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Matthew S. DelNero
Wireline Competition Bureau Chief
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: Protecting and Promoting the Open Internet, GN Docket No. 14-28; Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90, Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime, CC Docket No. 01-92

Dear Mr. DelNero:

Pursuant to the Federal Communication Commission' *Open Internet Order*[i] Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, Inc. and its wholly owned subsidiary Fremont Telcom Co. (referred to collectively as "Blackfoot"), hereby notifies the Bureau of its intention to cease offering its broadband Internet transmission service as a separate component of its broadband Internet access service effective January 1, 2017. As such, the transmission component will only be provided as a part of the complete broadband Internet access service.

The FCC made clear in the *Rate-of-Return Connect America Fund Order,*[ii] as well as the *Clarification Order,*[iii] that a rate-of-return carrier could make the offering described above, and thus the revenues associated with the broadband Internet access transmission would no longer be subject to the federal universal service fund assessment pursuant to FCC Form 499-A.

This notice is effective sixty (60) days from the date of this letter, January 1, 2017, unless withdrawn or extended prior to that time.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jason Williams
Chief Operating Officer

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[i] *Protecting and Promoting the Open Internet*, GN Docket No. 14-28, Report and Order on Remand, Declaratory Ruling and Order, 30 FCC Rcd 5601, ¶ 460 & n. 1378 (2015).

[ii] *Connect America fund*, WC Docket t No. 10-90, et al., Report & Order, Order & Order on Reconsideration & Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 16-33, ¶ 194, n. 428 (rel. Mar. 30, 2016).

[iii] *Connect America Fund*, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, et al., Order DA 16-661, ¶ 25 (WCB, rel. Jun. 15, 2016) (citing the Open Internet Order).