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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU COPPER RETIREMENT NETWORK CHANGE NOTIFICATION FILED BY BLUFFTON TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.

WC Docket No. 17-189
Report No. NCD-2740

July 21, 2017

Re: NETWORK CHANGE NOTICE RECEIVED

Bluffton Telephone Company, Inc. (Bluffton), an incumbent local exchange carrier (LEC), has filed public notice of network changes involving the retirement of copper, as required by section 51.332(b)(1) of the rules of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission).¹ Upon initial review the filing appears to be complete.² Attached is a copy of the notice of network change(s) (total of six pages).

The incumbent LEC's notice refer(s) to the change(s) identified below:

Type of Change(s)	Location of Change(s)	Planned Implementation Date(s)
In response to signs of aging and deteriorating copper facilities, Bluffton plans to migrate customers over to fiber-to-the-home facilities and to retire the affected copper facilities.	Sun City area of Bluffton, SC (attached).	On or after January 19, 2018

Incumbent LEC contact:
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Incumbent LEC public notices of network change filed for the retirement of copper pursuant to section 51.332 are deemed approved on the 180th day after the release of the Commission's public notice of the filing.³ For purposes of computation of time when filing a petition for reconsideration, application for

¹ See 47 CFR § 51.332(b)(1).

² See 47 CFR § 51.332(c)(1). Incumbent LECs must file certification of all the additional information required under section 51.332(d) no later than 90 days after the release date of the Commission's public notice. See 47 CFR § 51.332(d).

³ See 47 CFR § 51.332(f).

review, or petition for judicial review of the Commission's decision, the date of "public notice" shall be 180 days after the release date of this Public Notice, or the date announced in any further public notice or order announcing final action, as applicable. Should no petitions for reconsideration, applications for review, or petitions for judicial review be timely filed, the proceeding listed in this Public Notice shall be terminated, and the docket will be closed.

Interested parties may comment on this network change notice using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs>. Filers should follow the instructions provided on the Web site for submitting comments. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. In completing the transmittal screen, filers should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket number. Interested parties also may comment on this network change notice by sending an e-mail to NetworkChange@fcc.gov. The subject line of the e-mail must include the correct NCD Report Number or docket number in order for the comments to be considered in conjunction with this proceeding. All information submitted including names and addresses will be publicly available via the web.

This proceeding is considered a "permit but disclose" proceeding for purposes of the Commission's *ex parte* rules.⁴ Participants in this proceeding should familiarize themselves with the Commission's *ex parte* rules. Persons making *ex parte* presentations must file a copy of any written presentation or a memorandum summarizing any oral presentation within two business days after the presentation (unless a different deadline applicable to the Sunshine period applies). Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentation must (1) list all persons attending or otherwise participating in the meeting at which the *ex parte* presentation was made, and (2) summarize all data presented and arguments made during the presentation. If the presentation consisted in whole or in part of the presentation of data or arguments already reflected in the presenter's written comments, memoranda or other filings in the proceeding, the presenter may provide citations to such data or arguments in his or her prior comments, memoranda, or other filings (specifying the relevant page and/or paragraph numbers where such data or arguments can be found) in lieu of summarizing them in the memorandum. Documents shown or given to Commission staff during *ex parte* meetings are deemed to be written *ex parte* presentations and must be filed consistent with rule 1.1206(b).

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For further information, please contact Rodney McDonald at (202) 418-7513 or Carmell Weathers at (202) 418-2325, of the Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau. The tty number is (888) 835-5322.

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⁴ 47 CFR § 1.1200 *et seq.*