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August 30, 2017

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

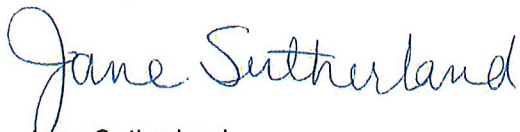
RE: CC Docket No. 02-33 - Notice of Permissive Detariffing of Consumer Broadband-Only Loop Service by The Blair Telephone Company, a subsidiary of American Broadband, (Study Area 371524)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to the Commission's *Wireline Broadband Order*, The Blair Telephone Company ("Company") hereby provides notice of its intent to discontinue offering consumer broadband-only loop service on a tariffed basis. Effective October 3, 2017, the Company plans to offer consumer broadband-only loop service on a permissive detariffed, common carriage basis.

Please direct any questions to the undersigned.

Sincerely,



Jane Sutherland
Regulatory Manager

cc: Office of Governor Pete Ricketts
Special Assistant for Telecommunications at the Department of Defense
Nebraska Public Service Commission
NECA Region Manager
Consortia Consulting, Inc.

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Notice of Permissive Detariffing of Consumer Broadband-Only Loop Service
Effective October 3, 2017

The Blair Telephone Company
(STUDY AREA 371524)
1605 Washington Street
Blair, NE 68008
Phone: 402-426-6200

CC Docket No. 02-33

August 30, 2017

The Blair Telephone Company ("Company") hereby provides notice that it intends to cease offering consumer broadband-only loop (CBOL) service on a tariffed basis under NECA Tariff No. 5. Effective October 3, 2017, the Company will begin offering CBOL service on a Title II, common carriage, permissive detariffed basis pursuant to paragraph 94 of the Federal Communications Commission's Wireline Broadband Order.¹ The geographic areas affected by the change are the Company's exchanges in its study area.

Today, this service is provided to HunTel.net. The ISP purchases CBOL service for use as a component in its broadband Internet service sold to residential and business customers. End user service provided will not be affected by discontinuance of the tariffed offering by the Company. As stated in the attached customer notice, the Company will continue to offer services to the existing ISP customers under current rates, terms and conditions until at least the end of the customer's present service arrangement.

Effective October 3, 2017, the Company will make its CBOL service available on a permissive detariffed, common carriage basis through posting of rates, terms and conditions available on our website (www.abbnebraska.com) and in printed copy during normal business hours at the Company's business office located at 1605 Washington Street, Blair, NE.

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. September 23, 2005), (Wireline Broadband Order).

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Jane Sutherland, Regulatory Manager, do certify that I have, on this 30th day of August 2017:

1. Served by first class mail a copy of the foregoing Notice of Permissive Detariffing of Consumer Broadband-Only Loop Service to the following:

Governor Pete Ricketts
Office of the Governor
P. O. Box 94848
Lincoln, NE 68509-4848

Secretary of Defense
Attn: Special Assistant for Telecommunications
PENTAGON
Washington, DC 20301

Cullen Robbins, Director
Nebraska Public Service Commission
1200 N Street, Suite 300
Lincoln, NE 68508

2. Served via a paper copy of the foregoing Notice of Permissive Detariffing of Wireline Broadband Internet Access Service to the following:

HunTel.net
1605 Washington Street
Blair, NE 68008

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HunTel.net
1605 Washington Street
Blair, NE 68008

Re: CC Docket 02-33 – Notice of Permissive Detariffing of Consumer Broadband-Only Loop (CBOL) Service by The Blair Telephone Company (Study Area 371524)

Dear Valued Customer:

Our records indicate that HunTel.net is currently purchasing consumer broadband-only loop service from The Blair Telephone Company ("Company") under NECA Tariff No. 5 ("Tariff"). This letter is to advise you that the Company will discontinue provisioning service on October 3, 2017, pursuant to the Tariff. Services will be made available to you on a common carrier, non-tariffed basis. The existing relevant rates, terms and conditions will not change until at least the end of your present service arrangement.

The rates, terms and conditions will be available in printed copy during normal business hours at the Company's business office located at 1605 Washington Street, Blair, NE.

The actions described above are taken in accordance with the FCC's Report and Order (FCC 05-150) released September 23, 2005, in Docket No. 02-33. In this Order, the FCC determined that facilities-based wireline broadband Internet service providers could offer their services on a common carrier, permissively detariffed basis.

No action is necessary on your part. However, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Jane Sutherland
Regulatory Manager

