ARKANSAS TELEPHONE COMPANY

"Telecommunications for Arkansas"

VIA ECFS

April 28, 2017

Kris Monteith
Acting Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: Notice of Discontinuance of Consumer Broadband-Only Loop Service Under Tariff and Change to Offering of Broadband Internet Access Transmission Services on a Private Carriage Basis Only

GN Docket No. 14-28; CC Docket No. 02-33; WC Docket No. 10-90

Dear Ms. Monteith,

Pursuant to the 2006 *Wireline Broadband Classification Order*[1], the 2016 *Rate-of-Return Reform Order*[2], and the *Open Internet Order*[3], Arkansas Telephone Company, Inc., Study Area Code 401692, is hereby providing the FCC with the attached notice of the Company's discontinuance of consumer broadband-only loop (CBOL) service under tariff effective July 1, 2017. Arkansas Telephone Company, Inc. had detariffed its broadband Internet access transmission services at an earlier date prior to the establishment of the CBOL service. In addition, the Company will offer and provide broadband Internet access transmission service including CBOL only to its affiliated Internet service provider on a private carriage basis.

Following the notice to the FCC is the notice that Arkansas Telephone Company, Inc. furnished its affiliated Internet service provider, which is presently the only customer of the Company's broadband Internet access transmission service.

A copy of this notice is also being sent to the Arkansas Public Service Commission, the Governor of Arkansas, and the Special Assistant for Telecommunications at the Department of Defense.

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[1] *Appropriate Framework for Broadband Access to the Internet Over Wireline Facilities et al., CC Docket No. 02-33 et al.*, Report and Order and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 05-150 (rel. Sept. 23, 2005), para. 101 (*Wireline Broadband Classification Order*).

[2] *Connect America Fund et al.*, WC Docket No. 10-90 *et al.*, Report and Order, Order and Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 31 FCC Rcd 3087, 3159, para. 193 (2016) (*Rate-of- Return Reform Order*).

[3] *Protecting and Promoting the Open Internet*, GN Docket No. 14.28, Report and Order on Remand, Declaratory Ruling and Order, 30 FCC Rcd 5601, Para 460 and n. 1378 (2015).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Randy McCaslin

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Attachment

Arkansas Telephone Company, Inc.
Study Area Code 401692

Notice of Discontinuance of Consumer Broadband Only Loop Service Under Tariff
CC Docket No. 02-33
GN Docket No. 14-28
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Arkansas Telephone Company, Inc. currently offers consumer broadband-only loop service under tariff through the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) Tariff F.C.C. No. 5. Arkansas Telephone Company, Inc. hereby provides notice that the Company has requested from NECA that it remove the Company as a provider of Consumer Broadband-Only Loop Services under Tariff F.C.C. No. 5, effective July 1, 2017. Arkansas Telephone Company, Inc. had previously ceased offering Digital Subscriber Line Access service under tariff and currently offers on a detariffed basis.

Arkansas Telephone Company, Inc. will continue to provide broadband Internet access transmission service on a permissive detariffed basis and on a private carriage basis exclusively to its affiliate Internet service provider (ISP). Since the Company will cease to offer its broadband Internet access transmission on a common carrier basis, it is no longer necessary for it to make public the rates, terms, and conditions of the service. Instead, the rates, terms and conditions of the service will be furnished upon request to its affiliate ISP via intercompany memorandum.

The permissive detariffing of Arkansas Telephone Company, Inc.'s broadband Internet access and CBOL service will apply to the entirety of the Company's study area. This includes the following exchanges: Clinton, Fairfield Bay, Scotland, and Shirley.

Presently, Arkansas Telephone Company, Inc.'s only customer for its broadband Internet access transmission service is the Company's own non-regulated ISP affiliate. The Company's or affiliated ISP purchases broadband Internet access transmission and CBOL service for use as an input to the retail broadband Internet access services it offers to residential and business end-user customers. The discontinuance of the tariffed offering of CBOL and the change to offering under a private carriage arrangement will have no effect on the end-user services provided by the Company's affiliated ISP.

On April 27, 2017, Arkansas Telephone Company, Inc. furnished its affiliated ISP with the attached memorandum, which notifies the ISP of the Company's plan to discontinue its provisioning of CBOL service under tariff and change to a private carriage basis exclusively.

cc: Arkansas Public Service Commission
Governor of Arkansas
Special Assistant for Telecommunications at the Department of Defense

ARKANSAS TELEPHONE COMPANY

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To: McClint-Ark

From: Randy McCaslin, Arkansas Telephone Company, Inc.

Date: April 27, 2017

RE: Notice of Detariffing Consumer Broadband-Only Loop Service and Change to Private Carriage Offering

This is to notify you of a change in the way in which Arkansas Telephone Company, Inc. provides broadband Internet access transmission and CBOL service, which is used as an input for the broadband Internet access services that you offer to residential and business end-user customers.

Presently, Arkansas Telephone Company, Inc. provides CBOL service under tariff through the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) Tariff F.C.C. No. 5. Effective July 1, 2017, Arkansas Telephone Company, Inc. will no longer offer its CBOL service under the NECA tariff. Instead, it will offer the service on a detariffed basis similar to how Arkansas Telephone Company, Inc. provides your current broadband Internet access transmission service. Additionally, Arkansas Telephone Company, Inc. will be changing the overall service offering to a private carriage basis. Service offerings on a private carriage basis are made exclusively to affiliate companies of Arkansas Telephone Company, Inc. As an affiliate of Arkansas Telephone Company, Inc. all rates, terms and conditions will be furnished upon request via intercompany memorandum.

Arkansas Telephone Company, Inc.'s detariffed, private carriage broadband Internet access transmission and CBOL services will be offered throughout the entirety of the Company's service area. This includes the following exchanges: Clinton, Fairfield Bay, Scotland, and Shirley.

The discontinuance of the tariffed offering of broadband Internet access transmission and CBOL service will have no effect upon these services or the manner in which you purchase them.