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COMMENTS INVITED ON APPLICATION OF COMCAST PHONE, LLC D/B/A CIMCO TO DISCONTINUE DOMESTIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

WC Docket No. 11-200
Comp. Pol. File No. 1026

Comments Due: December 29, 2011

Section 214 Application

Applicant: Comcast Phone, LLC d/b/a CIMCO

On **November 21, 2011**, **Comcast Phone, LLC d/b/a CIMCO** (Comcast Phone or Applicant), located at **One Comcast Center, 1701 John F. Kennedy Boulevard, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103**, 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 a certain domestic telecommunications service in Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Michigan, Texas and Wisconsin (collectively Service Areas).¹

Comcast Phone indicates that it currently offers a postpaid calling card service called Solution Calling Card Service in the Service Areas. Comcast Phone explains that it provides its Solution Calling Card Service to enterprise customers that then distribute the cards to selected employees. Comcast Phone further explains that its Solution Calling Card Service permits customers that are away from the principal presubscribed location to charge the principal location for a call using a particular third-party vendor as the underlying carrier. Comcast Phone indicates that currently there are approximately 100 enterprise customers for its Solution Calling Card Service. Comcast maintains that approximately 40 of these customers have been active in the past three months, and that, in the past year, the service has only been used by customers in Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin. Comcast Phone states that the underlying third-party carrier for Solution Calling Card Service has indicated that it will no longer support the service after January 31, 2012. Comcast Phone submits that it has, therefore, decided to discontinue offering and providing its Solution Calling Card Service in the Service Areas effective January 31, 2012, subject to Commission authorization.² Comcast Phone maintains that the proposed discontinuance will not result in

¹ Comcast Phone's application was subsequently received in the Competition Policy Division of the Wireline Competition Bureau on November 28, 2011.

² Comcast Phone states that it provides domestic interstate and international telecommunications services. Discontinuance of international service is governed by 47 C.F.R. § 63.19. Comcast Phone asserts that it has simultaneously filed notice of the proposed discontinuance with the International Bureau pursuant to Section 63.19 of the Commission's rules.

material harm to the affected customers because they can easily obtain alternatives from other service providers and they will retain all of their other telecommunications services that Comcast Phone provides. Comcast Phone indicates that, on November 21, 2011, it notified all affected customers of the proposed discontinuance by letters sent via the U.S. Postal Service in accordance with the requirements of section 63.71(a) of the Commission's rules. Comcast Phone asserts that it is considered non-dominant with respect to the service to be discontinued.

In accordance with section 63.71(c) of the Commission's rules, Comcast Phone'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 Comcast Phone that the grant will not be automatically effective. In the application and customer notice, Comcast Phone indicates that it plans to discontinue its Solution Calling Card Service in the Service Areas effective January 31, 2012, subject to Commission authorization. Accordingly, pursuant to section 63.71(c) and the terms of Comcast Phone's application and notice, absent further Commission action, Comcast Phone may terminate its Solution Calling Card Service in the Service Areas on or after **January 31, 2012**. 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 29, 2011**. Such comments should refer to **WC Docket No. 11-200 and Comp. Pol. File No. 1026**. 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 Rodney McDonald, (202) 418-7513 (voice), rodney.mcdonald@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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