

October 16, 2019



To: Federal Communications Commission

From: Phillips County Telephone Company dba PC Telcom

Re: Forbearance Notification

WC Docket No. 11-42 – Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization

Phillips County Telephone Company dba PC Telcom (SAC 462197) hereby notifies the FCC that it is availing itself of forbearance relief granted by the *Lifeline Modernization Order* from the obligation to offer Lifeline-supported broadband Internet access service.¹

PC Telcom is an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) that receives Alternative Connect America Cost Model (A-CAM) II support in Colorado. The Company elects forbearance relief for those census blocks in its study area that are not funded under A-CAM II. The Company does not receive high-cost support for those unfunded census blocks and is not subject to broadband public interest obligations in those blocks. What follows is the information the Wireline Competition Bureau has requested in these notifications.²

1. *Carrier Name*: Phillips County Telephone Company dba PC Telcom

2. *ETC Designation Information*

- a. *ETC Designation Order*: Public Utilities Commission of the State of Colorado; In the Matter of the Designation of Phillips County Telephone Company as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier; Docket No. 97A-464T; Commission Order Granting Application for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier; Decision No. C97-1364; December 17, 1997.
- b. *Designating Authority*: Colorado Public Utilities Commission
- c. *Type of Designation*: High-cost support recipient (*i.e.*, not Lifeline-only)

¹ *Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization et al.*, WC Docket No. 11-42 et al., Third Report and Order, Further Report and Order, and Order on Reconsideration, 31 FCC Rcd 3962, 4074-75, paras. 309, 311, 312 (2016) (*Lifeline Modernization Order*).

² *Wireline Competition Bureau Provides Guidance Regarding Filing Procedures for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Seeking to Invoke Forbearance Granted by Lifeline Modernization Order*, WC Docket No. 11-42, Public Notice, 31 FCC Rcd 12672 (2016).

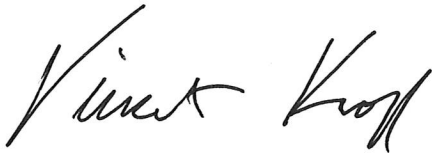
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d. *Date of ETC Designation:* December 17, 1997

3. *Areas Where ETC Seeks Forbearance:* The Excel file that accompanies this notification contains a list of the census blocks, in numerical order by FIPS code, where PC Telcom is availing itself of forbearance relief. The listed census blocks are all those within the Company's ETC-designated service area that are not funded under A-CAM II.
4. *Date and Reason for Change:* PC Telcom received its first A-CAM II support payment on September 30, 2019. Therefore, as of that date, the Company no longer receives high-cost support for census blocks within its designated service area that are not funded under the model and is not subject to broadband public interest obligations in those blocks.
5. *Information on Areas Where Carrier Elects to Offer Broadband:* Notwithstanding the forbearance relief PC Telcom is claiming for its census blocks that do not receive A-CAM II support, the Company still intends to offer Lifeline-supported broadband in those blocks to the extent qualifying service is available.

Please feel free to contact me at (970)854-2201 or vince.kropp@pctelcom.org if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vincent Kropp". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Vincent" and last name "Kropp" clearly distinguishable.

Vincent Kropp
CEO/GM