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**VIA ECFS**

Kris Monteith, Chief  
Wireline Competition Bureau  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Election of Incentive Regulation for Business Data Services**  
**Smithville Telephone Company, Study Area Code 280467**  
**WC Docket Nos. 17-144, 16-143, 05-25**


Dear Ms. Monteith:

Smithville Telephone Company (“Company”) hereby provides notice to the Wireline Competition Bureau of its election to convert to incentive regulation for Business Data Services (“BDS”) effective July 1, 2019, in Study Area Code 280467, Mississippi.

The Federal Communications Commission’s *Rate-of-Return Business Data Services Order* instructed carriers “electing to convert to incentive regulation effective July 1, 2019 to provide the Bureau with notice of their election by May 1, 2019”.<sup>1</sup> The Company is a rate-of-return authorized Alternative Connect America Model carrier eligible to make this election, and elects incentive regulation for BDS services effective July 1, 2019. The Company is an issuing carrier of the John Staurulakis, Inc. Tariff F.C.C. No. 1 (“JSI Tariff”) and will file BDS rates under the incentive regulation framework in the JSI Tariff 2019 annual access tariff filing.

Please contact the undersigned with any questions about the Company’s election of incentive regulation for BDS described herein.

Sincerely yours,



Roger V. Thompson  
President  
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<sup>1</sup> *Regulation of Business Data Services for Rate-of-Return Local Exchange Carriers, Business Data Services in an Internet Protocol Environment, Special Access for Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers*, WC Docket Nos. 17-144, 16-143, 05-25, Report and Order, Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 18-146, (rel. Oct. 24, 2018) (*Rate-of-Return Business Data Services Order*).