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**COMMENTS INVITED ON SOURIS RIVER TELECOMMUNICATIONS
COMPANY d/b/a SRT LONG DISTANCE APPLICATION TO DISCONTINUE
DOMESTIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES**

NSD File No. W-P-D-531

Comments Due: November 20, 2001

Section 214 Application

Applicant: Souris River Telecommunications Company d/b/a SRT Long Distance

On **October 22, 2001**, **Souris River Telecommunications Company d/b/a SRT Long Distance** (SRTLTD or Applicant), located at **3615 North Broadway, Minot, ND 58702**, filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission), requesting authority under section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. § 214(a), and section 63.71 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue its domestic telecommunications services.

The application indicates that SRTLTD seeks to discontinue providing resold, domestic long distance services. According to the application, SRTLTD provides in-region interexchange services to the customers of SRT Communication, Inc. (SRTC), an incumbent local exchange carrier in the state of North Dakota. Applicant states that it is a wholly owned subsidiary of SRTC, and explains that if it receives discontinuance authority, SRTC will reorganize and provide long distance services through a separate division of the corporation. Applicant also states that on October 22, 2001, it provided its customers with notice of the proposed discontinuance, as required by Commission rules.¹

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

¹ See 47 CFR § 63.71(a)(5)(i).

adversely affected.

This proceeding is considered a "permit but disclose" proceeding for purposes of the Commission's *ex parte* rules.² Comments objecting to this application must be filed with the Commission by **November 20, 2001**. Such comments should refer to application file number **W-P-D-531**. 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. Comments should also be served upon 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, Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-B402, Washington, DC, 20554, telephone 202-863-2893, facsimile 202-863-2898, or via e-mail at **qualexint@aol.com**.

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>.

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² See generally 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 - 1.1216.