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**COMMENTS INVITED ON APPLICATION OF
SHENTEL CONVERGED SERVICES, INC. D/B/A NTC COMMUNICATIONS TO
DISCONTINUE INTERCONNECTED VOIP SERVICES**

WC Docket No. 11-193
Comp. Pol. File No. 1020

Comments Due: December 7, 2011

On October 27, 2011, Shentel Converged Services, Inc. d/b/a NTC Communications (Shentel or Applicant), located at **P.O. Box 459, Edinburg, VA 22824**, 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 a certain interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) service provided to one multiple dwelling unit property (MDU) in Maryland.

Shentel indicates that it currently provides interconnected VoIP service that includes local and long distance voice services and ancillary services to the Millennium Hall MDU (Millennium Hall) at Towson University in Towson, Maryland (Service Area). Shentel clarifies that this interconnected VoIP service is a bulk VoIP service provided to Capstone Management, the company that manages Millennium Hall. Shentel states that there are multiple end users of its bulk VoIP service at Millennium Hall, but Shentel does not bill the residents of Millennium Hall directly. Instead, Shentel indicates that Capstone Management includes local interconnected VoIP service as part of the residents' monthly rent, and the long distance capabilities of the VoIP service are provided only to the Millennium Hall management office. Shentel states, however, that Capstone Management has notified Shentel of its decision to utilize another service provider for Millennium Hall. Shentel indicates that it therefore plans to discontinue providing VoIP service to Capstone Management on or after December 28, 2011, subject to Commission authorization. Shentel maintains that none of the end users at Millennium Hall will lose access to interconnected VoIP service as a result of the planned discontinuance because these services will be replaced by another provider. Shentel also emphasizes that the planned discontinuance will apply only to the VoIP service provided to Capstone Management in the Service Area, and customers in areas other than Millennium Hall will not be affected. Shentel indicates that it notified Capstone Management of the proposed discontinuance by a letter sent via U.S. mail on October 27, 2011. Shentel states that it is non-dominant with respect to the service to be discontinued.

In accordance with section 63.71(c) of the Commission's rules, Shentel'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 Shentel that the grant will not be automatically effective. In the customer notice, Shentel indicates that it plans to discontinue its interconnected VoIP service to Capstone Management in the Service Area on or after December 28, 2011, subject to Commission authorization. Accordingly, pursuant to section 63.71(c) and the terms of Shentel's customer notice, absent further Commission action, Shentel may cease to provide its interconnected VoIP service to Capstone Management in the

Service Area on or after **December 28, 2011**. 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 7, 2011**. Such comments should refer to **WC Docket No. 11-193 and Comp. Pol. File No. 1020**. 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://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs2/>. 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 who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing. 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. All hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission’s Secretary must be delivered to FCC Headquarters at 445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325, Washington, D.C. 20554. The filing hours 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 and boxes 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, Express, and Priority mail must 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 Kimberly Jackson, (202) 418-7393 (voice), kimberly.jackson@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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