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COMMENTS INVITED ON VIATEL, INC. AND VIATEL SERVICES, INC. APPLICATION TO DISCONTINUE PROVIDING DOMESTIC SERVICES

NSD File No. W-P-D-487

Section 214 Application

Applicant: Viatel, Inc. and Viatel Services, Inc.

On March 15, 2001, Viatel, Inc. and Viatel Services, Inc. (together "Viatel" or "Applicants") 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 certain U.S. domestic telecommunications services.

The application states that Viatel requests authorization to discontinue the provision of dedicated services that Applicants currently provide via their switches located in Chicago, Illinois, Dallas, Texas, Miami, Florida, and Washington, DC to customers in Florida, Pennsylvania, Texas, Colorado, Michigan, Indiana, Maryland, New Jersey, New York and Washington, DC. The application states that Viatel intends to completely shut down the switches currently used to provide these dedicated services because their operation is no longer cost effective. Viatel intends to decommission these switches on May 14, 2001.

In accordance with 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(c), the application will be deemed to be automatically granted on the 31st 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.

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-487**. 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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