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COMMENTS INVITED ON CINCINNATI BELL APPLICATION TO DISCONTINUE DOMESTIC INTERSTATE SERVICES

NSD File No. W-P-D-491

Comments Due: May 18, 2001

Section 214 Application

Applicant: Cincinnati Bell Long Distance

On February 15, 2001, Cincinnati Bell Long Distance (CBLD) 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 CBLD's resale and facilities-based interstate domestic long distance services.

The application indicates that CBLD's long distance subscribers have been transferred to an affiliate of CBLD, Broadwing Telecommunications Inc. (Broadwing), pursuant to a waiver permitting the transfer without first obtaining subscribers' authorization and verification under sections 64.1100 through 64.1190 of the Commission's rules.¹ As required by that waiver order, Broadwing notified CBLD customers that they would be transferred to Broadwing automatically unless they chose another long distance carrier. Customers were also informed that they would receive service at the same rates provided by CBLD.

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**,

¹ Broadwing Telecommunications Inc. Petition for Waiver, *Order*, DA 00-748, 15 FCC Rcd 10,141 (Com. Car. Bur. 2000).

2001. Such comments should refer to application file number **W-P-D-491**. 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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