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**COMMENTS INVITED ON APPLICATION OF CYPRESS COMMUNICATIONS  
OPERATING COMPANY, LLC TO DISCONTINUE DOMESTIC  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES**

**WC Docket No. 09-224**  
**Comp. Pol. File No. 922**

**Comments Due: December 30, 2009**

**Section 214 Application**

**Applicant: Cypress Communications Operating Company, LLC**

On **December 3, 2009**, **Cypress Communications Operating Company, LLC** (Cypress or Applicant), located at **4 Piedmont Center, Suite 600, 3565 Piedmont Road, Atlanta, GA 30305**, 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 Pennsylvania.

Cypress indicates that it is a leading provider of bundled telecommunications services to small and medium-sized businesses located in multi-tenant commercial office buildings in major metropolitan markets in the United States. Specifically, Cypress states that it currently offers its customers integrated service bundles that include local, long distance, and international telecommunications services; high speed Internet connectivity; e-mail services; fully managed firewall services; web hosting; virtual private networks; feature-rich digital desktop stations; calling cards; audio and web conferencing; and digital business television. Cypress indicates that it has identified two customer sites in Pennsylvania where revenue has been declining for some time. Accordingly, Cypress states that, in an effort to maintain its operating network in the most efficient manner, it plans to discontinue its provision of voice and data services to approximately thirty-three customers at these locations in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.<sup>1</sup> Cypress indicates that it plans to discontinue all of these services on or after February 2, 2010, subject to regulatory approval. Cypress maintains that the proposed discontinuance of services will not result in harm to the affected customers because numerous CLECs and ILECs in their area will continue to offer some, if not all, of the services that Cypress plans to discontinue. Cypress indicates that it sent notice of the proposed discontinuance to all affected customers via first-class U.S. Mail on December 1, 2009. Cypress 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, Cypress's application will be deemed to be granted automatically on the 31st day after the release date of this public notice, unless the

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<sup>1</sup> Discontinuance of international service is governed by 47 C.F.R. § 63.19.

Commission notifies Cypress that the grant will not be automatically effective. In its application and notice to customers, Cypress indicates that it anticipates discontinuing service on or after February 2, 2010, subject to Commission authorization. Accordingly, pursuant to section 63.71(c) and the terms of Cypress's application and notice, absent further Commission action, Cypress may terminate the affected domestic telecommunications services in Pennsylvania on or after **February 2, 2010**. The Commission normally will 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 **December 30, 2009**. Such comments should refer to **WC Docket No. 09-224 and Comp. Pol. File No. 922**. 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](mailto: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 through December 25, 2009. However, effective December 28, 2009, the Commission's contractor will only receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at the FCC Headquarters building, located at 445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325, Washington, D.C. 20554.** The filing hours at both locations are Monday through Friday, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:carmell.weathers@fcc.gov), or Christina Parker, (202) 418-2331 (voice), [christina.parker@fcc.gov](mailto: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](http://www.fcc.gov/wcb/cpd/other_adjud).

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