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

**DA 02-973
April 29, 2002**

**COMMENTS INVITED ON REITZ RENTALS, INC. D/B/A SOUTHWEST
TELECONNECT APPLICATION TO DISCONTINUE DOMESTIC
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES**

Comp. Pol. File No. 579

Comments Due: May 13, 2002

Section 214 Application

Applicant: Reitz Rentals, Inc. d/b/a SouthWest TeleConnect

On **March 15, 2002**, **Reitz Rentals, Inc. d/b/a SouthWest TeleConnect (Applicant or SouthWest)**, located at **2150 Herr Street, Harrisburg, PA 17103**, 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 Reitz Rentals, Inc. d/b/a SouthWest TeleConnect, seeks to discontinue providing intrastate local exchange telecommunications services in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas. Metro Teleconnect Companies, Inc. (Metro Teleconnect), is purchasing SouthWest's customer base in those states. Under this agreement, those SouthWest customers that do not elect another telecommunications local service provider will receive local exchange service from Metro Teleconnect. No customer will lose service as a result of SouthWest's discontinuance. SouthWest proposes to discontinue the provision of local exchange service to residential customers on or about April 15, 2002. On March 15, 2002, SouthWest and Metro Teleconnect jointly mailed SouthWest's customers a letter informing them of the planned discontinuance.

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.

This proceeding is considered a "permit but disclose" proceeding for purposes of the Commission's *ex parte* rules.¹ Comments objecting to this application must be filed with the Commission by **May 13, 2002**. Such comments should refer to application file number **Comp. Pol. File No. 579**. 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 Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW, Room 6-A207, Washington, DC 20554, Attention: Carmell Weathers. Comments should also be served upon Applicant. Commenters are also requested to fax their comments to the FCC at (202) 418-2345, Attention: Pamela Arluk.

Interested parties who wish to file comments via messenger-delivery or hand-delivery are also notified that effective December 18, 2001, the Commission will only receive such deliveries weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., via its contractor, Vistronix, Inc., located at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, NE, Suite 110, Washington, DC 20002. **The Commission no longer accepts these filings at 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743.** Please note that all hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners, and envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building. In addition, this is a reminder that as of October 18, 2001, the Commission no longer accepts hand-delivered or messenger-delivered filings at its headquarters at 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554. Other messenger-delivered documents, including documents sent by overnight mail (other than United States Postal Service (USPS) Express and Priority Mail), must be addressed to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. This location is open weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. USPS First-Class, Express, and Priority Mail should be addressed to the Commission's headquarters at 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554. The following chart summarizes this information:

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¹ See generally 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 - 1.1216.

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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 Pamela Arluk (202) 418-1471 (voice), parluk@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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