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April 19, 2018

VIA ELECTRONIC COMMENT FILING SYSTEM

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Suite TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

**RE: Pine Belt Telephone Company, Inc.'s Short Term Public Notice of Network
Changes Under Rule 51.333(a)
47 C.F.R. §§ 51.325 -51.335
Copper Retirement ID No. 001**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Pine Belt Telephone Company, Inc. ("Pine Belt"), please find attached Pine Belt's Short Term Public Notice of Network Changes regarding Copper Retirement under 47 C.F.R. § 51.333(a) (less than six months' notice). Pursuant to Sections 51.325 – 51.335 of the Commission's rules, Pine Belt is providing notification of the planned replacement of its copper distribution and loop facilities with fiber-to-the-home facilities in the Arlington, Dixons Mills, Nanafalia and Sweet Water, Alabama wire centers. Upon completion, Pine Belt will provide services over its fiber optic network.

The majority of customers served by copper at the above-listed locations purchase "plain old telephone service" (analog telephone service provided over copper twisted pair wires). The change to fiber infrastructure will not result in a change in the rates, terms, conditions or underlying features and functionalities of the service provided to customers.

A copy of the notice provided to Pine Belt's retail and non-retail customers is attached as Exhibit "A" to this letter. Although no other telecommunications carriers connect directly with Pine Belt's existing copper wire network, out of an abundance of caution, Pine Belt has identified those carriers with whom it has fiber network connections, as well as those to whom it has provided T-1 services, who may thus be impacted by the copper retirement, and provided them with the notice required under 47 C.F.R. § 51.333(a) via overnight mail on April 6, 2018, as listed on the attached Certificate of Service. A copy of the notice provided to the telecommunications carriers on April 6, 2018, is attached as Exhibit "B;" a copy of this notice has also been posted on Pine Belt's website at www.pinebelt.net/regcompliance.

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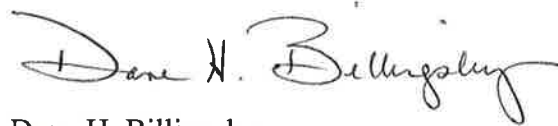
Pine Belt will work closely with customers to address their particular needs in the event that any obsolete, narrowband services (such as certain DS0 level services) are incompatible with or unavailable over fiber.

In addition, Pine Belt hereby certifies that a copy of the notice attached as Exhibit "A" was mailed to the Alabama Public Service Commission, Alabama Governor Kay Ivey, and the Secretary of Defense's Special Assistant for Telecommunications on April 19, 2018. Pine Belt has not provided notification to tribal entities, as no tribal entity will be impacted by this copper retirement.

Please contact me should you require any further information regarding this matter.

Very truly yours,

WILKERSON & BRYAN, P.C.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dana H. Billingsley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dana" and last name "Billingsley" clearly legible.

Dana H. Billingsley
Attorney for Pine Belt Telephone Company, Inc.

Attachments

cc: Alabama Public Service Commission
Governor Kay Ivey
Secretary of Defense Special Assistant for Telecommunications

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Short Term Public Notice of Network Changes Under Rule 51.333(a) and the Customer notice attached as Exhibit "B" has been served by First Class U.S. Mail upon each telephone service provider that interconnects with Pine Belt Telephone Company, Inc.'s network, as listed below, on April 6, 2018, more than five business days in advance of this filing with the Federal Communications Commission, and that a copy thereof has also been posted on Pine Belt Telephone Company, Inc.'s website at www.pinebelt.net/regcompliance:

AT&T Alabama Operations Center
Director of Network Operations
3196 Hwy 280 E
Birmingham, AL 35243

Sprint Communications Company
Network Operations Manager
6200 Sprint Parkway
Overland Park, KS 66251

Southern Communications Services, Inc. d/b/a Southern Linc
Network Operations Manager for Alabama
555 Glenridge Connector
Suite 500
Bin 79490
Atlanta, GA 30342

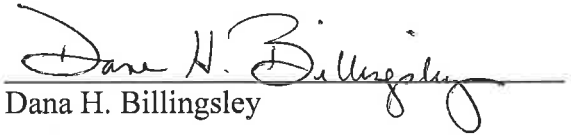
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Attn: Shannon Riley
107 Francis Street
Suite 1800
Mobile, AL 36602

I further certify that I have, on this the 19th day of April, 2018, served a copy of the foregoing Short Term Public Notice of Network Changes Under Rule 51.333(a) and the Customer notice attached as Exhibit "A" by First Class U.S. Mail, as follows:

The Honorable Kay Ivey, Governor
State of Alabama
State Capitol
600 Dexter Avenue
Montgomery, AL 36130

Walter L. Thomas, Jr., Secretary
Alabama Public Service Commission
RSA Union Building
100 North Union Street
Montgomery, AL 36104

Secretary of Defense
Attn: Special Assistant for Telecommunications
The Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301


Dana H. Billingsley

SHORT TERM PUBLIC NOTICE OF COPPER RETIREMENT UNDER RULE 51.333(a)
(Less than 6 months' notice)
Copper Retirement ID No. 001

April 19, 2018

Carrier: Pine Belt Telephone Company, Inc., 3984 County Road 32, Arlington, Alabama 36722

Contact: For additional information on these planned network changes, please contact:

John C. Nettles, President
Pine Belt Telephone Company, Inc.
3984 County Road 32
Arlington, Alabama 36722
334-385-2106

Planned Implementation or Retirement Date: On or after September 1, 2018

Planned Network Changes (Copper Retirement) will occur at all locations in the following wire centers. No specific address list is provided for these wire centers.

Wire Center	Address	CLLI
Arlington (334-385)	3964 County Road 32, Arlington, AL 36722	ARTNALXARS0
Dixons Mills (334-992)	5104 US Hwy 43, Dixons Mills, AL 36736	DXMLALXASD1
Nanafalia (334-736)	39797 AL Hwy 10, Nanafalia, AL 36764	NNFLALXARS0
Sweet Water (334-994)	31405 AL Hwy 10, Sweet Water, AL 36782	SWWRALXARS0

Description of the planned network change(s):

Pine Belt intends to retire the copper facilities in all locations in the Arlington, Dixons Mills, Nanafalia and Sweet Water, Alabama wire centers. Pine Belt plans to deploy its fiber-to-the-home network in these areas and intends to provide services over a fiber network infrastructure.

Description of reasonably foreseeable impact(s) of the planned change(s):

After the retirement of the copper facilities, Pine Belt will: (1) no longer offer services over copper facilities; and (2) cease maintaining the copper facilities.

Description of any changes in prices, terms or conditions that will accompany the planned change(s):

The retirement of copper facilities and the related conversion to like-for-like service on fiber facilities will not result in changes to rates, terms, and conditions of service.

Pine Belt, separately from this notice, will provide any interconnecting entities with further information regarding service migration options that Pine Belt offers. In cases where interconnecting entities elect to replace the affected service with an alternative service that Pine Belt offers on fiber facilities, the rates, terms and conditions will be as set forth in the tariff or agreement under which Pine Belt offers the replacement service that the interconnecting entity selects.

Customers with questions regarding this notice may contact Pine Belt's customer service representatives at 1-888-810-4638 or 334-385-2106, or the Alabama Public Service Commission at 1-800-392-0821 or 334-242-5903. Customers may also contact the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC") Competition Policy Division at 202-418-1580 or visit the FCC's Consumer Complaint Division online at <https://consumercomplaints.fcc.gov/hc/en-us>.



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