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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

- Northwest Telephone Cooperative Association, Study Area Code 351261
- Ayrshire Farmers Mutual Telephone Company, Study Area Code 351105

WC Docket Nos. 17-144, 16-143, 05-25

Dear Ms. Monteith,

Northwest Telephone Cooperative Association (Study Area Code 351261) and Ayrshire Farmers Mutual Telephone Company (Study Area Code 351105) ("Companies") hereby provides notice to the Wireline Competition Bureau of its election to convert to incentive regulation for Business Data Services ("BDS") for its 2 study areas in Iowa.

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 Companies are rate-of-return authorized Alternative Connect America Model carrier eligible to make this election, and elect incentive regulation for BDS services effective July 2, 2019.<sup>2</sup> Effective July 2, 2019 the Company will offer BDS services under incentive regulation framework in the NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 6 annual access tariff filing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don Miller".

Don Miller, CEO

<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*).

<sup>2</sup> Notwithstanding the July 1, 2019 effective date set forth in the *Rate-of-Return Business Data Service Order*, the modified effective date of July 2, 2019 is consistent with the 2019 Annual Access Charge Tariff Filing Order, DA 19-246, WC Docket No. 19-74, rel. April 4, 2019.