



April 26, 2019

Kris Monteith, Chief  
Wireline Competition Bureau  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: WC Docket Nos. 17-144, 16-143, 05-25 – Election of Incentive Regulation for Business Data Services by Sycamore Telephone Company, Study Area Code 300658, in Ohio

Dear Ms. Monteith:

Sycamore Telephone Company ("Company") hereby provides notice to the Wireline Competition Bureau of its election to convert to incentive regulation for Business Data Services ("BDS").

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 their 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. The Company currently offers BDS pursuant to National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. ("NECA") Tariff FCC No. 5. Effective July 2, 2019,<sup>2</sup> the Company will file rates for the lower capacity (DS3 Bandwidth Level and below) under incentive regulation framework in the NECA Tariff FCC No. 6 annual access tariff filing. The Packet-Based and Higher Capacity (above a DS3 Bandwidth Level) TDM Services will be detariffed effective July 1, 2019.

Please contact me at 419-927-6012 or [rick.ekleberry@sycltelco.com](mailto:rick.ekleberry@sycltelco.com) if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

Rick Ekleberry  
General Manager

<sup>1</sup> *Regulation of Business Data Service for Rate-of-Return Local Exchange Carriers, Business Data Services in an Internet Protocol Environment, Special Access for Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers*, WC Dockets 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 Services Order*, the modified effective date of July 2, 2019 is consistent with the 2019 Annual Access Charge Tariff Filings Order, DA 19-246, WC Docket No. 19-74, rel. April 4, 2019.