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March 31, 2016

**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:**

**Piedmont Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.  
FCC Registration Number 0001887140  
Study Area Code 240538**

**CC Docket No. 02-33**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

John Staurulakis, Inc. (“JSI”), on behalf of Piedmont Rural 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 NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5. Effective July 1, 2016, the Company will exit NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5 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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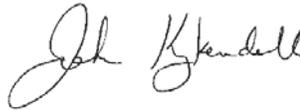
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Any questions regarding the notice may be directed to the undersigned.

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  
[jkuykendall@jsitel.com](mailto:jkuykendall@jsitel.com)

Attachment

cc: Piedmont Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.  
Special Assistant for Telecommunications at the Department of Defense  
The Office of the Honorable Nikki R. Haley, Governor of South Carolina  
South Carolina Public Service Commission  
National Exchange Carrier Association

**Notice of Permissive Detariffing of Wireline Broadband Internet Access Service  
Effective July 1, 2016 by**

**PIEDMONT RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC. – SAC 240538**

201 Anderson Drive

Laurens, SC 29360

864-682-3131

**CC Docket No. 02-33**

Piedmont Rural 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, 2016 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 NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5.

Effective July 1, 2016, the Company will be canceled by NECA as an issuing carrier for NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5 concurrent with the Company becoming 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 South Carolina.

**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**

**March 31, 2016**

**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 Office of the Honorable Nikki R. Haley, Governor of South Carolina  
South Carolina Public Service Commission  
National Exchange Carrier Association

**March 31, 2016**

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, 2016**

Expected filing by National Exchange Carrier Association ("NECA") with the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") on 15-day notice of a tariff transmittal that will include, inter alia, cancellation of Piedmont Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. as an issuing carrier for NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5.

**June 16, 2016**

Expected filing by John Staurulakis Inc., ("JSI") of a transmittal adding Piedmont Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. as an issuing carrier for JSI Tariff F.C.C. No. 1 exclusive of WBIAS.

**July 1, 2016**

Planned effective date for cancellation by NECA of Piedmont Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. as an issuing carrier for NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5. Planned effective date for addition of Piedmont Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. as an issuing carrier for JSI Tariff F.C.C. No. 1 exclusive of WBIAS.

**July 1, 2016 Forward**

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

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

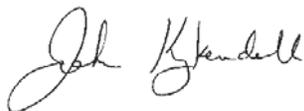
I hereby certify that the foregoing Notification of Discontinuance of Common Carrier Wireline Broadband Internet Access Service was served this 31st day of March, 2016, by mailing true and correct copies thereof, postage prepaid, to the following persons:

Secretary of Defense  
Attn: Special Assistant for Telecommunications  
1000 Defense Pentagon  
Washington, D.C. 20301-1000

The Honorable Nikki R. Haley  
Office of the Governor  
1205 Pendleton Street  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Jocelyn Boyd, Chief Clerk/Administrator  
Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
101 Executive Center Dr., Suite 100  
Columbia, SC 29210

National Exchange Carrier Association  
80 South Jefferson Road  
Whippany, New Jersey 07981



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