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April 3, 2019

Ms. Kris Monteith
Bureau Chief
Wireline Competition Bureau
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Pioneer Telephone Cooperative, Inc. -- Election of Incentive Regulation for Business Data Services
WC Docket No. 17-144

Dear Ms. Monteith:

Pursuant to the *Rate-of-Return Business Data Services Order*,¹ Pioneer Telephone Cooperative, Inc. hereby notifies the Wireline Competition Bureau of its election of incentive regulation for its business data services, effective July 1, 2019. As required by the *Order*, Pioneer Telephone Cooperative, Inc. is electing incentive regulation for its study areas in all states that receive model-based or other forms of fixed high-cost universal service support. In addition, Pioneer Telephone Cooperative, Inc. elects to unfreeze and update its separations category relationships presently operating under the freeze. They are as follows:

<u>Study Area Name</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Study Area Code</u>
Pioneer Telephone Cooperative	OK	432018

¹ *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* or *Order*).

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Please feel free to contact me at 405-375-0191 or raruhl@ptci.com if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Ruhl", written in a cursive style.

Richard Ruhl
General Manager