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COMMENTS INVITED ON APPLICATION OF LOCAL LONG DISTANCE, L.C. TO DISCONTINUE DOMESTIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

WC Docket No. 09-120 Comp. Pol. File No. 913

Comments Due: July 27, 2009

Section 214 Application Applicant: Local Long Distance, L.C.

On June 30, 2009, Local Long Distance, L.C. (LLD or Applicant), located at 106 East Robins, P.O. Box 298, Graettinger, IA 51342-0298, filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) requesting authority, 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 telecommunications services in Iowa.¹

LLD indicates that it currently provides domestic long distance services in Iowa on a resale basis, including prepaid packages, flat rate, calling card and personal 800 number services. LLD states that its long distance services are marketed to the public under the brand name "Local Alliance Network." LLD indicates, however, that it now intends to discontinue its provision of domestic long distance services in the Terril and Royal local wireline exchange areas (Service Areas). Specifically, LLD states that it plans to discontinue its provision of these services on or after August 1, 2009, subject to Commission authorization. LLD maintains that the proposed discontinuance of service will not be disruptive to the current or future public convenience or necessity because customers in the Service Areas will continue to enjoy competitive choices for domestic long distance service, including service provided by the carriers whose service LLD resells. LLD indicates that it sent notice of the proposed discontinuance to all affected customers via U.S. Mail on June 24, 2009. LLD states that it is considered non-dominant with respect to the affected services.

In accordance with section 63.71(c) of the Commission's rules, LLD's application will be deemed to be granted automatically on the 31st day after the release date of this public notice, unless the Commission notifies LLD that the grant will not be automatically effective. In its application and notice to customers, LLD indicates that it anticipates discontinuing service on or after August 1, 2009, subject to Commission authorization. Accordingly, pursuant to section 63.71(c) and the terms of LLD's application and notice, absent further Commission action, LLD may terminate its domestic long distance services in the Service Areas on or after **August 10, 2009**. The Commission normally will authorize proposed

¹ This application was subsequently received in the Competition Policy Division of the Wireline Competition Bureau on July 6, 2009.

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 July 27, 2009. Such comments should refer to WC Docket No. 09-120 and Comp. Pol. File No. 913. 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 FR 24121 (1998). Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/. Filers should follow the instructions provided on the Web site for submitting comments. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. In completing the transmittal screen, filers 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, filers should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and include the following words in the body of the message, "get form." A sample form and directions will be sent in response.

Parties who choose to file by paper must send an original and four 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. Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission. The Commission's contractor 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, and Priority mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.

Two 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-C140, Washington, D.C. 20554, Attention: Carmell Weathers. In addition, comments should be served upon the Applicant. Commenters are also requested to fax their comments to the FCC at (202) 418-1413, Attention: Carmell Weathers.

The application will be available for public inspection 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 duplicating 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. People with Disabilities: To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 (voice), (202) 418-0432 (tty).

For further information, contact Carmell Weathers, (202) 418-2325 (voice), carmell.weathers@fcc.gov, or Christina Parker, (202) 418-2331 (voice), christina.parker@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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