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COMMENTS INVITED ON GALLATIN RIVER COMMUNICATIONS, LLC
APPLICATION TO DISCONTINUE DOMESTIC SERVICES
IN STAUNTON AND LIVINGSTON, ILLINOIS

NSD File No. W-P-D-486

Section 214 Application

Applicant: Gallatin River Communications, LLC

On March 8, 2001, Gallatin River Communications, LLC ("Gallatin River") filed an application requesting authority under section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. § 214(a), and section 63.71 of the Federal Communications Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue service to certain local exchange facilities in connection with a proposed sale of such facilities to Madison Telephone Company, LLC ("Madison Telephone").

The application states that Gallatin River requests authorization to discontinue the provision of intra- and interstate telecommunications services in the Staunton and Livingston exchanges in the state of Illinois. Gallatin River is selling, and Madison Telephone Company ("Madison Telephone") is acquiring, these exchanges in an asset purchase and sale transaction. The Staunton and Livingston exchanges are located in south central Illinois. Gallatin River proposes to discontinue service as of the closing date of the purchase and sale transaction, which is stated to be scheduled for mid-April, 2001. Madison Telephone will provide service subject to its own tariffed rates. The existing local and intraLATA calling rates will be maintained. The service areas affected include rural communities consisting primarily of residential and small business end users. These areas are contiguous with Madison Telephone's existing exchanges in Worden, Hamil and Prairietown. The affected service areas consist of approximately 3,380 access lines in the Staunton exchange and 870 access lines in the Livingston exchange. No other carriers currently provide local exchange or exchange access service in the subject exchanges. The parties have applied jointly to the Illinois Commerce Commission for authorization to complete the proposed transaction.

In accordance with 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(c), an application such as this is deemed to be automatically granted on the 60th day after the release date of this notice without any Commission notification to the applicant, unless the Commission has notified the applicant that the grant will not be automatically effective. The FCC will normally authorize proposed discontinuances of service unless it is shown that customers or other end users would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from

another carrier, or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. In this instance, the applicant is hereby notified that the grant of its application will not be automatically effective on the 60th day after the release date of this notice but will instead be automatically granted on the date that the Illinois Commerce Commission authorizes the parties to complete the proposed transaction.

Comments objecting to this application must be filed with the Commission by **May 8, 2001**. Comments should refer to application file number **W-P-D-486**. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance on the commenter, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service. Comments should be sent to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. Two copies of the comments should also be sent to the Network Services Division, 445 12th Street, SW, Room 6-A207, Washington, DC 20554.

The application will be available for review and copying during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-A257, Washington, DC 20554, (202) 418-0270. The application may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service, Inc. (ITS), 1231 20th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036, telephone 202-857-3800, facsimile 202-857-3805, TTY 202-293-8810.

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For further information on Section 214s please visit our web site at: <http://www.fcc.gov/ccb/nsd/documents/214.html>.

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