

# Transmitter

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## Give back to your community

Thousands of households in Illinois do not have local telephone service. You can help make a difference for struggling households in your community.

For many in Illinois, the cost of a telephone to connect them to family, emergency services, and employers is just too high. Persons with disabilities, senior citizens, and families with young children are among the most vulnerable without a telephone. You can help connect them to emergency help, caretakers, schools, and employers by contributing to the Universal Telephone Assistance Corporation (UTAC).

The UTAC Lifeline and Link-Up programs are funded entirely through voluntary donations. These programs work with the federally-funded Lifeline program to help Illinois households obtain local phone service and receive a partial discount on their monthly phone bills.

It is easy to contribute. Simply fill out the form below and indicate the amount you would like to give per month – 50 cents, \$1, \$2, or as much as \$5. That amount can be paid with your monthly telephone bill. Your contribution will be supplemented by federal funds to help provide phone service for individuals and families who could not otherwise afford it.

### Yes, I want to help!

Please bill me monthly contributions to the Universal Telephone Service Assistance Program in the amount shown below. I understand that I may change or discontinue my donation by giving 30 days advance notice.

Residential customers can make monthly contributions in the amounts of

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ .50    \_\_\_\_\_ \$1    \_\_\_\_\_ \$2    \_\_\_\_\_ \$5

Business customers can make monthly contributions in the amounts of

\_\_\_\_\_ \$1    \_\_\_\_\_ \$5    \_\_\_\_\_ \$10    \_\_\_\_\_ \$25

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### One time contributions are also welcome.

Please send to Universal Telephone Assistance Corporation, P.O. Box 1176, Springfield, IL 62705

*Your contribution to the Universal Telephone Assistance Corporation is deductible on your income taxes to the extent allowed by law. Consult your tax advisor to determine how this applies to you.*

## Illinois Digital Divide Elimination Fund

Members wishing to participate in the “Program to Foster the Elimination of the Digital Divide” may do so by electing to contribute a fixed amount on a monthly basis. A fixed amount of \$.50, \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10, or \$25 will be included in members’ monthly billing. The member may cease contributing at any time upon providing notice to Egyptian Telephone.

Any contribution made will not reduce the members’ bill for telecommunication services.

All funds received are forwarded on your behalf to the “Program to Foster the Elimination of the Digital Divide” in Springfield, IL. Please contact Egyptian Telephone Cooperative’s business office at 618-774-1000 if you wish to participate.





# Win a \$10 Bill Credit

Correctly complete the following questions and mail the completed form with your telephone bill before the due date. Your name will be placed in a drawing for a \$10 bill credit. There will be four winners in October. Last month's winners were David Glasscock, Rosalie Mense, Roland Nitzsche, and Scott Tuthill.

1. You can help households with the cost of a phone line with the Universal \_\_\_\_\_ Assistance Corporation (UTAC).
2. Egyptian held its \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Meeting on August 13, 2021.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ 

## Egyptian's 67th Annual Meeting

Egyptian Telephone held its 67th Annual Meeting of members on Friday, August 13 at the American Legion in Steeleville.

Board President, David Ibendahl, welcomed members back after a year's pause due to Covid-19. Ibendahl reported on progress made over the previous two years and the cooperative's Fiber to the Home (FTTH) project.

Ibendahl introduced Matthew Bollinger, Egyptian Telephone's General Manager. Bollinger discussed the increase in voice calls and increased need for Internet as remote learning or work was necessary. He brought members up to date on the continuing FTTH project and the co-op's efforts in securing a USDA/RUS loan to expand the reach.

"The fiber we are putting in today, is capable of much higher speeds," said Bollinger. He also reminded members that a new Federal Communications Commission rule now requires everyone within the 618 area code to dial 10-digits.

During the meeting, members re-elected directors David Goetting, Baldwin; Ken Hollmann, Glenn; and Kevin Nurnberger, Blair to two-year terms to expire in August 2023. Directors re-elected to three-year terms were Greg Alfeldt, Oakdale; Sue Wennemann, St. Libory; and Curtis Wolf, Venedy.



## IMPORTANT- 24-Hour Trouble-Reporting Numbers

To report trouble from ETCA Exchanges, use the following free telephone numbers 24 hours a day:

Oakdale ..... 329-1234  
 Rice ..... 336-1234  
 Glenn ..... 763-1234  
 St. Libory ..... 768-1234



Blair ..... 774-1234  
 Baldwin ..... 785-1234  
 Venedy ..... 824-1234

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