BEVCOMM®

123 West 7th Street • Blue Earth, MN 56013
507-526-5156 • 1-877-864-5156 • Fax: 507-526-4963
www.bevcomm.net

January 26, 2017

Matthew S. DelNero
Wireline Competition Bureau Chief
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Filed Via ECFS

Re: Protecting and Promoting the Open Internet, GN Docket No. 14-28, Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90, Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime, CC Docket No. 01-92

Dear Mr. DelNero:

Pursuant to the Federal Communication Commission's *Open Internet Order*[1] Eckles Telephone Company (SA #361386) hereby notifies the Bureau of its intention to cease offering broadband Internet transmission service as a separate component of its broadband Internet access service effective April 1, 2017. As such, the transmission component will only be provided as part of the complete broadband Internet access service.

The FCC made clear in the *Rate-of-Return Connect America Fund Order*[2], as well as the *Clarification Order*[3], that a rate-of-return carrier could make the offering described above, and thus the revenues associated with the broadband Internet access transmission would no longer be subject to the federal universal service fund assessment pursuant to FCC Form 499-A.

Eckles Telephone Company currently provides broadband Internet transmission service as a detariffed Title II offering. The only customer for the Company's broadband Internet transmission service is the Company's affiliate nonregulated ISP. Notice to the affiliate ISP was provided this date by interoffice memorandum that the Company will discontinue the offering of broadband Internet transmission service as a separate component of its broadband Internet access service effective April 1, 2017.

[1]Protecting and Promoting the Open Internet, GN Docket No. 14-28, Report and Order on Remand, Declaratory Ruling and Order, 30 FCC Rcd 5601, ¶ 460 & n. 1378 (2015).
[2]Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90, et al., Report & Order, Order & Order on Reconsideration & Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 16-33, ¶ 194, n. 428 (rel. Mar. 30, 2016)
[3]Connect America Fund, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, et al., Order DA 16-661, ¶ 25 (WCB, rel. June 15, 2016) (citing the Open Internet Order).

Eckles Telephone Company has provided a copy of this notice to the Special Assistant for Telecommunications of the Department of Defense, the Governor of Minnesota, and the Minnesota Public Utility Commission.

This notice is effective April 1, 2017, unless withdrawn or extended prior to that time.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

William Eckles
President

Cc: Special Assistant for Telecommunications at the Department of Defense
The Office of the Honorable Mark Dayton, Governor of Minnesota
Minnesota Public Utility Commission

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, William Eckles, President, hereby certify that I have, on this 26 day of January, 2017:

1. Served by first class mail a copy of the foregoing Notification of Discontinuance of Broadband Internet Transmission Service to the following:

   Governor Mark Dayton
   Office of the Governor
   130 State Capitol
   75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard
   St. Paul, MN 55155

   Secretary of Defense
   Attn: Special Assistant for Telecommunications
   1000 Defense Pentagon
   Washington, DC 20301

2. Served via electronic filing a copy of the foregoing Notification of Discontinuance of Broadband Internet Transmission Service to the following:

   Minnesota Public Utility Commission
   Attn: Telecommunications Division
   121 7th Place East
   Suite 350
   St. Paul, MN 55101-2417

3. Served via paper a copy of the foregoing Notification of Discontinuance of Broadband Internet Transmission Service to the following:

   BEVCOMM
   123 West 7th Street
   Blue Earth, MN 56013