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To: Federal Communications Commission

From: Santa Rosa Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Re: Forbearance Notification

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

Santa Rosa Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (Santa Rosa) 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

Santa Rosa is an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) in two states – Texas (SAC 442141) and Oklahoma (SAC 432141). Both study areas receive Alternative Connect America Cost Model (A-CAM) II support. The Cooperative elects forbearance relief for those census blocks in its study areas that are not funded under A-CAM II. The Cooperative 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*: Santa Rosa Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

2. *ETC Designation Information*

a. *ETC Designation Orders*:

Public Utility Commission of Texas; General Counsel's Petition for Designation of Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Under 47 U.S.C. §214(e); Project No. 18100; Approving/Denying/Abating Applications for Designation as Eligible Telecommunications Carrier; Order No. 3; December 10, 1997.

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).

Oklahoma Corporation Commission; In the Matter of the Application of ALLTEL Oklahoma, Inc., et al, for Designation as Telecommunications Carriers Eligible for Universal Service Support Pursuant to Section 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996; Application of GTE Southwest, GTE Midwest Incorporated and GTE Arkansas Incorporated for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Pursuant to the FCC Universal Service Report and Order; Application of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Pursuant to the FCC Universal Service Report and Order; Cause PUD Nos. 970000522, 970000515, 970000530; Order No. 418436; December 3, 1997.

- b. *Designating Authorities:* Public Utility Commission of Texas; Oklahoma Corporation Commission
 - c. *Type of Designation:* High-cost support recipient (*i.e.*, not Lifeline-only)
 - d. *Dates of ETC Designation:* December 10, 1997 (SAC 442141); December 3, 1997 (SAC 432141)
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 Santa Rosa is availing itself of forbearance relief. The listed census blocks are all those within each of the Cooperative's ETC-designated service areas that are not funded under A-CAM II.
4. *Date and Reason for Change:* Santa Rosa received its first A-CAM II support payments on September 30, 2019. Therefore, as of that date, the Cooperative no longer receives high-cost support for census blocks within its designated service areas 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 Santa Rosa is claiming for its census blocks that do not receive A-CAM II support, the Cooperative still intends to offer Lifeline-supported broadband in those blocks to the extent qualifying service is available.

Please feel free to contact me at 940-886-2014 or jason.tole@santarosafiber.com if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jason Tole". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jason" and last name "Tole" clearly distinguishable.

Jason Tole
Assistant GM/CFO