



November 26, 2019

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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

Re: CC Docket no. 02-33- Notice of Discontinuance of Broadband Transmission Service and Consumer Broadband-Only Loop (CBOL) Service by Farmers Mutual Telephone Company (Study Area 361389)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to the Commission's Wireline Broadband Order, Farmers Mutual Telephone Company hereby provides notice of its intent to discontinue offering broadband internet transmission service as a separate component of its broadband internet access service and Consumer Broadband-Only Loop (CBOL). Effective January 1, 2020, Farmers Mutual Telephone Company plans to only provide the transmission component as part of the complete broadband internet access service by Private Carriage.

Please direct any questions to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Beyer", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kevin Beyer
Chief Executive Officer

Cc: Olsen & Thielen, Ltd
NECA Regional Manager

Notice of Discontinuance of Broadband Internet Transmission Service and Consumer Broadband-Only Loop (CBOL) service

Effective January 1, 2020

Farmers Mutual Telephone Company

(Study Area 361389)
301 2nd Street South
Bellingham, MN 56212

CC Docket No. 02-33

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Farmers Mutual Telephone Company hereby provides notice that it intends to cease offering broadband internet transmission service as a separate component of its broadband internet access service and Consumer Broadband-Only Loop (CBOL) service Effective January 1, 2020. Farmers Mutual Telephone Company will only provide the transmission component as part of the complete broadband internet access service pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission's Wireline Broadband Order.¹ The geographic areas affected are Farmers Mutual Telephone Company Study Area 361389.

Today, the broadband internet transmission service is provided to Farmers Mutual Telephone Company's nonregulated ISP. As stated in the attached customer notice, Farmers Mutual Telephone Company will only provide the transmission component as part of the complete broadband internet access service via private carriage effective January 1, 2020.

¹ See *Appropriate Framework for Broadband access to the Internet over Wireline Facilities et al*, CC Docket No. 02-33 et al, Report and Order and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 05-150 (rel. Sept. 23, 2005), para. 101 (Wireline Broadband Classification Order).



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Farmers Mutual Telephone Company
301 2nd Street South
Bellingham, MN 56212

Re: FCC Docket No. 02-33- Notice of Discontinuance of Broadband Internet Transmission Service by Farmers Mutual Telephone Company (Study Area 361389)

Dear Valued Customer:

Our records indicate that Farmers Mutual Telephone Company is currently purchasing broadband transmission service from Farmers Mutual Telephone Company. This letter is to advise you that Farmers Mutual Telephone Company, Study Area (361389) will discontinue broadband internet transmission Service as a separate component of its broadband internet access service effective on January 1, 2020.

The actions described above are taken in accordance with the FCC's Report and Order (FCC WC 05-150) released September 23, 2005 in Docket No. 02-33.

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

Sincerely,

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Kevin Beyer
Chief Executive Officer

Cc: Olson & Thielen, Ltd
NECA Regional Manager

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Kevin Beyer, Chief Executive Officer, hereby certify that I have, on this 26th day of November 2019:

1. Served by first class mail the foregoing Notification of Discontinuance of Broadband Internet Transmission service to the following:

Governor Kristi Noem
Office of the Governor
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501

Special Assistant for Telecommunications
Department of Defense
1400 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301-1400

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
Attn: Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director
Capitol Building, 1st Floor
500 E. Capitol Ave
Pierre, SD 57051

2. Served by paper the foregoing Notification of Discontinuance of Broadband Internet Transmission Service to the following:

Farmers Mutual Telephone Company
301 2nd Street South
Bellingham, MN 56212

NECA – Regional Manager
80 South Jefferson Road
Whippany, NJ 07981-1009