



ARKANSAS TELEPHONE COMPANY

"Telecommunications for Arkansas"

May 15, 2013

BY ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Marlene Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Docket No. 02-33 – Notice of Detariffing of Common Carrier Broadband Internet Access
Transmission Service

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to the *Wireline Broadband Order* (1) Arkansas Telephone Company, Inc. (Company), issuing carrier for the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) Tariff No. 5, respectfully files the attached notice of its intent to discontinue Wireline Broadband Internet Access Service (WBIAS) services effective on July 2, 2013. The Company will provide WBIAS on a common-carrier non-tariffed basis after July 2, 2013.

The customer notice will be mailed today, May 15, 2013, informing them of this change and providing our corporate office location and web address where they can view a description of the changes and obtain more information. A copy of the customer notice letter is attached as Attachment A.

¹ *Appropriate Framework for Broadband Access to the Internet Over Wireline Facilities Universal Service obligations of Broadband Providers*, Report and order and notice of Proposed Rulemaking, CC Docket No. 02-33, 20 FCC Rcd. 14853 (2005) (*Wireline Broadband Order*).

Any questions regarding the filing may be directed to Kelly Allison at (512) 343-2544 or by e-mail at kelly.allison@chrsolutions.com.

Sincerely,

Randy McCaslin

Randy McCaslin
President

Attachments

cc: The Honorable Mike Beebe, Governor of Arkansas
Chairman Colette D. Honorable, Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC)
Special Assistant for Telecommunications at the Department of Defense
Jenni Blandina, National Exchange Carrier Association

Arkansas Telephone Company, Inc.

FCC CC Docket No. 02-33

**Notification of Discontinuance of Common-Carriage Tariffed Wireline
Broadband Internet Access Service (WBIAS) and Initiation of Provision
on a Permissive Detariffed Common-Carriage Basis**

Filed May 15, 2013

Arkansas Telephone Company, Inc. (Company) hereby provides notice that it plans to terminate provision of wireline broadband internet access service (WBIAS) on a tariffed basis effective July 2, 2013 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*.² The Company currently offers WBIAS through Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line (ADSL) Access Service and Symmetric Digital Subscriber Line (SDSL) Access Service under National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) Tariff F.C.C. No. 5, for which the Company is an issuing carrier.

The Company has requested NECA that it remove the Company as a carrier listed in NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5 as a provider of ADSL and SDSL Access Services (hereinafter WBIAS) under the tariff effective July 2, 2013.

Filer Information

Arkansas Telephone Company, Inc.
128 Church Street
Clinton, Arkansas 72031

Study Area Code: 401692
FRN: 0003732302
499 Filer ID: 802047

Impact on Customers

The only customer for the Company's WBIAS is the Company's affiliate non-regulated Internet Service Provider (ISP) operation. The affiliate 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 services provided by the affiliate.

Serving Area

This change will impact the following areas: Clinton, Fairfield Bay, Shirley, and Scotland, AR.

Future Availability of WBIAS on a Permissive-Detariffed Common Carriage Basis

The Company will continue to make WBIAS available on a common-carriage non-tariffed basis through posting of rates, terms and conditions on its Internet website 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).

² *Appropriate Framework for Broadband Access to the Internet Over Wireline Facilities Universal Service obligations of Broadband Providers*, Report and order and notice of Proposed Rulemaking, CC Docket No. 02-33, 20 FCC Rcd. 14853 (2005) (*Wireline Broadband Order*).

TIMELINE

March 1, 2013

Notice to NECA

Arkansas Telephone Company, Inc. (Company) gave notice to NECA their intent to discontinue its Wireline Broadband Internet Access Service (WBIAS) offerings effective on July 2, 2013.

May 15, 2013

Notice to customer

As indicated above, the only customer for the Company's wireline broadband Internet Access Service (WBIAS) is the Company's affiliate non-regulated ISP operation. The 30-day notice to the affiliate ISP will be provided via the notice attached to this letter.

May 15, 2013

30-Day Notice filed with following:

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

On or before June 16, 2013

NECA will make the appropriate 15-day notice to the FCC to include a tariff transmittal for removing the Company from the list of issuing carriers offering ADSL and SDSL Access Interstate Telecommunication Services.

July 2, 2013

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

July 2, 2013 Forward

WBIAS available on common-carriage non-tariffed basis under rates, terms and conditions posted at <http://www.artelco.com> or available during business hours at the following address of 128 Church Street, Clinton, Arkansas 72031.

Attachment A
Customer Notice



ARKANSAS TELEPHONE COMPANY

"Telecommunications for Arkansas"

May 15, 2013

McClint-Ark Internet
P. O. Box 69
128 Church Street
Clinton, AR 72031

Re: CUSTOMER NOTICE OF CHANGE IN DSL SERVICES

Dear Valued Arkansas Telephone Customer:

This is to inform you of the following changes to our tariff on DSL services. These changes address services for Arkansas Telephone Company, Inc. and will be effective on July 2, 2013. This will impact the following areas: Clinton, Fairfield Bay, Shirley, and Scotland, AR.

Effective July 2, 2013, Arkansas Telephone will no longer offer DSL services under the NECA F.C.C. No. 5 tariff. Arkansas Telephone will offer ADSL and SDSL wireline broadband internet transmission services on a detariffed common carrier basis in the exchanges of Clinton, Fairfield Bay, Shirley, and Scotland, AR.

To learn more on the rates, terms and conditions either come by our corporate office during normal business hours located at:

Arkansas Telephone Company, Inc.
128 Church Street
Clinton, Arkansas 72031
501.745.2114

Or you may go to the following website for more information: <http://www.artelco.com>.

We believe with these new changes, Arkansas Telephone continues to be competitive in the marketplace while providing high-speed Internet services for their communities.

Sincerely,

Randy McCaslin
President

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

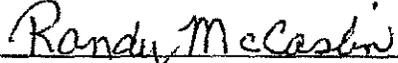
I hereby certify that the foregoing Notification of Discontinuance of Common Carrier Wireline Broadband Internet Access Service was served on May 15, 2013 by U.S. mail to the following:

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

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