May 31, 2006

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: **CC Docket 02-33 – Notice of Detariffing of Common carrier Wireline Broadband Internet Access Transmission Service**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

By this letter, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 101 of the Federal Communications Commission's *Report and Order and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* in CC Docket Numbers 02-33 and 01-337 released September 23, 2005, FCC 05-150 ("*Broadband Internet Order*"), is to notify you that the Nelson-Ball Ground Telephone Company, Inc. ("Company") intends to commence offering its wireline broadband internet access transmission service (WBIATS) on a detariffed basis. While the service will be detariffed, it will continue to be offered on a common carrier basis. Accordingly, the Company has notified the National Exchange Carrier Exchange ("NECA") and requested the Company be removed from the list of carriers providing Digital Subscriber Line service under NECA Tariff F.C.C No. 5, effective July 1, 2006.

Nelson-Ball Ground Telephone Company, Inc. has only one customer currently taking WBIATS and that customer is the nonregulated Internet Service Provider ("ISP) operation of the Company. The nonregulated operation of the Company purchases WBIATS as a component in its broadband Internet service sold to consumer and commercial end user customers. The discontinuation of the tariffed offering of WBIATS will have no effect on the end user service provided by the Company.

Pursuant to the requirements of paragraph 101 of the *Wireline Broadband Order*, a copy of this notice is being sent to the Governor of Georgia, the Georgia Public Service Commission, and the Special Assistant for Telecommunications at the Department of Defense. A copy is of this notice is also being sent to NECA.

If you have any question, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Paul E. Pederson
Director – Rates & Tariffs, TDS Telecom
(608) 664-4180

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

Nelson-Ball Ground Telephone Company, Inc. – SAC 220375

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c/o TDS Telecom
525 Junction Road
P.O. Box 5158
Madison, WI 53705-0158

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Pursuant to Federal Communications Commission's *Report and Order and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* in CC Docket Numbers 02-33 and 01-337 adopted August 5, 2005 and released September 23, 2005, FCC 05-150 ("*Broadband Internet Order*"), facilities-based wireline carriers are permitted to offer broadband Internet access transmission common carrier service pursuant to tariff, or on a de-tariffed basis. Effective July 1, 2006, Nelson-Ball Ground Telephone Company, Inc. ("Company") will begin offering its broadband Internet access transmission service (normally referred to Digital Subscriber Line or DSL service) on a detariffed basis. Those carriers choosing to offer wireline broadband Internet access transmission service ("WBIATS") on a detariffed basis are required to continue to provide WBIATS for one year beginning on the effective date of the Broadband Internet Order on a grandfathered basis to unaffiliated Internet Service Providers ("ISPs"). As such, current rates, terms and conditions governing the Company's WBIATS offered to nonaffiliated ISPs will remain in effect until November 16, 2006. Those terms and conditions will be made available on the Company's website *www.tdstelecom.com* and will also available for review at the 525 Junction Road, Madison, Wisconsin. The Company is required to provide notice to certain parties of the carrier's intent to discontinue providing WBIATS on a tariffed basis. This notice by the Company fulfills that requirement.

The Company will continue to make WBIATS available on a detariffed common-carriage basis through posting on its Internet website at *www.tdstelecom.com* with a copy of the generally available rates, terms and conditions available for public inspection at 525 Junction Road, Madison, Wisconsin.

The reasons the Company has elected to make this change in its offering of WBIATS are cost and competition related. Currently, the company is required to offer WBIATS under the rates, terms and conditions of National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) Tariff F.C.C. No. 5. The rates per NECA's tariff are nationwide average rates that are higher than what the Company's costs are to provide the service. By de-tariffing our broadband Internet access transmission service, the Company will gain greater flexibility which will enable the Company to respond to changing customer demands more quickly than under a tariffing regime. By electing this option, the Company will be able to not only offer more competitive prices but also offer new and innovative service arrangements that respond to the customer needs. The Company's hope is that this change will increase the use of broadband Internet access, a goal shared not only by the Company but also by the Federal government and State of Georgia.

While the detariffing of this service does not constitute a discontinuance of service, the Federal Communications Commission has asked carriers that implement detariffing to follow procedures similar to those required for the discontinuance of service. Consistent with those requirements, you are hereby informed that the business office address for Nelson-Ball Ground Telephone Company, Inc. is 1937 Kennesaw Ave., Nelson, Georgia. Please also be informed that the geographic areas affected by this change are the certified telecommunications territories served by the Company's Big Canoe, Marble Hill and Nelson exchanges. The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service (or reduction or impairment) unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive the discontinued service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected.

If you wish to object, you may file your comments within 30 days after receipt of this notification. Address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554, referencing the Section 63.71 Application of Nelson-Ball Ground Telephone Company, Inc. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance (or reduction or impairment) upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

This notice is an informational notice only, required by the FCC. No action is required on your part. If you have any questions, please call Paul E. Pederson, Director – Rates & Tariffs for TDS Telecom at 608-664-4180.

Sincerely

Paul E. Pederson
Director – Rates & Tariffs
TDS Telecom

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Paul E. Pederson, herby certify that a copy of the foregoing Notice of Detariffing has been sent, by overnight mail, this 31st day of May 2006, to the following:

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

The Honorable Sonny Perdue
Office of the Governor
Georgia State Capital
Atlanta, GA 30334

Mr. Reese McAlister
Executive Secretary
Georgia Public Service Commission
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Atlanta, Georgia 30334

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