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August 26, 2019

VIA ECFS

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

Attention: Wireline Competition Bureau

RE: Notification of Discontinuance of Common-Carriage Tariffed Consumer Broadband-Only Loop Service (“CBOL”) and Initiation of Provision on a Permissive Detariffed Common-Carriage Basis by:

**Hill Country Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
FCC Registration Number 0001685841
Study Area Code 442086**

CC Docket No. 02-33

Dear Ms. Dortch:

JSI, on behalf of Hill Country Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (Company), an issuing carrier for NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5, respectfully files the attached notice pursuant to the *Wireline Broadband Order* of the intent of the Company to discontinue its Consumer Broadband-Only Loop Service (“CBOL”) offering under NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5 effective October 1, 2019. Upon discontinuance of the tariffed offering, the Company will provide CBOL on a common-carriage non-tariffed basis. See *Appropriate Framework for Broadband Access to the Internet over Wireline Facilities, Universal Service Obligations of Broadband Providers*, CC Docket No. 02-33, WC Docket No. 05-271, Report and Order and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 20 FCC Rcd 14853 (2005), FCC 05-150 (Rel. Sept. 23, 2005), (*Wireline Broadband Order*).

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Any questions regarding the notice may be directed to me at the address and telephone number listed above or by email at jkuykendall@jsitel.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Kuykendall". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" and last name "Kuykendall" clearly distinguishable.

John Kuykendall
Vice President

Attachment

cc: Hill Country Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
Special Assistant for Telecommunications at the Department of Defense
The Office of the Honorable Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas
Public Utility Commission of Texas
National Exchange Carrier Association

**Notice of Permissive Detariffing of Consumer Broadband-Only Loop Service
Effective October 1, 2019 by**

HILL COUNTRY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC. – SAC 442086

220 Carolyn Street

P.O. Box 768

Ingram, TX 78025

830-367-5333

CC Docket No. 02-33

Hill Country Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (“Company”) hereby provides notice that it plans to terminate provision of Consumer Broadband-Only Loop Service (“CBOL”) on a tariffed basis effective October 1, 2019 at which time it plans to offer permissive detariffed CBOL on a Title II common-carriage basis pursuant to paragraph 94 of the Federal Communications Commission’s *Wireline Broadband Order*.¹ The Company currently offers CBOL Service under National Exchange Carrier Association (“NECA”) Tariff F.C.C. No. 5, for which the Company is an issuing carrier.

The Company has requested of NECA that it remove the Company as a carrier listed in NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5 as a provider of CBOL Service under the tariff effective October 1, 2019.

Impact on Customers

The only customer for the Company’s CBOL Service is the Company’s affiliate nonregulated Internet Service Provider (“ISP”) operation. The affiliate purchases CBOL Service for use as a component in its broadband Internet service sold to consumers and business customers. The discontinuance of the tariffed offering of CBOL Service will have no effect on the end user service provided by the affiliate.

Serving Area

The company’s provision of CBOL Service is limited to its ILEC serving area in Texas.

Future Availability of CBOL Service on a Permissive-Detariffed Common Carriage Basis

The Company will continue to make CBOL Service available on a common-carriage basis through posting of rates, terms and conditions on its Internet web-site in a manner similar to that required for interstate and international interexchange services under Section 42.10 of the FCC’s rules (47 C.F.R. § 42.10).

¹ See *Appropriate Framework for Broadband Access to the Internet over Wireline Facilities, Universal Service Obligations of Broadband Providers*, CC Docket No. 02-33, WC Docket No. 05-271, Report and Order and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 20 FCC Rcd 14853 (2005), FCC 05-150 (Rel. Sept. 23, 2005), (*Wireline Broadband Order*).

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CBOL DETARIFFING TIMELINE

August 26, 2019

30-Day Notice filed with following:

Federal Communications Commission (under CC Docket No. 02-33)
Special Assistant for Telecommunications at the Department of Defense
The Office of the Honorable Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas
Public Utility Commission of Texas
National Exchange Carrier Association

August 26, 2019

Notice to customers.

As indicated above, the only customer for the Company's Consumer Broadband-Only Loop Service ("CBOL") is the Company's affiliate nonregulated ISP operation. The 30-day notice to the affiliate ISP will be provided by interoffice memorandum cover with this notice attached.

September 16, 2019

Expected filing by NECA on 15-day notice of a tariff transmittal that will include, *inter alia*, removal of Hill Country Telephone Cooperative, Inc. from the list of issuing carriers offering CBOL Service.

October 1, 2019

Planned NECA tariff filing to become effective. Beginning on this date the Company no longer offers CBOL Services under NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5.

October 1, 2019 Forward

CBOL available on common-carriage non-tariffed basis under rates, terms and conditions posted at www.hctc.net

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing Notification of Discontinuance of Common Carrier Consumer Broadband-Only Loop Service was served this 26th day of August, 2019 by mailing true and correct copies thereof, postage prepaid, to the following persons:

Secretary of Defense
Attn: Special Assistant for Telecommunications
1000 Defense Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301-1000

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