your remittance or call 362-4216.

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Round Up Amount The June Round Up amount of \$147.33 went to the Lincoln Library. Thank you to everyone who contributes! ************



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*********************** Have a Safe & Happy 4th!



