



May 17, 2011

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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

Re: CC Docket 02-33 - Notice of Permissive Detariffing of Wireline Broadband Internet Access Service by Ace Telephone Association (Study Area 351346)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to the Commission's *Wireline Broadband Order*, Ace Telephone Association hereby provides notice of its intent to discontinue offering wireline broadband internet access service on a tariffed basis. Effective July 1, 2011, Ace Telephone Association, plans to offer wireline broadband internet access service on a permissive detariffed, common carriage basis.

Please direct any questions to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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Darren Moser
Chief Financial Officer

Cc: Interstate Telcom Consulting, Inc.
NECA Region Manager

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Effective July 1, 2011

Ace Telephone Association
(STUDY AREA 351346)
207 East Cedar
P.O. Box 360
Houston, MN 55943
Telephone: (507) 896-3111

CC Docket No. 02-33

May 17, 2011

Ace Telephone Association hereby provides notice that it intends to cease offering wireline broadband internet access service on a tariffed basis. Effective July 1, 2011 Ace Telephone Association will begin offering wireline broadband internet access service on a Title II, common carriage, permissive detariffed basis pursuant to paragraph 94 of the Federal Communications Commission's Wireline Broadband Order.¹ The geographic areas affected are those Ace Telephone Association exchanges where DSL is technically feasible.

Today, this service is provided to Ace Telephone Association. The ISP purchases wireline broadband access service for use as a component in their broadband internet service sold to residential and business consumers. End user service provided will not be affected by discontinuance of the tariffed offering by Ace Telephone Association. As stated in the attached customer notice, Ace Telephone Association will continue to offer services to existing ISP customers under current rates, terms and conditions until the end of their current term or upon replacement with a Broadband Commercial Agreement. Broadband Commercial Agreements will be made available in a nondiscriminatory manner to any provider desiring to purchase wireline broadband access service for use as a component in its broadband internet service sold to consumers.

Effective July 1, 2011, Ace Telephone Association will make its wireline broadband internet access service on a permissive detariffed, common carriage basis through posting of rates, terms and conditions available on our company website (www.acegroup.cc) and in printed copy during normal business hours at Ace Telephone Association business office located at 207 East Cedar, Houston, MN 55943.

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 Red 14853 (2005). FCC 05-150 (rel. September 23, 2005), (Wireline Broadband Order)



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Darren Moser, Chief Financial Officer, do certify that I have, on this 17th day of May, 2011:

1. Served by first class mail a copy of the foregoing Notice of Permissive Detariffing of Wireline Broadband Internet Access Service to the following:

Governor Terry Branstad
Office of the Governor
1007 East Grand Ave #101
Des Moines, IA 50319-0001

Secretary of Defense
Attn: Special Assistant for Telecommunications
PENTAGON
Washington, DC 20301

2. Served via electronic filing a copy of the foregoing Notice of Permissive Detariffing of Wireline Broadband Internet Access Service to the following:

Iowa Utilities Board
Attn: Telecommunications Division
1375 East Court Avenue
Room 69
Des Moines, IA 50319-0069

3. Served via paper a copy of the foregoing Notice of Permissive Detariffing of Wireline Broadband Internet Access Service to the following:

Ace Telephone Association
207 East Cedar
Houston, MN 55943



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Re: CC Docket 02-33 - Notice of Permissive Detariffing of Wireline Broadband Internet Access Service by Ace Telephone Association (Study Area 351346)

Dear Valued Customer:

Our records indicate that Ace Telephone Association is currently purchasing wholesale broadband transport services from Ace Telephone Association under NECA Tariff No. 5 ("Tariff"). This letter is to advise you that Ace Telephone Association, study area 351346 will discontinue provisioning service on July 1, 2011 pursuant to the Tariff. Services will be made available to you on a common carrier, non-tariffed basis. The existing relevant rates, terms and conditions will not change until the end of your term or until replaced by a Broadband Commercial Agreement.

The rates, terms and conditions for the Broadband Commercial Agreement will be available in printed copy during normal business hours at Ace Telephone Association business office located at 207 East Cedar, Houston, MN 55943.

The actions described above are taken in accordance with the FCC's Report and Order (FCC 05-150) released September 23, 2005 in Docket No. 02-33. In this order the FCC determined that facilities-based wireline broadband internet service providers could offer their services on a common carrier, permissively detariffed basis.

No action is necessary on your part. However, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Darren Moser
Chief Financial Officer

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