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COMMENTS INVITED ON DSLNET COMMUNICATIONS, LLC APPLICATION TO DISCONTINUE DOMESTIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

NSD File No. W-P-D-516

Comments Due: August 30, 2001

Section 214 Application

Applicant: DSLnet Communications, LLC

On **July 20, 2001**, **DSLnet Communications, LLC** (DSLnet or Applicant), located at **545 Long Wharf Drive, Fifth Floor, New Haven, CT 06511**, 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 (FCC or Commission) rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue its domestic telecommunications services. Specifically, DSLnet requests authority to discontinue its interstate special access DSL service for high-speed internet access in certain markets in the following states: Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Idaho, Kansas, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Texas.

The application indicates that on July 17, 2001, DSLnet provided its customers written notice of its planned discontinuance in accordance with Section 63.71(a)(5)(i) of the Commission's rules. Applicant states that in addition to the regulation's required language, the notice explains that DSLnet is striving to identify alternative providers that would be able to provide comparable service in a manner that avoids, or at least minimizes, service disruption and inconvenience. Applicant explains that the proposed discontinuance is interstate in nature, and it does not propose to discontinue any of its intrastate services, nor does it seek to cancel or amend any existing state or federal license or tariff.

In accordance with 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(c), the application will be deemed to be automatically granted on the thirty-first (31st) day after the release date of this notice, unless the Commission has notified 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 **August 30, 2001**. Such comments should refer to application file number **W-P-D-516**. 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 (2) 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: Carmel Weathers. In addition, commenters should provide one (1) copy to Applicant.

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. A copy of 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 Carmel Weathers, (202) 418-2325 (voice), cweather@fcc.gov, or Jon Minkoff (202) 418-2353 (voice), jminkoff@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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