

Jordan Associates, LLC

September 8, 2017

VIA ECFS

Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: **CC Docket No. 00-257:** Notification of Transfer of Subscribers to The Benton Ridge Telephone Company Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §64.1120

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §64.1120(e), The Benton Ridge Telephone Company ("Benton Ridge"), by its consultant, respectfully notifies the Commission that Benton Ridge intends to acquire a portion of the customer base of Bright Long Distance, Ltd. ("BLD").

BLD currently provides domestic resale long distance services to the affected subscribers on a retail basis. Benton Ridge will provide the same services to these subscribers. BLD shall transfer a portion of its customer base to Benton Ridge on or around October 8, 2017, or as soon thereafter as possible once the necessary regulatory approvals are obtained.

Attached is Benton Ridge's compliance certification as Attachment A. A copy of the customer notice appears as an attachment thereto.

Please contact the undersigned with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Richard W. Jordan
Consultant to The Benton Ridge Telephone Company

Attachments

ATTACHMENT A

CERTIFICATION

On behalf of The Benton Ridge Telephone Company ("Benton Ridge") and in accordance with section 64.1120 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §64.1120, I hereby certify under penalty of perjury that I have read the foregoing notification and the statements contained therein are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. I further certify that, with respect to the transfer of a portion of the customer base of Bright Long Distance, Ltd. to Benton Ridge, Benton Ridge has complied with the Commission's requirements to provide advance customer notice in accordance with section 64.1120(e)(3), with the obligations specified in that notice, and with other statutory and Commission requirements that apply to this streamlined process.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

By 

Name: Martin Ellerbrock

Title: Vice President

The Benton Ridge Telephone Company

Date: September 7, 2017



Notice of Long Distance Carrier Change

August 21, 2017

Dear Bright Long Distance Customer:

Great news for your long distance service! Your current long distance company, Bright Long Distance LTD ("BLD") has agreed to transfer a portion of its customer base to Benton Ridge Telephone Company. **Beginning on or after September 25, 2017, BRT Long Distance ("BRT LD"), a division of Benton Ridge Telephone Company, will become your new domestic (US) long distance telecommunications service provider.** The specific date of the transfer may differ depending upon when we receive the necessary Federal and State regulatory approvals.

This transaction will not affect the service you currently receive. You will continue to receive services with the same rates, features, terms and conditions as you currently enjoy. Billing will continue to be provided by Benton Ridge Telephone Company, just as it has been. In the event that changes are made to your service, you will be notified by separate mailing or bill insert at least thirty (30) days prior to the changes becoming effective.

BLD will continue to provide your international long distance service and Benton Ridge Telephone Company will continue to act as their agent for billing and collection as well as customer service.

You will not incur any charges for the transfer of your long distance account to BRT LD. All charges associated with that transfer will be borne by BRT LD. Although you have the right to select the long distance carrier of your choice, we value your business and hope that BRT LD may continue to serve you. If you should choose another long distance provider, you will need to contact that carrier directly to arrange for the change prior to the transfer of your services to BRT LD. You may also incur service initiation fees from that provider for establishing a new service account.

If you have a preferred carrier freeze on your account it will be automatically lifted to implement the transfer to BRT LD. You will need to contact BRT LD or the long distance provider you selected to arrange for a new freeze.

Benton Ridge Telephone Company will be responsible for responding to any customer inquiries or complaints prior to and during the transfer of service from BLD to BRT LD. **Our toll free customer service number is 866-560-3557 (or 419-859-2144), which will remain the same after your services are transferred.**

We welcome you to BRT LD and look forward to providing the same high-quality service to which you have grown accustomed with BLD.

Cordially,

Ken Williams
President and CEO
Benton Ridge Telephone Company

Tim Berelsman
Managing Director
Bright Long Distance, LTD