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November 25, 2019

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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

Re: CC Docket No. 02-33 Notice of Discontinuance of Broadband Internet Transmission Service by  
Benton Cooperative Telephone Company (Study Area 361356)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to the Commission's Wireline Broadband Order, Benton Cooperative Telephone Company hereby provides notice of its intent to discontinue offering broadband internet transmission service as a separate component of its broadband internet access service. Effective January 1, 2020, Benton Cooperative Telephone Company plans to only provide the transmission component as part of the complete broadband internet access service by Private Carriage.

Please direct any questions to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Scanpanski  
General Manager

Cc: Olsen & Thielen, Ltd  
NECA Regional Manager

Notice of Discontinuance of Broadband Internet Transmission Service

Effective January 1, 2020

Benton Cooperative Telephone Company

(Study Area 361356)  
2220 125th Street NW  
Rice, MN 56367

CC Docket No. 02-33

November 25, 2019

Benton Cooperative Telephone Company hereby provides notice that it intends to cease offering broadband internet transmission service as a separate component of its broadband internet access service and Effective January 1, 2020. Benton Cooperative Telephone Company will only provide the transmission component as part of the complete broadband internet access service pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission's Wireline Broadband Order.<sup>1</sup> The geographic areas affected are Benton Cooperative Telephone Company Study Area 361356.

Today, the broadband internet transmission service is provided to Benton Cooperative Telephone Company's nonregulated ISP. As stated in the attached customer notice, Benton Cooperative Telephone Company will only provide the transmission component as part of the complete broadband internet access service via private carriage effective January 1, 2020.

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See *Appropriate Framework for Broadband access to the Internet over Wireline Facilities et al*, CC Docket No. 02-33 et al, Report and Order and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 05-150 (rel. Sept. 23, 2005), para. 101 (Wireline Broadband Classification Order).



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Re: FCC Docket No. 02-33- Notice of Discontinuance of Broadband Internet Transmission Service by  
Benton Cooperative Telephone Company (Study Area 361356)

Dear Valued Customer:

Our records indicate that Benton Cooperative Telephone Company is current purchasing broadband transmission service from Benton Cooperative Telephone Company. This letter is to advise you that Benton Cooperative Telephone Company, Study Area (361356) will discontinue broadband internet transmission Service as a separate component of its broadband internet access service effective on January 1, 2020.

The actions described above are taken in accordance with the FCC's Report and Order (FCC WC 05-150) released September 23, 2005 in Docket No. 02-33.

No action is necessary on your part. However, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Scanpanski  
General Manager

Cc: Olson & Thielen, Ltd  
NECA Regional Manager

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Cheryl Scanpanski, General Manager, hereby certify that I have, on this 25th day of November, 2019:

1. Served by first class mail the foregoing Notification of Discontinuance of Broadband Internet Transmission service to the following:

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

Special Assistant for Telecommunications  
Department of Defense  
1400 Defense Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20301-1400

2. Served via electronic filing the foregoing Notification of Discontinuance of Broadband Internet Transmission Service to the following;

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
Attn: Mr. Daniel Wolf  
121 7<sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite #350  
St. Paul, MN 55101

3. Served by paper the foregoing Notification of Discontinuance of Broadband Internet Transmission Service to the following:

Benton Cooperative Telephone Company  
2220 125th Street NW  
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NECA – Regional Manager  
80 South Jefferson Road  
Whippany, NJ 07981-10009