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COMMENTS INVITED ON ADELPHIA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, INC.
APPLICATION TO DISCONTINUE DOMESTIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS
SERVICES

Comp. Pol. File No. 615

Comments Due: December 09, 2002

Section 214 Application

Applicant: Adelphia Business Solutions, Inc.

On **November 5, 2002**, **Adelphia Business Solutions, Investment LLC** (ABS or Applicant) located at **One North Main Street, Coudersport, PA 16915**, 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,¹ and section 63.71 of the Commissions rules² to discontinue providing certain of its domestic telecommunications services.

The application indicates that ABS seeks authority to discontinue providing service to Total Service Resale Customers in Central Pennsylvania (the areas in and around Harrisburg, Lancaster, State College, Scranton, and York) and Western Pennsylvania (the areas in and around Pittsburgh and Erie). According to the applicant, the affected customers are not located in rate centers from which it can provide facilities-based services. The applicant states that this application does not affect any facilities-based service ABS provides in Pennsylvania or any other state. Furthermore, the application states that ABS will continue provisioning some local exchange services through resale where either (1) the customer is being or will be converted in the near future to ABS owned facilities or (2) the customer has a number of offices, and has the majority of its services provisioned through ABS owned facilities but has some remote offices with a small number of lines in rate centers that ABS is

¹ 47 U.S.C. § 214(a).

² 47 C.F.R. § 63.71.

unable to provide its own facilities. The application indicates ABS notified affected customers in writing by e-mail and mail of the proposed discontinuance.

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.³ 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.⁴ 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 **December 09, 2002**. Such comments should refer to **Comp. Pol. File No. 615**. 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: John Adams.

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 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.

³ 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(c).

⁴ See generally 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 - 1.1216.

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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