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

WC Docket No. 20-397
Report No. NCD-3167

December 30, 2020

Re: COPPER RETIREMENT NETWORK CHANGE CERTIFICATION RECEIVED

Puerto Rico Telephone Company, Inc. (PRTC), an incumbent local exchange carrier (LEC), has filed certification that public notice of network change(s) involving the retirement of copper has been provided through its publicly accessible Internet site, as required by section 51.329(a)(2) of the rules of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission),¹ together with certification of service on identified interconnecting telephone exchange service providers, as required by section 51.333(a).² Upon initial review the revised filing appears to be complete.³ Specific network change information can be obtained on the Internet at: <https://www.claropr.com/personas/legal-regulatorio/>.

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

Copper Retirement ID No.	Type of Change(s)	Location of Change(s)	Planned Implementation Date(s)
2020-0003	PRTC plans to retire Feeder Cables 7 and 11, which both suffered gradual damage starting from Hurricane Maria in September 2017 on through months of power outages into 2018, with Feeder Cable 11 being further impacted by earthquakes in January 2020. In order to avoid future service outages and restore service as quickly as possible in the impacted locations, PRTC intends to replace these copper feeder facilities with fiber facilities.	At locations associated with Feeder Cables 7 & 11 in Carolina, PR and Feeder Cable 11 in Ponce, PR; in connection with the following central offices: PONCPRCO & CRLNPRCO; impacting all locations served by the following network nodes: 74000IP53, 74000IP55, 74000IP3441, 74000I158, 74000IP63, 74000IP78, 74000IP81, 19000I142, 19000I153, 19000I154, 19000I155, 19000I220, 19000IP17, 19000I304, 19000I305, 19000I310,	On or after April 1, 2021

¹ See 47 CFR § 51.329(a)(2).

² See 47 CFR § 51.333(a).

³ See 47 CFR §§ 51.325 through 51.335. On December 18, 2020 and December 24, 2020, PRTC amended its filing to comply with the standard copper retirement notice requirements and revise its planned implementation date.

	<p>PRTC then plans to continue to provide services over its existing fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) facilities where deployed, and through video-ready access devices (VRADs) utilizing existing last-mile copper loops.</p>	<p>19000IP31; at facilities associated with the address locations served by these central offices and network nodes, as listed in Exhibit A to the notice under Public Notice of Copper Retirement 2020-0003 (Amended) at https://www.claropr.com/personas/legal-regulatorio/.</p>	
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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.⁴ 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).⁵ 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 90 days after the release date of this Public Notice, 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.

⁴ See 47 CFR § 51.333(c).

⁵ 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.*

Parties who choose to file paper copies must file an original and one copy of each filing. Such filings can be sent by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail.⁶ All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission. Commercial overnight mail and U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail must be sent to 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701.

This proceeding is considered a "permit but disclose" proceeding for purposes of the Commission's *ex parte* rules.⁷ 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 In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the FCC has closed its current hand-delivery filing location at FCC Headquarters. We encourage outside parties to take full advantage of the Commission's electronic filing system. Any party that is unable to meet the filing deadline due to the building closure may request a waiver of the comment or reply comment deadline, to the extent permitted by law. *FCC Announces Closure of FCC Headquarters Open Window and Change in Hand-Delivery Filing*, Public Notice, DA 20-304 (rel. Mar. 19, 2020), <https://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-closes-headquarters-open-window-and-changes-hand-delivery-policy>.

⁷ 47 CFR § 1.1200 *et seq.*