



December 1, 2022

Ryan McAnany
Director, Telecommunications Division
Michigan Public Service Commission
7109 W. Saginaw Hwy.
P.O. Box 30221
Lansing, MI 48917

Dear Mr. McAnany:

RE: Notice of Opt-Out of Michigan Lifeline Program
MPSC Case No. U-21177

Pursuant to Michigan Telecommunications Act ("MTA") Section 316(10), enclosed is Buckeye Telesystem, Inc.'s ("BTS") Notice of Opt-Out of the Michigan Lifeline Program. If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact me at the number below or via email.

Sincerely,

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Attachment



**NOTICE TO MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
OPT-OUT FROM MICHIGAN LIFELINE PROGRAM
OF BUCKEYE TELESYSTEM, INC.**

Pursuant to Michigan Telecommunications Act (“MTA”) 316(10), Buckeye Telesystem, Inc. (“Company”) hereby notifies the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) that is it opting out of the Michigan Lifeline Program beginning March 1, 2023 (“Effective Date”). The Company has not been designated by the Commission an Eligible Telephone Company (“ETC”) for the purposes of receiving universal service fund (“USF”) support for High Cost and Lifeline/Link-up services.

In support of this Opt-Out Company states as follows:

1. Currently the Company has 0 Lifeline customers who would be impacted by this change, so no customer notifications need be provided.
2. The Company has trained its customer service representatives in the changes to no longer offer Lifeline discounts under the Michigan and Federal Lifeline programs.
3. The Company has programmed its billing systems to remove the Michigan and Federal Lifeline program discounts with the effective date of the opt-out.
4. Effective with the opt-out, changes in applicable tariff provisions which set forth the Michigan and Federal Lifeline Discounts will be filed with the Commission on behalf of the Company.



5. Opting out of the Michigan and Federal Lifeline Programs will not interrupt residential voice service to current Lifeline customers.
6. The Company does not have a Lifeline surcharge billed to any non-Lifeline customers to recover the state Lifeline discount.
7. The Company does participate in the Affordable Connectivity Program (“ACP”), and has ACP information and an application available to customers on its web page.

Dated December 1, 2022

Signed Michael J. Roth Company

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