# The new face of Ronan Telephone Company 300 Main Street SW, Ronan, Mt



February 27, 2017

RE:

Notice of Provision of Consumer Broadband Only Loop Service On A Permissive

**Detariffed Basis** 

Dear Customer,

This is to notify you of a change in the way Ronan Telephone Company provides its Consumer Broadband Only Loop service.

Presently, Ronan Telephone Company provides its Consumer Broadband Only Loop service under a tariff through the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) Tariff F.C.C No. 5. The Company will no longer offer such DSL transmission service pursuant to a Tariff effective April 1, 2017. On and after April 1, 2017 services will be made to you on a common-carrier, non-tariffed basis.

To view the rates, terms, and conditions of our Consumer Broadband Only Loop services, please visit the Company's website at www.ronan.net. In addition, printed copies of the rates, terms, and conditions will be available at our office, during normal business hours.

Please note that the existing relevant rates, terms, and conditions of your service will not change until the end of your existing term or upon replacement of a new agreement under the detariffed rates, terms, and conditions.

Sincerely

Jay Wilson Preston

President

Ronan Telephone Company

This customer notice is for regulatory change only. There will be no change to delivery of service or billing changes. Please call our Customer Service Specialist at 676-3300 with any questions.

Access Montana appreciates your business.



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### INTRODUCTION:

Required regulatory notification was filed with the Federal Communications Commission on February 27, 2017 in relation to Broadband Only Loop Service customers. The attached letter was mailed to customers on March 30, 2017.

#### **FAQs:**

#### Q: WHY DID I RECEIVE THIS LETTER?

**A:** All our internet only customers received this letter. It is a regulatory required notification only. You will not experience changes to your service or billing as a result.

#### Q: WILL THIS IMPACT MY SERVICE?

**A:** No, this is a regulatory required notification only. You will not experience changes to your service or billing as a result. Another way to think about it is this notification is similar to the required notifications you might receive from your bank, credit card or insurance providers. Once again, you will not experience changes to your service or billing as a result.

#### Q: AM I REQUIRED TO DO ANYTHING AS A RESULT OF THIS NOTICE?

A: No, you have no obligations or requirements.

### Q: WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE ABOUT NECA F.C.C. TARIFF NO. 5?

**A:** NECA, The National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., is a membership association of U.S. local telecommunication companies. You can research NECA, F.C.C.Tariff No 5, and other related topics at <a href="https://www.neca.org">www.neca.org</a>.

#### APPLICABLE DEFINITIONS AND RESOURCES:

<u>Federal Communications Commission</u> The Federal Communications Commission regulates interstate and international communications by radio, television, wire, satellite, and cable in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and U.S. territories. An independent U.S. government agency overseen by Congress, the Commission is the federal agency responsible for implementing and enforcing America's communications law and regulations.

<u>NECA F.C.C. Tariff No 5</u> Contains the regulations, rates and charges applicable to interstate access and the provision of Carrier Common Line, End User Access, Switched Access, Special Access, Lifeline Assistance, Universal Service Fun, Public Packet Data Network, and other miscellaneous services. This tariff also contains Access Ordering regulations and charges that are applicable when these services are ordered or modified.

The National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. (NECA) Access Service Tariff F.C.C. No. 5 on file with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is the official reference for NECA access tariff information. For your convenience, NECA has posted Tariff F.C.C. No. 5 on our website. Although precautions have been taken to insure that this material is identical to the filed version, undetected production errors may cause discrepancies to occur. In the case of any discrepancies, the official tariff on file with the FCC will prevail.

The full 1800+ page tariff is available for viewing at <a href="https://www.neca.org/search.aspx?mode=basic&text=tariff%20No%205">https://www.neca.org/search.aspx?mode=basic&text=tariff%20No%205</a>.

**Internet Only** we define it as DSL connection without voice service.

<u>Consumer Broadband Only Loop Service</u> we define it as customers purchasing broadband DSL connection with out voice service.

**Detariffed** is broadly defined as the act of removing the pricing regulations of an industry, set forth by tariffs created by a regulatory body. Detariffing allows an industry to price its goods or services at market value, as regulation is discontinued to promote market equilibrium.