



October 22, 2019

Via Electronic Submission (ECFS)

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Forbearance Notification
WC Docket No. 11-42 -Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization

Dear Ms. Dortch,

Elizabeth Telephone Company, L.L.C. (the “Company”) 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

The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) that receives Alternative Connect America Cost Model (A-CAM) II support in Louisiana. 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*: Elizabeth Telephone Company, L.L.C.

2. *ETC Designation Information*

- a. *ETC Designation Order*: The Louisiana Public Service Commission designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) in Docket No. U-22765, by order dated December 6, 1997. The Company’s study area code for the area where it has been designated as an ETC is 270430.

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).

Note: The Company was designated as an ETC under the name Elizabeth Telephone Company, but is now known as Elizabeth Telephone Company, L.L.C.

- b. *Designating Authority:* Louisiana Public Service Commission.
 - c. *Type of Designation:* High-cost support recipient (*i.e.*, not Lifeline-only)
 - d. *Date of ETC Designation:* November 6, 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 the Company 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.
- The Company has made every effort to comprehensively list all census blocks in the attached Excel file, but for the avoidance of confusion states that it intends for this list to cover all census blocks in its study area that are not funded under A-CAM II. In the event it is discovered that any census blocks were inadvertently omitted, the Company reserves the right to supplement this filing to make administrative corrections to the foregoing Excel file.
4. *Date and Reason for Change:* The Company 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 the Company 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 337-583-2092 or bruce.petry@camtel.com if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,



Bruce Petry
President

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