



PUBLIC NOTICE

Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

News media information 202 / 418-0500
Fax-On-Demand 202 / 418-2830
Internet: <http://www.fcc.gov>
TTY 202 / 418-2555

DA 01-1988
August 23, 2001

COMMENTS INVITED ON 2nd CENTURY COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
APPLICATION TO DISCONTINUE DOMESTIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS
SERVICES

NSD File No. W-P-D-512

Comments Due: September 6, 2001

Section 214 Application

Applicant: 2nd Century Communications, Inc.

On **July 25, 2001**, **2nd Century Communications, Inc.** (2nd Century or Applicant), located at **11921 Rockville Pike, Suite 500, Rockville, MD 20852**, 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 providing domestic telecommunications services. Specifically, Applicant seeks authority to discontinue providing voice and data services in the following states (as well as the District of Columbia): California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Nevada, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and Wisconsin.

The application indicates that as a result of both inadequate revenues and financing, Applicant was forced to curtail its provision of services beginning in December 2000. In June of this year, Applicant states that it filed for bankruptcy and is presently winding down its operations through a Chapter 11 filing.

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 **September 6, 2001**. Such comments should refer to application file number **W-P-D-512**. 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: Carmell Weathers. In addition, one (1) copy should be provided 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 Carmell 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>.

-FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION-