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COMMENTS INVITED ON TLX COMMUNICATIONS, INC. D/B/A
TELAMERICA AND ADVANCED TEL, INC. D/B/A EATEL APPLICATION TO
DISCONTINUE DOMESTIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

Comp. Pol. File No. 604

Comments Due: October 18, 2002

Section 214 Application

Applicant: TLX Communications, Inc. d/b/a TelAmerica and Advanced Tel, Inc. d/b/a Eatel

On August 28, 2002, TLX Communications, Inc. d/b/a TelAmerica and Advanced Tel, Inc. d/b/a Eatel (collectively Applicants) located at 913 South Burnside Avenue, Gonzales, Louisiana 70737-4258 filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission), requesting authority under section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended¹, to discontinue the provision of interstate long distance service to selected markets.²

The application states that Applicants are affiliated corporations,³ and are seeking to streamline their respective operations by discontinuing services in specified markets where there exist few or no subscribers. Applicants seek to discontinue service to residents of Arizona, California, Illinois and Indiana. A letter was mailed to the fifteen affected customers of TLX

¹ 47 U.S.C. § 214(a). See also 47 C.F.R. § 63.71.

² Applicants, both non-dominant international carriers, will also simultaneously discontinue the provision of international services to these markets. Applicants have taken the appropriate steps to discontinue the provision of intrastate interexchange service within the affected jurisdictions.

³ Each Applicant is ultimately owned by EATELCORP, Inc., a Louisiana corporation owned by U.S. citizens.

⁴ Advanced Tel, Inc. serves no customers in these states, and TLX Communications, Inc. serves only a total of 15 customers, 4 in Arizona and 11 in California. TLX Communications, Inc. has not current customers in either Illinois or Indiana and

Communications, Inc. on August 12, 2002 notifying customer of the Applicants' intent to discontinue service.

In accordance with section 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.⁵ 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. Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, interested parties may file comments on or before **October 18, 2002**. Such comments should refer to **Comp. Pol. File No. 604.** 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 12th 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 12th 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, Vistronix, 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 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.

⁵ 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(c).

⁶ See generally 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 - 1.1216.

⁷ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.415, 1.419.

For further information, contact Carmell Weathers, (202) 418-2325 (voice), cweather@fcc.gov, or John Adams (202) 418-0394 (voice), jkadams@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

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