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April 29, 2011

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

Attention: Wireline Competition Bureau

CC Docket No. 02-33

**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:**

**Sandhill Telephone Cooperative                      SAC No. 240546                      FRN No. 0001886464**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

John Staurulakis, Inc. ("JSI"), on behalf of Sandhill Telephone Cooperative ("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 July 1, 2011. 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*).

In light of the fact that his filing is being made via overnight mail, we ask that you provide JSI with official notification that this filing has been received. Accordingly, a copy of this filing marked "File Stamp Copy" and a self-addressed stamped envelope have been included with this filing for this purpose.

Any questions regarding the notice may be directed to me at the address and telephone number listed above or by email at [kcarmell@jsitel.com](mailto:kcarmell@jsitel.com).

Sincerely,

Kenneth T. Cartmell  
Manager-Regulatory Affairs

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cc: The Honorable Nikki Haley, Governor of South Carolina  
Jocelyn Boyd, Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
Susan Melton, Sandhill Telephone Cooperative  
National Exchange Carrier Association  
Special Assistant for Telecommunications at the Department of Defense

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

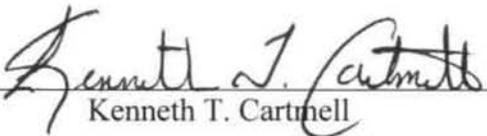
I hereby certify that the foregoing Notification of Discontinuance of Common Carrier Wireline Broadband Internet Access Service was served this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2011, by mailing true and correct copies thereof, postage prepaid, to the following persons:

The Honorable Nikki Haley  
Office of the Governor  
1205 Pendleton Street  
Columbia, SC 29201

Secretary of Defense  
Attn: Special Assistant for Telecommunications  
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Jocelyn Boyd  
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**Notice of Discontinuance of Permissive Detariffing of  
Wireline Broadband Internet Access Transmission Service  
Effective July 1, 2011**

**SANDHILL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE**

122 South Main Street Jefferson, SC 29718 (843) 658-3434

**CC Docket No. 02-33**

May 2, 2011

Sandhill Telephone Cooperative (“Company”) hereby provides notice that it plans to terminate provision of wireline broadband Internet access service (“WBIAS”) on a tariffed basis effective July 1, 2011 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 Asymmetrical Digital Subscriber Line (“ADSL”) Access Service under NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5, for which the Company is an issuing carrier.

The Company has requested 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 Services (hereafter “WBIAS”) under the tariff effective July 1, 2011.

**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, including the related ATM-CRS Multi-Media service, 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*.

Following is the timeline for permissive detariffing.

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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 2, 2011**

30-Day Notice filed with following:

The Honorable Nikki Haley, Governor of South Carolina  
Federal Communications Commission (under CC Docket No. 02-33).  
Special Assistant for Telecommunications at the Department of Defense  
Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
National Exchange Carrier Association

**May 2, 2011**

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.

**June 16, 2011**

Expected filing by NECA, on 15-day notice, of tariff transmittal that will include, inter alia, removal of the Company's ADSL Access Service offerings from NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5 effective July 1, 2011.

**July 1, 2011**

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

**July 1, 2011 Forward**

WBIAS available on common-carriage permissive detariffed basis under rates, terms and conditions posted at [www.shtc.net](http://www.shtc.net). The Rates, Terms and Conditions will also be available at the Company's offices in Jefferson, South Carolina.

Attachment



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May 2, 2011

**Notice of Offering DSL (WBIAS) on a Permissively Detariffed Common Carrier Basis and  
Discontinuance of Offering on a Tariffed Basis Effective July 1, 2011**

This is an informational notice required by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Sandhill Telephone Cooperative ("Company") is required to notify you of its intent to discontinue providing DSL service on a tariffed basis. This notice fulfills that requirement. See also the attached notice filed with the FCC May 2, 2011.

Beginning July 1, 2011, the Rates, Terms and Conditions for the Company's Wireline Broadband Internet Access Service ("WBIAS", also called "DSL") will be available on the Company's web site at [www.shtc.net](http://www.shtc.net) and will also be available for review at the Company's offices in Jefferson, South Carolina.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Irvin B. Williams".

Irvin B. Williams

CEO/Manager

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan S. Melton".

Susan S. Melton

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CABS Coordinator