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WNM Communications Shows Commitment to Community Through Continuation of Monthly Discount Despite Lack of Additional Funding from Congress

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Silver City, 4/2/2024 – The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) recently announced that the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) would be coming to an end, with the last full month of funding being April of 2024, absent additional funding from Congress. The program has been instrumental in securing broadband access for families across the nation, helping with affordability for families by providing a discount of up to \$30 for eligible households and up to a \$75 discount for eligible households on qualifying tribal lands.

The end of the program could mean the end of connectivity for many, and broadband champions across the United States have petitioned for Congress to approve additional funding to keep the program alive. Providers across the Nation will begin removing the discount next month, leaving customers with an increased expense for a vital service. WNM Communications went through the first phases of noticing customers of the potential sunset of the program but made the decision to continue to provide the discount to their current ACP customers through January 31, 2025, a financial decision they are willing to make to ensure their customers stay connected.

“We are committed to keeping our communities connected to their families and friends, education, remote work, telemedicine and more,” said Daniel Meszler, WNM Communications President and General Manager, “This is part of being the local, hometown communications company, going the extra mile whenever we can, it’s what sets us apart.”

In 2024, WNM Communications celebrates fifty years of providing communications services to businesses and residents in Southwest New Mexico. Their employees live in the communities they serve and commitment to the community has always been a huge priority for leadership and employees alike.

The discount will continue for all existing ACP customers through January of 2025, at minimum, and hopefully beyond that if Congress approves additional funding. They will not be able to add the discount for any new customers unless the program is reinstated and if a customer discontinues their current broadband service, WNM Communications will not be able to re-add the discount. Current ACP customers do not need to do anything to continue receiving the discount and will continue to see it on their monthly internet bill.

WNM Communications can be reached at 833-535-9662. Their team is happy to answer questions about their offerings or to answer questions about the ACP program.