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**COMMENTS INVITED ON APPLICATION OF CORECOMM
PENNSYLVANIA, INC., CORECOMM RHODE ISLAND, INC., CORECOMM
CALIFORNIA, INC., CORECOMM TEXAS, INC., AND CORECOMM NEWCO,
INC. TO DISCONTINUE DOMESTIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES**

WC Docket No. 05-204
Comp. Pol. File No. 713

Comments Due: June 17, 2005

Section 214 Application

Applicants: CoreComm Pennsylvania, Inc., CoreComm Rhode Island, Inc., CoreComm California, Inc., CoreComm Texas, Inc., CoreComm Newco, Inc.

On May 4, 2005, CoreComm Pennsylvania, Inc., CoreComm Rhode Island, Inc., CoreComm California, Inc., CoreComm Texas, Inc., and CoreComm Newco, Inc. (collectively, CoreComm or Applicants), located at **2100 Renaissance Boulevard, King of Prussia, PA 19406**, filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) requesting authority to the extent necessary, under section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214, and section 63.71 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue the provision of certain domestic and international telecommunications services¹ to customers located in the states of California, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Texas. By an amendment filed June 2, 2005, CoreComm clarified certain issues raised in its initial application. Accordingly, the application is deemed complete and officially filed with the Commission on June 2, 2005.

In its application, CoreComm indicates that its parent company, ATX Communications, Inc. (ATX), plans to emerge from Chapter 11 bankruptcy by refocusing its business plan in order to achieve long term profitability. CoreComm states that as part of ATX's plan, CoreComm has determined to discontinue the provision of local, intrastate toll, interstate toll, and international telecommunications services to customers located in the affected states. CoreComm asserts that the anticipated date for the discontinuance of service is July 5, 2005, or as soon thereafter as the necessary state and federal regulatory authorizations have been obtained. CoreComm indicates that the services to be discontinued are competitive in nature, and that, on May 3, 2005, it provided customer notification of the proposed discontinuance, in accordance with the requirements of section 63.71(a) of the Commission's rules and in

¹ Discontinuance of international service is governed by 47 C.F.R. § 63.19.

sufficient time to allow customers to make arrangements for replacement services. CoreComm further submits that it is a non-dominant carrier with respect to the services that it proposes to discontinue.

In accordance with section 63.71(c) of the Commission's rules, CoreComm's application will be deemed to be automatically granted on the thirty-first (31st) day after the release date of this public notice, unless the Commission notifies CoreComm that the grant will not be automatically effective. In CoreComm's application and notice to customers, CoreComm indicates that it anticipates discontinuing service on July 5, 2005, or as soon thereafter as the necessary governmental approvals can be obtained. Accordingly, pursuant to section 63.71(c), absent further Commission action, CoreComm may not terminate service to the customers affected by this application until **July 5, 2005**. 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, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200-1.1216. Comments objecting to this application must be filed with the Commission on or before **June 17, 2005**. Such comments should refer to **WC Docket No. 05-204 and Comp. Pol. File No. 713**. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance on the commenter, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies. *See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 Fed. Reg. 24121 (1998). Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <<http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>>. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and should include the following words in the subject line "get form <your e-mail address>." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply.

Parties who choose to file by paper must send an original and four (4) copies of the comments to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325, Washington, D.C. 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, S.W., Room 5-C327, Washington, D.C. 20554, Attention: Carmell Weathers. In addition, comments should be served upon the Applicants. 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, Natek, 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, S.W.,

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, S.W., Room CY-A257, Washington, D.C. 20554, (202) 418-0270. A copy of the application may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc., 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554, telephone (202) 488-5300, facsimile (202) 488-5563, or via e-mail at FCC@BCPIWEB.COM.

For further information, contact Carmell Weathers, (202) 418-2325 (voice), carmell.weathers@fcc.gov, or Denise Coca, (202) 418-0574 (voice), denise.coca@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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