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

**DA 02-1172  
May 15, 2002**

**COMMENTS INVITED ON ADVANCED TELCOM, INC. d/b/a ADVANCED  
TELCOM GROUP APPLICATION TO DISCONTINUE DOMESTIC  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES**

**Comp. Pol. File No. 585**

**Comments Due: May 29, 2002**

**Section 214 Application**

**Applicant: Advanced Telcom, Inc. d/b/a Advanced Telcom Group**

On **April 25, 2002**, **Advanced Telcom, Inc. d/b/a Advanced Telcom Group** (ATG or Applicant), located at **110 Stony Point Road, Second Floor, Santa Rosa, CA 95401**, filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission), requesting authority under section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214(a), and section 63.71 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue certain of its domestic telecommunications services.

The application indicates that ATG seeks authority to discontinue all voice and data telecommunications services, including long distance, to its approximately nine hundred forty-four customers (944) in the states of Maryland and Virginia.<sup>1</sup> Applicant explains that due to difficult business circumstances, it has reevaluated and redefined its business strategies, and that its decision to withdraw service from these markets is a strategic business move based on internal business planning.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Discontinuance of international service is governed by 47 C.F.R. § 63.19.

<sup>2</sup> The application states that ATG intends to discontinue service on June 7, 2002. ATG has orally requested a waiver of the thirty-one (31) day notice period found in section 63.71(c) of the Commission's rules (*see* 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(c)), and has indicated that it intends to file a formal request to waive this rule.

Applicant states that it provided notice of the proposed discontinuance to all affected customers on April 26, 2002. A sample customer notice letter attached to the application contained the language required by Commission rules.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> See 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(5)(i).

In accordance with 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(c), the application will be deemed to be automatically granted on the thirty-first (31<sup>st</sup>) day after the release date of this notice, unless the Commission has notified Applicant that the grant will not be automatically effective. The Commission 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.

This proceeding is considered a “permit but disclose” proceeding for purposes of the Commission's *ex parte* rules.<sup>4</sup> Pursuant to Sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments on or before **May 29, 2002**. Such comments should refer to **Comp. Pol. File No. 585**. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance on the commenter, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service. The original and four (4) copies of the comments should be sent to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. Two (2) copies of the comments should also be sent to the Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Room 6-A207, Washington, DC 20554, Attention: Carmell Weathers. In addition, Comments should be served upon Applicant. Commenters are also requested to fax their comments to the FCC at (202) 418-2345, Attention: Carmell Weathers.

Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail). The Commission's contractor, Vistrionix, Inc., will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Suite 110, Washington, D.C. 20002. The filing hours at this location are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building. Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. U.S. Postal Service first-class mail, Express Mail, and Priority Mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20554. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

The application will be available for review and copying during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Center, Portals II, 445 12<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Room CY-B402, Washington, DC, 20554, telephone 202-863-2893, facsimile 202-863-2898, or via e-mail at [qualexint@aol.com](mailto:qualexint@aol.com).

For further information, contact Carmell Weathers, (202) 418-2325 (voice), [cweather@fcc.gov](mailto:cweather@fcc.gov), or Jon Minkoff (202) 418-2353 (voice), [jminkoff@fcc.gov](mailto:jminkoff@fcc.gov) of the Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau. The TTY number is (202) 418-0484. For further information on procedures regarding Section 214 please visit [http://www.fcc.gov/wcb/cpd/other\\_adjud](http://www.fcc.gov/wcb/cpd/other_adjud)

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<sup>4</sup> See generally 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 - 1.1216.

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