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

RE: CC Docket 02-33 - Notice of Permissive Detariffing of Wireline Broadband Internet Access Transmission Service

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of The Benton Ridge Telephone Company, Benton Ridge, Ohio ("Benton Ridge") and consistent with the requirements of paragraph 101 of the Commission's Report and Order in CC Docket Number 02-33, released September 23, 2005 (the "*Wireline Broadband Order*"), this is to notify the Commission that Benton Ridge intends to discontinue offering its wireline broadband Internet access transmission service ("DSL Service") on a tariffed basis. Although its DSL Service will be detariffed, Benton Ridge will continue to offer it on a common carrier basis. Accordingly, the following area will be removed from the list of carriers providing DSL service under Broadband Network Group, LLC Tariff F.C.C. No. 1, effective July 1, 2008:

Company

Study Area Number

The Benton Ridge Telephone Company

300590

Benton Ridge is currently offering its DSL Service to 133 customers. Notification to those customers occurred contemporaneous with the filing of this correspondence by U.S. mail. A copy of that notice is attached. Further, a copy of this Notice of Permissive Detariffing has been served upon the Governor of Ohio, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, the Special Assistant for Telecommunications at the Department of Defense, and to Broadband Network Group, LLC.

Please address any correspondence regarding this Notice to my attention:

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Sincerely,



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Notice by The Benton Ridge Telephone Company to Provide Wireline Broadband Internet Access Transmission Service on a Detariffed Basis May 27, 2008

Pursuant to the Report and Order adopted August 5, 2005 by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), facilities-based wireline carriers are permitted to offer broadband Internet access transmission common carrier services either pursuant to tariff or on a de-tariffed basis. Effective July 1, 2008, The Benton Ridge Telephone Company (Benton Ridge) will begin offering its broadband Internet access transmission service (the "DSL Service") on a detariffed basis. The terms and conditions of the DSL Service are available for review at Benton Ridge's business address of 140 Main Street, Benton Ridge, Ohio 45816 and on its website at www.brtelco.com.

The reason Benton Ridge has decided to offer its DSL Service on a detariffed basis is simple. Currently, Benton Ridge is required to offer its DSL Service pursuant to the rates, terms and conditions of the Broadband Network Group, LLC ("BNG") Tariff F.C.C. No. 1. The BNG tariffed rates are average rates that are higher than the rates Benton Ridge can offer on a detariffed basis. As a result of Benton Ridge detariffing the DSL Service, we hope to increase the use of broadband Internet access, a goal shared not only by Benton Ridge but also by the Federal government and the State of Ohio.

Although the detariffing of the DSL Service does not constitute a discontinuance of the service, the FCC requires carriers that make this change to follow procedures similar to those required for discontinuance. Consistent with those requirements, please be advised that the address for Benton Ridge is 140 Main Street, Benton Ridge, Ohio 45816 and that the geographic areas affected by this change are Benton Ridge, North Creek, and New Bavaria, Ohio.

The FCC will normally authorize this detariffing of service unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments as soon as possible, but no later than 15 days after the Commission releases public notice of the proposed discontinuance. Address your comments to the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington, DC 20554, referencing the §63.71 Application of The Benton Ridge Telephone Company. Comments should include specific information about the impact on you or your company of Benton Ridge's plans to provide its DSL Service on a detariffed basis.

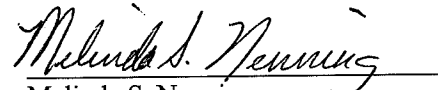
This notice is for informational purposes only, as required by the FCC. No action is required on your part. If you do have any questions, feel free to call me at (419) 999-2824.

Sincerely,

Thomas N. Knippen
Vice President/General Manager

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Melinda S. Nenning, hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Notice of Detariffing has been served upon the following by first class mail, postage prepaid, this 27th day of May, 2008:


Melinda S. Nenning

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