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November 1, 2016

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

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Re: Docket Nos. 02-33; Notification of Permissive De-tariffing of Wireline Broadband Internet Access Transmission Service by Benton Cooperative Telephone Company (Study Area 361356)

Pursuant to the Commission's Wireline Broadband Order, Benton Cooperative Telephone Company hereby provides notice of its intent to discontinue offering wireline broadband Internet access transmission service on a tariffed basis. Effective January 1, 2017, Benton Cooperative Telephone Company plans to offer wireline broadband Internet access service on a permissive de-tariffed, common-carriage basis.

Any questions regarding this filing may be directed to Pamela Hintz at (651) 621-8535 or via email at phintz@otcpas.com

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cheryl Scapanski".

Cheryl Scapanski
General Manager

Attachments

cc: Olsen Thielen & Co. Ltd.

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Notice of Permissive De-tariffing of Wireline Broadband Internet Access
Transmission Service
Effective January 1, 2017

Benton Cooperative Telephone Company
(Study Area 361356)
2220 125th Street NW
Rice, MN 56367-9701

CC Docket No. 02-33

Benton Cooperative Telephone Company (the "Company") hereby provides notice that it intends to cease offering wireline broadband Internet access transmission service on a tariffed basis. Effective January 1, 2017, the Company will begin offering wireline broadband Internet access transmission service on a Title II, common-carriage, permissive de-tariffed basis pursuant to paragraphs 90 and 94 of the Commission's Wireline Broadband Order.¹ The geographic areas affected by this notice are Benton Cooperative Telephone Company's exchanges where wireline broadband Internet access transmission services are technically feasible.

Today, this service is provided to Benton Cooperative Telephone Company's ISP division. The ISP purchases wireline broadband access transmission service for use as a wholesale input to its broadband Internet access services, which are sold by the ISP to residential and business customers. End user services will not be affected by the discontinuance of the tariffed offering by the Company. As stated in the attached customer notice, Benton Cooperative Telephone Company will continue to offer existing ISP customers wireline broadband Internet access transmission service pursuant to current rates, terms and conditions until the end of their current term or upon replacement with a Broadband commercial agreement. Benton Cooperative Telephone Company's rates, terms and conditions for its permissively de-tariffed wireline broadband access transmission service will be available at its office located at 2220 125th Street, Rice MN 56367-9701 and on its website at www.bctelco.net.

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 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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Re: CUSTOMER NOTICE OF CHANGE IN DSL SERVICE

Dear Valued Customer:

Our records indicate that Benton Cooperative Telephone Company is currently purchasing wholesale wireline broadband Internet transmission services from Benton Cooperative Telephone Company pursuant to the terms of its tariff. This letter is to inform you that Benton Cooperative Telephone Company will no longer offer such DSL transmission services pursuant to Tariff effective January 1, 2017. On and after January 1, 2017 services will be made available to you on a common-carrier, non-tariffed basis.

Benton Cooperative Telephone Company's rates, terms and conditions for its non-tariffed wireline broadband Internet access transmission service can and will be available at its office located at 2220 125th Street, NW, Rice, MN 56367-9701 and on its website at www.bctelco.net.

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 the order, the FCC determined that facilities-based wireline broadband service providers could offer their services on a common-carrier, permissively de-tariffed basis.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Scapanski
General Manager

Certificate of Service

I, Cheryl Scapanski, do certify that I have, on this 1st day of November, 2016

1. Served by first class mail a copy of the foregoing Notice of Permissive De-tariffing of Wireline Broadband Internet Access Transmission Service to the following:

Secretary of Defense
Attn: Special Assistant for Telecommunications
Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301-1000

Governor Mark Dayton
Office of the Governor
130 State Capitol
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
St. Paul, MN 55155

2. Served via electronic filing a copy of the foregoing Notice of Permissive De-tariffing of Wireline Broadband Internet Access Transmission Service to the following:

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
Attn: Mr. Alan Wolf
121 7th Place East, Suite #350
St. Paul, MN 55101

3. Served via paper copy of the foregoing Notice of Permissive De-tariffing of Wireline Broadband Internet Access Transmission Service to the following:

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