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May 15, 2020

VIA ECFS

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

Attention: Wireline Competition Bureau

RE: CC Docket No. 02-33 – Notice of Permissive Detariffing of Wireline Broadband Internet Access Service (WBIAS)

Pioneer Telephone Cooperative Inc. dba Pioneer Connect – SAC 532393

Dear Ms. Dortch:

GWNW Consulting Inc., on behalf of Pioneer Telephone Cooperative Inc. dba Pioneer Connect ("Company"), respectfully files the attached notice pursuant to *Wireline Broadband Order* of the intent of the Company to discontinue its Wireline Broadband Internet Access Service (WBIAS) offerings under an interstate access tariff filed with the Federal Communications Commission. The company currently offers WBIAS in the form of Digital Subscriber Line ("DSL") Access Service pursuant to NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5. Effective July 1, 2020, the Company will exit NECA Tariff No. 5 for WBIAS service. Upon discontinuance of the tariffed offerings, the Company will provide WBIAS on a common-carriage non-tariff 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*).

Any questions regarding the notice may be directed to Steve Gatto at 1836 Junction Hwy., Kerrville, TX or by telephone at (830) 895-7226 or by email at [sgatto@gvnw.com](mailto:sgatto@gvnw.com).

Sincerely,

Steve Gatto  
Regulatory Manager

Attachment cc: Casco Communications, Inc.  
Special Assistant for Telecommunications at the Department of Defense  
The Office of the Honorable Kate Brown, Governor of Oregon  
Oregon Public Utility Commission  
National Exchange Carrier Association

**Notice of Permissive Detariffing of Wireline Broadband Internet Access Service**  
**Effective July 1, 2020**  
**PIONEER TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE DBA PIONEER CONNECT – SAC 532393**  
1304 Main Street, Philomath, OR 97370  
(541) 929-3135

**CC Docket No. 02-33**

May 15, 2020

Pioneer Telephone Cooperative dba Pioneer Connect (“Company”) hereby provides notice that it plans to terminate provision of wireline broadband Internet access service (“WBIAS”) on a tariffed basis effective July 1, 2020 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 Digital Subscriber Line (“DSL”) Access Service under the N.E.C.A. Tariff F.C.C. No. 5.

NECA will make a tariff filing with the Federal Communications Commission on at least a 15-day notice to remove from its NECA. Tariff FCC. No. 5 the Company’s DSL Access Services effective July 1, 2020,

**Impact on Service**

The only customer for the Company’s WBIAS is a 50%-owned, nonregulated Internet Service Provider that purchases the WBIAS as a component of its retail Internet Service offering. The discontinuance of the tariffed offering of WBIAS will have no effect on the service provided to the Company’s customer.

**Serving Area**

The Company’s provision of WBIAS is limited to its ILEC serving area in Oregon.

**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).

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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 15, 2020**

**30-Day Notice filed with the following:**

Federal Communications Commission (under CC Docket No. 02-33)  
Special Assistant for Telecommunications at the Department of Defense  
The Office of the Honorable Kate Brown, Governor of Oregon  
Oregon Public Utility Commission  
National Exchange Carriers Association

**May 15, 2020**

Notice to customers. As indicated above, the only customer for the Company's WBIAS is a 50%-owned, nonregulated Internet Service Provider that purchases the WBIAS as a component of its retail Internet Service offering. The 30-day notice to the customer will be provided with this WBIAS Detariffing notice attached by sending via overnight delivery, postage prepaid, a true and direct copy on the date Company files the WBIAS Detariffing notice with the FCC, and at least 30 days prior to the date on which the WBIAS service will be detariffed.

**June 16, 2020**

Expected filing by NECA with the Federal Communications Commission on 15-day notice removing Company's DSL service offerings ("WBIAS") from NECA Tariff No. 5 effective July 1, 2020.

**July 1, 2020**

Effective date of removal of Company's DSL service offerings ("WBIAS") from NECA Tariff No. 5.

**July 1, 2020**

Pioneer Telephone Cooperative dba Pioneer Connect WBIAS available on common-carriage non-tariffed basis under rates, terms and conditions posted at [www.pioneerconnect.net](http://www.pioneerconnect.net) or available during business hours at the above address.



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## NOTIFICATION

TO: Rick Petersen, President/CEO  
Casco Communications, Inc. (aka PEAK Internet)

FROM: James Rennard, Executive Vice President  
Pioneer Telephone Cooperative dba Pioneer Connect

DATE: May 15, 2020

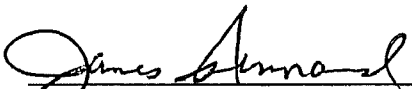
RE: Notice of Detariffing of Common Carrier Wireline Broadband Internet Access Service (WBIAS) offered in the form of Digital Subscriber Line ("DSL") Access Service

This is an informational notice as required by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"). No action is necessary on your part. Pioneer Telephone Cooperative dba Pioneer Connect ("Pioneer Connect") - SAC 532393 - will discontinue providing Digital Subscriber Line Access Service ("WBIAS") on a tariffed basis. Effective July 1, 2020, Pioneer Connect will no longer participate in the NECA Tariff FCC No. 5 for Digital Subscriber Line Access Service (Section 8 of the NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5). However, the services will be offered on a detariffed basis.

Pioneer Connect provides Digital Subscriber Line Access Service to areas within its telephone exchanges in Oregon. The provisioning of service for your current Digital Subscriber Line Access Service is not changing, but effective July 1, 2020, the Digital Subscriber Line Access Service rates, terms and conditions will be available for public inspection on our company website at [www.pioneer.net](http://www.pioneer.net) and at our offices located at 1304 Main St., Philomath, OR 97370.

If you have any questions regarding this change, please contact me at (541) 929-8213.

Sincerely,

  
James Rennard  
Executive Vice President

cc: Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary of Federal Communications Commission  
Special Assistant for Telecommunications at the Department of Defense  
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