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May 8, 2015

VIA ECFS

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Attention: Wireline Competition Bureau

**RE: Notification of Discontinuance of Common-Carriage Tariffed Wireline Broadband Internet Access Service (“WBIAS”) and Initiation of Provision on a Permissive Detariffed Common-Carriage Basis by:**

**Etex Telephone Cooperative, Inc.  
FCC Registration Number 0005901368  
Study Area Code 442070**

**CC Docket No. 02-33**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

John Staurulakis, Inc. (“JSI”), on behalf of Etex Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (“Company”) respectfully files the attached notice pursuant to the *Wireline Broadband Order* of the intent of the Company to discontinue its Wireline Broadband Internet Access Service (“WBIAS”) offerings under an interstate access tariff filed with the Federal Communications Commission. The Company currently offers WBIAS in the form of Digital Subscriber Line (“DSL”) Access Service pursuant to Etex Telephone Cooperative, Inc. Tariff F.C.C. No. 1. Effective July 1, 2015, the Company will cancel Etex Telephone Cooperative, Inc. Tariff F.C.C. No. 1 and become an issuing carrier for the JSI Tariff F.C.C. No. 1. However, the Company’s joining of the JSI Tariff F.C.C. No. 1 will be exclusive of WBIAS.

Upon discontinuance of the tariffed offerings, the Company will provide WBIAS on a common-carriage non-tariffed basis. 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 No. 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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Secretary, Federal Communications Commission  
May 8, 2015

Any questions regarding the notice may be directed to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Kuykendall". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "K".

John Kuykendall  
Vice President  
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Attachment

cc: The Honorable Greg Abbott, Governor, State of Texas  
Public Utility Commission of Texas  
Etex Telephone Cooperative, Inc.  
Special Assistant for Telecommunications at the Department of Defense

## ETEX TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.

1013 Highway 155 N.  
P.O. Box 130, Gilmer, Texas 75644  
(903) 797-2711

Study Area Code 442070      FRN 0005901368      499 Filer ID 807096

### CC Docket No. 02-33 May 8, 2015

Etex Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (“Company”) hereby provides notice that it plans to terminate provision of wireline broadband Internet access service (“WBIAS”) on a tariffed basis effective July 1, 2015 at which time it plans to offer permissive detariffed WBIAS on a Title II common-carriage basis pursuant to paragraph 94 of the Federal Communications Commission’s *Wireline Broadband Order*.<sup>1</sup> The Company currently offers WBIAS through Digital Subscriber Line (“DSL”) Access Service under Etex Telephone Cooperative, Inc. Tariff F.C.C. No. 1.

Effective July 1, 2015, the Company will cancel Etex Telephone Cooperative, Inc. Tariff F.C.C. No. 1, pursuant to cancellation that shall be filed by JSI as part of the transmittal scheduled for June 16, 2015. Concurrent with cancellation of the Etex Telephone Cooperative, Inc. F.C.C. No. 1, the Company will become an issuing carrier for JSI Tariff F.C.C. No. 1 exclusive of WBIAS.

#### **Impact on Customers**

The only customer for the Company’s WBIAS is the Company’s nonregulated Internet Service Provider (“ISP”) operation. The discontinuance of the tariffed offering of WBIAS will have no effect on the end user service provided by the Company’s ISP operation.

#### **Serving Area**

The Company’s provision of WBIAS is limited to its ILEC serving area in Texas.

#### **Future Availability of WBIAS on a Permissive-Detariffed Common Carriage Basis**

The Company will continue to make WBIAS available on a common-carriage basis through posting of rates, terms and conditions on its Internet web-site in a manner similar to that required for interstate and international interexchange services under Section 42.10 of the FCC’s rules (47 C.F.R. § 42.10).

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<sup>1</sup> 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 No. 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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WBIAS Detariffing Timeline

**May 8, 2015**

**30-Day Notice filed with following:**

Federal Communications Commission (under CC Docket No. 02-33)  
Special Assistant for Telecommunications at the Department of Defense  
The Honorable Greg Abbott, Governor, State of Texas  
Public Utility Commission of Texas

**May 8, 2015**

Notice to customers. As indicated above, the only customer for the Company's wireline broadband Internet Access Service ("WBIAS") is the Company's nonregulated ISP operation. The 30-day notice to the ISP will be provided by interoffice memorandum cover with this notice attached.

**June 16, 2015**

Expected filing by John Staurulakis, Inc. ("JSI") with the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") on 15-day notice of a tariff transmittal that will include, inter alia, cancellation of Etex Telephone Cooperative, Inc. Tariff F.C.C. No. 1 and addition of Etex Telephone Cooperative, Inc. as an issuing carrier for JSI Tariff F.C.C. No. 1 exclusive of WBIAS.

**July 1, 2015**

Planned effective date for cancellation of Etex Telephone Cooperative, Inc. Tariff F.C.C. No. 1 and addition of Etex Telephone Cooperative, Inc. as issuing carrier for JSI Tariff F.C.C. No. 1 exclusive of WBIAS.

**July 1, 2015 Forward**

Etex Telephone Cooperative, Inc. WBIAS available on common-carriage non-tariffed basis under rates, terms and conditions posted at [www.etex.net](http://www.etex.net) or available during business hours at the above address.

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing Notification of Discontinuance of Common Carrier Wireline Broadband Internet Access Service was served this 8th day of May, 2015, by mailing true and correct copies thereof, postage prepaid, to the following persons:

Secretary of Defense  
Attn: Special Assistant for Telecommunications  
1000 Defense Pentagon  
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The Honorable Greg Abbott  
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/s/ Marty Kluh