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April 16, 2018

Kris Monteith
Wireline Competition Bureau Chief
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *Protecting and Promoting the Open Internet, GN Docket No. 14-28, Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90, Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime, CC Docket No. 01-92*

Dear Ms. Monteith:

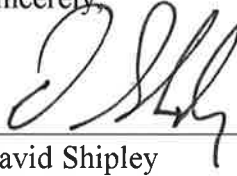
Pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC" or "Commission") *Wireline Broadband Order* and *Restoring Internet Freedom Order*,¹ Dalton Telephone Company, Inc. ("Dalton" or the "Company"), Study Area Code 371537, hereby notifies the Wireline Competition Bureau ("WCB" or "Bureau") of its intention to cease offering its DSL broadband Internet transmission service as a separate component of its broadband Internet access service effective July 3, 2018. As such, the transmission component will not be provided as a separate service and will only be provided as part of the complete broadband Internet access service that the Company offers to end user customers within its Nebraska serving area through the Company.

¹ See, *Appropriate Framework for Broadband Access to the Internet over Wireline Facilities, Universal Service Obligations of Broadband Providers*, CC Docket No. 02-33, WC Docket No. 05-271, Report and Order and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 20 FCC Rcd 14853 (2005), FCC 05-150 (Rel. Sept. 23, 2005), (*Wireline Broadband Order*) at para. 86 ("We eliminate the *Computer Inquiry* obligations as applied to facilities-based providers of wireline broadband Internet access service, and, in particular, the obligation to offer the transmission component of wireline broadband Internet access service on a stand-alone common carrier basis."); *Restoring Internet Freedom*, WC Docket No. 17-108, Declaratory Ruling, Report and Order, and Order, 83 FR 7852 (Rel. Jan 4, 2018), paragraph 160, ("Carriers that prefer light-touch regulation may elect to offer broadband Internet access service as an information service") (*Restoring Internet Freedom Order*); see also, *Tri-County Telephone Association, Inc. Petition for Waiver of Accounting Rules*, WC Docket No. 08-239, Order, DA 17-791 (Rel. Aug. 22, 2017) at para. 4 citing *Wireline Broadband Order* at paras 130-31 (summarizing these paragraphs by stating that the FCC "concluded that incumbent LECs should continue to treat the provision of broadband Internet access transmission services as a regulated activity for accounting purposes even when choosing to offer the service on a non-common carrier basis").

Dalton currently provides broadband Internet transmission service as a tariffed offering pursuant to NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5. The only customer for the Company's broadband Internet transmission service is the Company's affiliate nonregulated ISP. Notice to the affiliate ISP was provided this date by interoffice memorandum that the Company will discontinue the offering of broadband Internet transmission service as a separate component of its broadband Internet access service effective July 3, 2018.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Shipley', is written over a horizontal line.

David Shipley
Vice President
Dalton Telephone Company, Inc.

cc: Pamela Arluk, Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau Pricing Policy Division
Special Assistant for Telecommunications at the Department of Defense
Nebraska Public Service Commission
The Office of the Honorable Pete Ricketts, Governor of Nebraska
National Exchange Carrier Association

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing Notification of Discontinuance of broadband Internet transmission service as a separate component of its broadband Internet access service was served this 16th day of April, 2018 by mailing true and correct copies thereof, postage prepaid, to the following persons:

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