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April 23, 2019

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**

- **Farmers Mutual Cooperative Telephone Co. (Defiance), Study Area Code 351149**
- **Farmers Mutual Cooperative Telephone Co. (Manilla), Study Area Code 351235**
- **Farmers Mutual Cooperative Telephone Co., Study Area Code 351168**

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

Dear Ms. Monteith,

Farmers Mutual Cooperative 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 2, 2019, for its 3 study areas in Iowa:

Study Area Code 351149

Study Area Code 351235

Study Area Code 351168

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 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 that reads "Thomas Conry CEO". The signature is stylized with a cursive script.

Thomas Conry, CEO  
Farmers Mutual Cooperative Telephone Company

<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.