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September 13, 2018

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

**Re: Merrimack Telephone Company - Notice of Network Change**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 51.325 – 51.335 of the Commission's rules, Merrimack County Telephone Company ("MCT") hereby submits the attached: Certification of Public Notice of Network Change under rule 51.329(a); Public Notice of Copper Retirement under rule 51.333; and Certification of Public Notice of Copper Retirement under rule 51.333. Specifically, MCT is providing notification of the replacement of copper distribution and loop facilities with fiber-to-the-home facilities in a certain digital service area (DSA) located in South Bradford, New Hampshire. Upon completion, MCT will provide services through its fiber optic network.

All of the customers served by copper at these locations purchase "plain old telephone service" (POTS). Following transition to fiber, MCT will continue to offer these customers the same POTS service over fiber at the same or better price as they received on copper facilities. There will be no change in the underlying features and functionalities in their service: this is not a transition to IP-based service, and MCT will offer these customers the same regulated service they have today.

With this filing, MCT withdraws the earlier July 16, 2018 filing and replaces it with this current, updated version.

Please contact me should you need any further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer R. Heise".

Jennifer R. Heise  
Manager -Regulatory Compliance

Attachments

**CERTIFICATION OF PUBLIC NOTICE OF NETWORK CHANGE  
UNDER RULE 51.329(a)**

On September 5, 2018, the following Public Notice of Network Change has been made by Merrimack County Telephone Company pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§ 51.325 – 51.335.

The Public Notice may also be viewed on TDS' website at:  
<https://tdstelecom.com/carrierservices/public-notices/2018.html>

Title of Network Notification:  
TDS Public Notice 2018-29 Contoocook, NH (Day Pond) – Copper Retirement

Jennifer Heise  
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TDS Telecommunications Corporation  
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Date: September 5, 2018

## **PUBLIC NOTICE OF COPPER RETIREMENT UNDER RULE 51.333**

Copper Retirement ID - TDS Public Notice 2018-29 Contoocook, NH (Day Pond)

September 5, 2018

**Carrier:** Merrimack County Telephone Company, 11 Kearsarge Ave, Contoocook, NH 03229.

**Contact:** For additional information on these planned network changes, please contact:

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**Implementation Date:** On or after December 26, 2018

### **Planned Network Change(s) Will Occur at the Following DSAs:**

#### Locations

Retirement of  
copper network facilities  
in the area listed in Exhibit A

DSA 63722 – HWY 114, South Bradford, NH  
03221

CLLI - BRFRNH22

### **Description of the Planned Network Change(s):**

MCT intends to retire a number of copper facilities in the DSA locations listed on the attached Exhibits to provide services over a fiber network infrastructure. MCT has deployed its fiber-to-the-home network in the areas identified in Exhibits A.

### **Description of Reasonably Foreseeable Impact(s) of the Planned Change(s):**

After the retirement of the copper facilities, MCT will: (1) no longer offer services over copper facilities; and (2) cease maintaining the copper facilities. These retirements will have no impact on the services provided to the retail customers served by the copper facilities that will be retired. Further, there will be no changes to rates, terms and conditions.

**Exhibit A**  
**Copper Retirement ID - TDS Public Notice 2018-29 Contoocook, NH (Day Pond)**

The copper facilities associated with the following addresses served by

MCT's DSA located at HWY 114, South Bradford, NH

CLLI - BRFRNH22

<b>Community</b>	<b>Street</b>	<b>Building Number</b>
Bradford	Day Pond	55
Bradford	State Route 114	3312

**CERTIFICATION OF PUBLIC NOTICE OF COPPER RETIREMENT  
UNDER RULE 51.333**

I, Linda Robinson, do hereby certify that on September 5, 2018 (a minimum of five business days prior to filing with the Commission), I caused MCT's Public Notice of Copper Retirement Under Rule 51.333 to be served upon each telephone exchange service provider that directly interconnects with MCT's network in the applicable area(s). Attached in Exhibit B are the names and addresses of those providers who were served.

The Public Notice may also be viewed on TDS' website at:  
<https://tdstelecom.com/carrierservices/public-notices/2018.html>

Title of Network Notification:

TDS Public Notice 2018-29 Contoocook, NH (Day Pond) – Copper Retirement

Linda N. Robinson  
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Date: September 5, 2018

**Exhibit B**  
**Copper Retirement ID - TDS Public Notice 2018-29 Contoocook, NH (Day Pond)**

Consolidated Communications, 1 Davis Farm Rd., Portland, ME 04103