

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 Farmer's Mutual Telephone Company Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §64.1120

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §64.1120(e), The Farmer's Mutual Telephone Company ("FMTC"), by its consultant, respectfully notifies the Commission that Farmer's 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. FMTC will provide the same services to these subscribers. BLD shall transfer a portion of its customer base to FMTC on or around October 8, 2017, or as soon thereafter as possible once the necessary regulatory approvals are obtained.

Attached is FMTC'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 Farmer's Mutual Telephone Company

Attachments

ATTACHMENT A

CERTIFICATION

On behalf of The Farmer's Mutual Telephone Company ("FMTC") 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 FMTC, FMTC 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 *Cheryl Bostelman*

Name: Cheryl Bostelman

Title: Secretary

The Farmer's Mutual Telephone Company

Date: September 8, 2017



Farmers Mutual Telephone Company



Notice of Long Distance Carrier Change



July 31, 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 Farmers Mutual Telephone Company. **Beginning on or after September 20, 2017, Okolona Long Distance ("Okolona LD"), a division of Farmers Mutual Telephone Company, will become your new domestic (US) long distance telecommunication 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 Farmers Mutual 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 Farmers Mutual 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 Okolona LD. All charges associated with that transfer will be borne by Okolona LD. Although you have the right to select the long distance carrier of your choice, we value your business and hope that Okolona 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 Okolona 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 Okolona LD. You will need to contact Okolona LD or the long distance provider you selected to arrange for a new freeze.

Farmers Mutual Telephone Company will be responsible for responding to any customer inquiries or complaints prior to and during the transfer of service from BLD to Okolona LD. **Our toll free customer service number is 888-659-0014 (or 419-758-3322), which will remain the same after your services are transferred.**

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

Cordially,

Cheryl Bostelman
General Manager
Farmers Mutual Telephone Company

Tim Berelsman
Managing Director
Bright Long Distance, LTD