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April 20, 2018

VIA ECFS

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:**

**West River Cooperative Telephone Company
FCC Registration Number 0002430163
Study Area Code 391689**

CC Docket No. 02-33

Dear Ms. Dortch:

John Staurulakis, Inc. (JSI), on behalf of West River Cooperative 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 July 3, 2018. 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 Red 14853 (2005), FCC 05-150 (Rel. Sept. 23, 2005), (*Wireline Broadband Order*).

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**Notice of Permissive Detariffing of Wireline Broadband Internet Access Service
Effective July 3, 2018 by**

WEST RIVER COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY – SAC 391689

801 Coleman Avenue, P.O. Box 39

Bison, SD 57620

605-244-5213

CC Docket No. 02-33

West River Cooperative Telephone Company (“Company”) hereby provides notice that it plans to terminate provision of wireline broadband Internet access service (WBIAS) on a tariffed basis effective July 3, 2018 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 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 of 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 3, 2018.

Impact on Customers

The only customer for the Company’s WBIAS is the Company’s affiliate nonregulated 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 service provided by the affiliate.

Serving Area

The company’s provision of WBIAS is limited to its ILEC serving area in South Dakota.

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).

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 Rd 14853 (2005), FCC 05-150 (Rel. Sept. 23, 2005), (*Wireline Broadband Order*).

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WBIAS DETARIFFING TIMELINE

April 20, 2018

30-Day Notice filed with following:

Federal Communications Commission (under CC Docket No. 02-33)
Special Assistant for Telecommunications at the Department of Defense
The Office of the Honorable Dennis Daugaard, Governor of South Dakota
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
National Exchange Carrier Association

April 20, 2018

Notice to customers.

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

June 18, 2018

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

July 3, 2018

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.

July 3, 2018 Forward

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

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

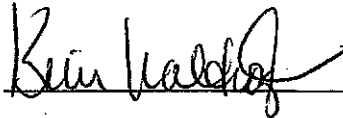
I hereby certify that the foregoing Notification of Discontinuance of Common Carrier Tariffed Wireline Broadband Internet Access Service was served this 20th day of April, 2018, by mailing true and correct copies thereof, postage prepaid, to the following persons:

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Attn: Special Assistant for Telecommunications
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