

PUBLIC NOTICE OF COPPER RETIREMENT UNDER RULE 51.329(a)

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Implementation Date: On or after September 23, 2024

Planned Network Changes(s) will occur at the following locations:

Etex Telephone Cooperative, Inc. is providing notice that it is retiring metallic copper feeder facilities to certain areas in portions of its service area. The specific locations are as follows:

In the Bettie exchange for the Begonia wire center, areas include portions of FM 2796, portions of Begonia Road, and portions of Hydrangea Road. For the Concord wire center, areas include portions of Dahlia Road, portions of Morning Glory Road, portions of Bluebonnet Road, portions of Ginger Road, and portions of FM 2263. For the Midway wire center, areas include portions of US Highway 271, portions of FM 593, portions of Mule Deer Road, portions of Mink Road, and portions of Mongoose Rd. For the Collins wire center, areas include portions of Begonia Road, portions of Collins Road, portions of Scott Road, portions of Jimmerson Road, and portions of State Highway 155 N. For the Ewell wire center, areas include portions of FM 593, portions of FM 2263, portions of FM 1975, portions of Peony Road, Sumac Road, Poinsettia Road, Sweet Pea Road, Ginger Road, Poppy Road, Lupine Road, Fluellen Road, and Fox Glove Road.



In the Pine Acres exchange for the Larkspur wire center, areas include portions of Larkspur Road, portions of Winding Way, portions of FM 1649, and portions of Gardenia Rd. For the Stamps wire center, areas include portions of FM 1649, portions of FM 1972, portions of Lilac Lane, and portions of Lazy Daisy Road.

In the Rosewood exchange for the Rosewood wire center, areas include portions of State Highway 154, portions of Arrowwood Road, Jaguar Road, Groundhog Road, Pecan Road, Nutmeg Road, Mimosa Road, Impala Road, Mora Road, and portions of Cedar Road.

In the Harleton exchange for the New Zion wire center, areas include portions of FM 2208, portions of FM 3001, Law Road, Driskell Bridge Road, Sid Craver Road, Cooper Road, Jackson Road, and FM 2208 Cutoff Road. For the Piney Cemetery wire center, areas include portions of FM 2208, portions of Ora Asa Johnson Road, Mae Oney Road, McPhail Road, Wilson Road. Haskell Oney Road, and Tom Smith Road. For the Hope wire center, areas include portions of FM 3001, portions of Macedonia Rd, Beatty Road, Edwards Road, Liberty Road, and Kirk Road.

All Etex Telephone Cooperative, Inc.'s (hereinafter referred to as "Etex") copper retirement notices may be viewed on Etex's website at:

https://www.etex.net/customer-resources/

Description of the planned network change(s):

Etex intends to retire the copper facilities at the locations listed above. Etex has deployed or plans to deploy its fiber-to-the-premises network in these area(s) and intends to provide services over a fiber network infrastructure. Upgrading from copper to fiber facilities will provide benefit to Etex's customers in terms of reliability, resiliency, and available bandwidth.

Description of reasonably foreseeable impact(s) of the planned change(s):

After the retirement of the copper facilities, Etex will (1) no longer offer services over copper facilities; and (2) cease maintaining the copper facilities. To help ensure orderly transition, Etex may require customers and interconnecting entities to migrate services off of copper facilities well before the copper retirement implementation date.