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COMMENTS INVITED ON CABLE & WIRELESS, USA, INC. APPLICATION TO DISCONTINUE DOMESTIC SERVICES

NSD File No. W-P-D-490

Comments Due: May 18, 2001

Section 214 Application

Applicant: Cable & Wireless, USA, Inc.

On March 30, 2001, Cable & Wireless, USA, Inc. (C&W) 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 (Commission) rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue C&W's provision of United Telnet (T-Net) service, an inbound and outbound, switched and dedicated access long distance toll service.

The application states that C&W has offered T-Net service since August 1997. C&W provides T-Net service to 1,028 customers throughout the United States, excluding Hawaii, Alaska, Arkansas and South Dakota. C&W states that in recent months, network and other expense associated with the provision of T-Net service have become increasingly costly, resulting in lost revenue to C&W and increased costs to T-Net customers.

The application states that, in August/September 2000, C&W notified T-Net customers of the availability of an optional C&W service to which T-Net customers could migrate and receive comparable service at competitive rates, priced at or below the rates for T-Net; customers who chose to migrate would not be subject to a minimum monthly usage charge or set-up/installation fees. The application also states that on February 1, 2001, C&W gave notice to all affected customers of its proposed discontinuance of T-Net service by ordinary mail delivered through the U.S. Postal Service, and that on March 29, 2001, C&W submitted a copy of the application to the Secretary of Defense and the Public Utility Commission and Governor of each State in which discontinuance is proposed.

In accordance with section 63.71(c) of the Commission's rules, 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 prior to that date the Commission has notified the applicant that the grant will not be automatic. 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 would be otherwise adversely affected.

Comments objecting to this application must be filed with the Commission by **May 18, 2001**. Such comments should refer to application file number **W-P-D-490**. 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, Common Carrier Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW, Room 6-A207, Washington, DC 20554; Attention: Carmell Weathers.

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.

For further information, contact Carmell Weathers, (202) 418-2325 (voice), cweather@fcc.gov, or Marty Schwimmer (202) 418-2320 (voice), mschwimm@fcc.gov, of the Network Services Division, Common Carrier Bureau. The TTY number is (202) 418-0484. For further information on procedures regarding Section 214 please visit the Network Services Division web site at: <http://www.fcc.gov/ccb/nsd/documents/214.html>.

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