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**COMMENTS INVITED ON APPLICATION OF
SIGECOM, LLC D/B/A WOW! INTERNET, CABLE AND PHONE
TO DISCONTINUE DOMESTIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES**

**WC Docket No. 12-226
Comp. Pol. File No. 1048**

Comments Due: September 4, 2012

Section 214 Application

Applicant: Sigecom, LLC d/b/a WOW! Internet, Cable and Phone

On **July 20, 2012**, **Sigecom, LLC d/b/a WOW! Internet, Cable and Phone** (Sigecom or Applicant), located at **6045 Wedeking Avenue, Evansville, IN 47715**, 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 certain domestic telecommunications services in the City of Evansville, the Town of Boonville, the Town of Chandler and the Town of Newburgh, IN (collectively, Service Areas).

Sigecom indicates that it currently provides circuit switched local exchange and domestic and international long distance services to residential and commercial customers receiving service in the Service Areas via the Nortel Cornerstone platform. Sigecom explains, however, that it has revised its business plan and has decided to discontinue these services because the technology used to provide these services is now obsolete.¹ As indicated in its first application, Sigecom states that it plans to discontinue these services in phases over the next several months.² Sigecom specifies that the discontinuance for this

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

² Sigecom filed an application on March 12, 2012 seeking authority to discontinue service to customers that were notified of the first phase of the discontinuance plan scheduled to occur on or after May 8, 2012. *See Comments Invited on Application of Sigecom, LLC d/b/a Wow! Internet, Cable and Phone to Discontinue Domestic Telecommunications Services*, Public Notice, WC Docket No. 12-81, DA 12-554 (rel. April 6, 2012). *See also Comments Invited on Application of Sigecom, LLC d/b/a Wow! Internet, Cable and Phone to Discontinue Domestic Telecommunications Services*, Public Notice, WC Docket No. 12-117, DA 12-825 (rel. May 25, 2012) (regarding the second phase of the discontinuance plan scheduled to occur on or after June 26, 2012); *Comments Invited on Application of Sigecom, LLC d/b/a Wow! Internet, Cable and Phone to Discontinue Domestic Telecommunications Services*, Public Notice, WC Docket No. 12-145, DA 12-922 (rel. June 12, 2012) (regarding the third phase of the discontinuance plan scheduled to occur on or after July 17, 2012); *Comments Invited on Application of Sigecom, LLC d/b/a Wow! Internet, Cable and Phone to Discontinue Domestic Telecommunications Services*, Public Notice, WC Docket No. 12-204, DA 12-1201 (rel. July 26, 2012) (regarding the fourth phase of the discontinuance plan

fifth phase is scheduled to occur on or after September 18, 2012, or as soon thereafter as the necessary federal approval can be obtained. Sigecom further clarifies that the planned discontinuance for this fifth phase is limited to 7 commercial customers located in Boonville, IN; 3 commercial and 18 residential customers located in Chandler, IN; 48 commercial customers located in Evansville, IN; 10 commercial and 134 residential customers located in Newburgh, IN (collectively, Affected Customers). Sigecom maintains that the planned discontinuance will not adversely affect the public convenience and necessity because customers have been given notice that affords them ample opportunity to either migrate to Sigecom's interconnected VoIP service at substantially the same price as the current services, or to transfer to a new provider. Sigecom asserts that the services that are being discontinued are readily available from other carriers. Sigecom indicates that it mailed written notice of the planned discontinuance to affected residential customers on or about July 17, 2012 and to affected commercial customers on or about July 18, 2012. Sigecom submits that it plans to mail similar letters at least 30 days prior to the planned discontinuance of service to any customers affected by future phases of its overall plan. Sigecom represents that it is non-dominant with respect to the services it proposes to discontinue.

In accordance with section 63.71(c) of the Commission's rules, Sigecom'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 Sigecom that the grant will not be automatically effective. In its application, Sigecom indicates that, during this fifth phase, it plans to discontinue circuit switched local exchange and domestic and international long distance services to the Affected Customers in the Service Areas on or after September 18, 2012, subject to Commission authorization. Accordingly, pursuant to section 63.71(c), absent further Commission action, Sigecom may terminate circuit switched local exchange and domestic long distance services to the Affected Customers in the Service Areas on or after **September 18, 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.

Comments objecting to this application must be filed with the Commission on or before **September 4, 2012**. Such comments should refer to **WC Docket No. 12-226 and Comp. Pol. File No. 1048**. 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 may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <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

scheduled to occur on or after Aug. 28, 2012). The applications for the first three phases of Sigecom's discontinuance plan have been automatically granted.

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.

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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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³ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*