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**WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU COPPER RETIREMENT NETWORK CHANGE
NOTIFICATION FILED BY ACS OF ANCHORAGE, LLC D/B/A ALASKA
COMMUNICATIONS**

WC Docket No. 18-192
Report No. NCD-2829

June 29, 2018

Re: NETWORK CHANGE NOTICE RECEIVED

ACS of Anchorage, LLC d/b/a Alaska Communications (Alaska Communications), an incumbent local exchange carrier (LEC), has filed public notice of network change(s) involving the retirement of copper together with certification of service on identified interconnecting telephone exchange service providers, as required by section 51.333(a) of the rules of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission).¹ Upon initial review the amended filing appears to be complete.² Attached is a copy of the revised notice of network change(s) (total of three 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 an Anchorage Municipal Light and Power project involving the planned removal of poles in the affected area, Alaska Communications plans to retire and remove its affected aerial copper facilities.	Bootlegger's Cove, Anchorage, AK 99501	August 1, 2018 through August 15, 2018

Incumbent LEC contact:

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¹ See 47 CFR § 51.333(a). On June 6, 2018, Alaska Communications filed its original Public Notice of Copper Retirement Under Rule 51.333 and Request for Waiver of Section 51.333(a)(2) of the Commission's Rules. On June 14, 2018, Alaska Communications filed an amended Public Notice of Copper Retirement Under Rule 51.333 in order to revise and replace its original filing. On June 28, 2018, Alaska Communications provided further information regarding the proposed copper retirement, completed its revised filing with a revised Certification of Public Notice of Copper Retirement Under Rule 51.333, and withdrew its waiver request.

² See 47 CFR §§ 51.325 through 51.335.

An objection to an incumbent LEC's copper retirement notice may be filed by an information service provider or telecommunications service provider that directly interconnects with the incumbent LEC's network. Such objections must be filed with the Commission, and served on the incumbent LEC, no later than the ninth business day following the release of this Public Notice.³ The effective implementation date(s) of network changes referenced in standard copper retirement notices are subject to the FCC public notice periods described under section 51.333(b)(2).⁴ Notwithstanding the general requirements of section 51.333(b), incumbent LECs also may be entitled to a reduced public notice waiting period where necessary to allow the incumbent LEC to respond to circumstances outside of its control.⁵ Accordingly, given the circumstances in this proceeding, the effective implementation dates for Alaska Communications' planned changes are 15 days after the release of the Commission's public notice of the filing for copper facilities not being used to provision services to any customers, and August 1, 2018 for the remaining copper facilities subject to this notice. For purposes of computation of time when filing a petition for reconsideration, application for review, or petition for judicial review of the Commission's decision, the date of "public notice" shall be the later of August 1, 2018, or the release date of 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.

Information service providers and telecommunications service providers that directly interconnect with the incumbent LEC's network may file objections, and other interested parties may file comments, regarding 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.

Parties who choose to file paper copies must file an original and one copy of each filing. Such filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission. All hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary must be delivered to FCC Headquarters at 445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325, Washington, D.C. 20554. The filing hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes and boxes must be disposed of before entering the building. Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701. U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail must be addressed to 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.

³ See 47 CFR § 51.333(c).

⁴ See 47 CFR § 51.333(b)(2). In the absence of filed objections, a notice of copper retirement usually will be deemed final on the 90th day after the release of the Commission's public notice of the filing pursuant to section 51.333(b)(2). However, notice of copper retirement involving facilities that are not being used to provision services to any customers, usually will be deemed final on the 15th day after the release of the Commission's public notice of the filing. *Id.*

⁵ See 47 CFR § 51.333(g)(2).

This proceeding is considered a “permit but disclose” proceeding for purposes of the Commission’s *ex parte* rules.⁶ 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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⁶ 47 CFR § 1.1200 *et seq.*