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March 1, 2016

Dear Alma Telephone Customer:

Thank you for being a customer of Alma Telephone Company. Once again Alma is notifying you of a rate increase ordered by the Federal Communications Commission. Effective June 1, 2016, Alma will be raising its local rate for residential customers to \$18.00 per month. The local rate for business customers will also be increased to \$19.00 per month.

This is the 4th of several successive residential local rate increases ordered by the FCC in 2011. The first increase was from \$6.50 to \$10.00 effective July 1, 2012. The second increase was to \$14.00 effective July 1, 2013. The third increase was to \$16.00 effective December 1, 2014. This fourth increase is to \$18.00 effective June 1, 2016. Next year another increase to \$20.00 is scheduled to become effective July 1, 2017.

Alma is working with others to support an end to future required local rate increases that Alma believes penalizes you for being a customer of a rural telephone company.

Thank you for your business.

Sincerely,

Adolf L. Heins Manager