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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:

Hickory Telephone Company – Study Area Code 170171

CC Docket No. 02-33

Dear Ms. Dortch:

ICORE, Inc. on behalf of Hickory Telephone Company (Company), an issuing carrier for NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5, 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 NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5 effective June 1, 2006. 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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Any questions regarding the notice may be directed to me at telephone number 610-928-3944 or by email at gzing@icoreinc.com.

Sincerely,

Gary M Zingaretti

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Senior Vice President

Attachment
cc: Hickory Telephone Company
Special Assistant for Telecommunications at the Department of Defense
The Honorable Edward G. Rendell, Governor of Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
National Exchange Carrier Association

Notice of Permissive Detariffing of Wireline Broadband Internet Access Service
Effective June 1, 2006 by

HICKORY TELEPHONE COMPANY – SAC170171

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75 Main Street
Hickory, PA 15340
(724) 356-2211

CC Docket No. 02-33

April 7, 2006

Hickory Telephone Company ("Company") hereby provides notice that it plans to terminate provision of wireline broadband Internet access service (WBIAS) on a tariffed basis effective June 1, 2006 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.*[1] The Company currently offers WBIAS through Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line ("ADSL") Access Service under National Exchange Carrier Association ("NECA") Tariff F.C.C. No. 5, for which the Company is an issuing carrier.

Concurrent with this notice, the Company is requesting of NECA that it remove the Company as a carrier listed in NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5 as a provider of ADSL Access Service (hereinafter "WBIAS") under the tariff effective June 1, 2006.

Impact on Customers

The only customer for the Company's WBIAS is the nonregulated Internet Service Provider ("ISP") operation of the Company. The nonregulated operation of the Company purchases WBIAS for use as a component in its broadband Internet service sold to consumers and business customers. The discontinuance of the tariffed offering of WBIAS will have no effect on the end user service provided by Company.

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). The initial rates will be those offered under tariff. Any change in rates, terms and conditions will be made on fifteen-day advance notice to customers and shall apply to both the affiliates and non-affiliates on a non-discriminatory basis. Cost allocations related to WBIAS will continue to be handled as under the *status quo.*

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[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 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

April 7, 2006

Advance Notice filed with following:

Federal Communications Commission (under CC Docket No. 02-33).
Special Assistant for Telecommunications at the Department of Defense
The Honorable Edward G. Rendell, Governor of Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
National Exchange Carrier Association

May 1, 2006

Notice to customers.

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

May 17, 2006

Expected filing by NECA on 15-day notice of tariff transmittal that will include, *inter alia*, removal of Hickory Telephone Company from the list of issuing carriers offering ADSL Access Service.

June 1, 2006

Planned NECA tariff filing to become effective. Beginning on this date the Company no longer offers WBIAS under NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5.

June 1, 2006 Forward

WBIAS available on common-carriage non-tariffed basis under rates, terms and conditions posted at www.hky.com.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Grier Adamson, hereby certify that a copy of the forgoing Notice of De-Tariffing has been sent, by overnight mail, this 7th day of April 2006, to the following:

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

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