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COMMENTS INVITED ON APPLICATION OF XO COMMUNICATIONS, LLC TO DISCONTINUE DOMESTIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

WC Docket No. 12-371
Comp. Pol. File No. 1074

Comments Due: January 7, 2013

Section 214 Application

Applicant: XO Communications, LLC

On December 7, 2012, XO Communications, LLC (XO or Applicant), located at **13865 Sunrise Valley Drive, Herndon, Virginia 20171-4661**, 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 Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming (collectively Service Areas).¹ With an amendment filed on December 18, 2012, XO corrected certain deficiencies in its application and updated the record regarding the geographic areas of service affected by the proposed discontinuance and the service of notice to state entities. Accordingly, XO's application is deemed complete as of December 18, 2012.

XO indicates that it currently offers Consumer Dial and Corporate Dial services (collectively Dial-Up Services) in the Service Areas through certain operating subsidiaries including XO Communications Services, LLC, XO Telecommunications of Nevada, LLC and XO Virginia, LLC. XO explains that its Dial-Up Services provide standalone dial up service in addition to e-mail service, and that its Corporate Dial service also provides website services. XO specifies that it provides the transmission as well as the e-mail and web services and operates as an internet service provider (ISP) for these Dial-Up Services. XO states, however, that it is in the process of streamlining its product offerings and that it has decided to discontinue its Dial-Up Services in order to better focus on services most requested by customers. XO indicates that it plans to discontinue its Dial-Up Services in the Service Areas effective January 21, 2013. XO maintains that it is discontinuing the transmission component of these services, but that the information service component of the services will be migrated to a new platform. According to XO, affected customers should not be harmed by the proposed discontinuance because there are

¹ The Competition Policy Division of the Wireline Competition Bureau subsequently received the filed application on December 14, 2012.

alternative dial-up service providers and technologically advanced services that perform essentially the same or better functions. XO asserts that customers should be able to obtain alternative means to the transmission component from other telecommunications carriers and ISPs. XO indicates that it provided written notice by first class mail to most of its affected subscribers in accordance with section 63.71(a) of the Commission's rules during the week ending November 30, 2012. XO explains, however, that many of its affected customers have elected to have their monthly service charges paid automatically and have a preference for e-mail correspondence. XO asserts that it does not have current physical mailing addresses for a small number of these subscribers, so these affected subscribers were notified by e-mail during the week ending November 30, 2012. XO states that it is considered non-dominant with respect to the services to be discontinued.

We seek comment on XO's proposed discontinuance of service, including the steps it has taken to notify customers, given the particular circumstances in this case and in light of the notification procedures prescribed in section 63.71(a) of the Commission's rules. In accordance with section 63.71(c) of the Commission's rules, XO'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 XO that the grant will not be automatically effective. In its application and notice to customers, XO indicates that it plans to discontinue its Dial-Up Services effective January 21, 2013. Accordingly, pursuant to section 63.71(c) and the terms of XO's application and notice, absent further Commission action, XO may terminate its Dial-Up Services in the Service Areas on or after **January 21, 2013**. 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 **January 7, 2013**. Such comments should refer to **WC Docket No. 12-371 and Comp. Pol. File No. 1074**. 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 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 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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² 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*