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Via Electronic Comment Filing System and International Bureau Filing System

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATION FOR DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE

ECFS INBOX-1.41 (Confirmation No. 201663471940; File No. 00169934) - Section 63.71 Application of Farmers Telecommunications Corporation for Discontinuance of Service; and IB File No. ITC-214-19990824-00529 (Confirmation No. IB2016001232) - Section 63.19(a)(2) Notification of Farmers Telecommunications Corporation

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On June 3, 2016, Farmers Telecommunications Corporation (“FTC”) (FRN 0004074779) filed an application with the Commission’s Wireline Competition Bureau pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, seeking approval of the planned discontinuance of certain voice services provided by FTC to members of the North Alabama Electric Cooperative (“NAEC”) in portions of Jackson and Marshall counties in northeastern Alabama, effective August 31, 2016. Simultaneously, FTC notified the International Bureau of its planned discontinuance of service pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 63.19(a)(2).¹ The Commission has not yet issued a Public Notice regarding the application.

FTC hereby advises the Commission that FTC and NAEC have reached an agreement, whereby FTC will continue to provide telecommunications services to NAEC’s customers until January 31, 2017. As a result, FTC respectfully withdraws the pending application. FTC has notified its customers of the extension of service until January 31, 2017, by letter dated June 22, 2016, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A.” FTC will refile the application with the Commission for approval to discontinue service in advance of the January 31, 2017 effective

¹ See, Section 63.71 Application of Farmers Telecommunications Corporation for Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, to Discontinue Provision of Service, ECFS INBOX-1.41, File No. 00169934, Confirmation No. 201663471940 (filed June 3, 2016); and Section 63.19(a)(2) Notification of Farmers Telecommunications Corporation, IB File No. ITC-214-19990824-00529, Confirmation No. IB2016001232 (filed June 3, 2016).

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date.

This letter is being filed in the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System ("ECFS") under INBOX-1.41 and with the International Bureau Filing System ("IBFS"). Copies of this letter of withdrawal have also been provided this same date under separate cover to the Alabama Public Service Commission, Alabama Governor Robert Bentley and the Secretary of Defense.

Please direct any questions regarding this matter to the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark D. Wilkerson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Mark D. Wilkerson

Enclosure

cc: J. Frederick Johnson, President FTC
Bruce Purdy, General Manager NAEC
Rodney McDonald, WCB (via e-mail)
David Krech, IB (via e-mail)



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June 22, 2016

**REVISED NOTICE OF DISCONTINUATION OF SERVICE
from Farmers Telecommunications Corporation About Your Voice, Video and Data Services**

Pending applicable regulatory approvals, effective at 11:59 PM Central Time on **January 31, 2017**, Farmers Telecommunications Corporation (FTC) will cease providing existing voice, video and data services, including local and interexchange (national and international long distance) telephone services, to North Alabama Electric Cooperative (NAEC) members in Jackson and Marshall counties in Alabama. If you have received this notice, you are among the customers for whom FTC will no longer be providing such voice, video or data services.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service (or reduction or impairment) unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier, or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments as soon as possible, but no later than 15 days after the Commission releases public notice of the proposed discontinuance. You may file your comments electronically through the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System using the docket number established in the Commission's public notice for this proceeding, or you may address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington, DC 20554, and include in your comments a reference to the §63.71 Application of Farmers Telecommunications Corporation. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance (or reduction or impairment) upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

On or after **January 31, 2017**, subject to approval from the FCC, your existing service from FTC will be discontinued. NAEC customers who wish to continue receiving these services have the following options:

- 1) You may contact other telecommunications providers about options for receiving voice, video and/or data services from those providers.
- 2) Residential NAEC customers may contact FTC Customer Service at the numbers below about converting the switched voice services they are currently receiving from FTC to FTC's interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) service. The conversion requires you to obtain broadband Internet service from another provider. You may then receive an FTC bundle including unlimited nationwide calling with calling features for \$30 per month.

FTC is thankful for the opportunity to have served NAEC's members over the past two years. Our customer service representatives are available to answer any questions you may have regarding this notice. As always, for any customer service and/or billing issues or complaints, you may reach our customer service representatives at 256-638-2144, or toll-free at 866-638-2144.

This notice replaces the notice you received earlier indicating that services would be discontinued on August 31, 2016. NAEC asked us to continue providing service until January 31, 2017, and we have agreed to do so.

Sincerely,
J. F. Johnson, President
Farmers Telecommunications Corporation

