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## **COMMENTS INVITED ON APPLICATION OF TELEPLUS TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. TO DISCONTINUE DOMESTIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES**

**WC Docket No. 12-67**  
**Comp. Pol. File No. 1032**

**Comments Due: April 5, 2012**

### **Section 214 Application**

**Applicant: TelePlus Telecommunications, Inc.**

On **February 29, 2012**, **TelePlus Telecommunications, Inc.** (TelePlus or Applicant), located at **4785 240th Avenue, Webb, IA 51366**, 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 Iowa.<sup>1</sup> By an amendment filed on March 15, 2012, TelePlus updated the record regarding the company's current status and the circumstances that prompted the proposed discontinuance. Accordingly, TelePlus's application is deemed complete as of March 15, 2012.

TelePlus indicates that it is currently able to provide domestic interexchange service and that it has provided this service to residential and business customers in Iowa. TelePlus states, however, that it currently does not have any customers due to attrition and that it is no longer actively marketing its services. Consequently, TelePlus indicates that it plans to discontinue domestic interexchange service in Iowa upon receiving approval from the Commission. TelePlus maintains that the proposed discontinuance will not result in material harm to the public because TelePlus currently does not have any customers and alternative services can easily be obtained from other service providers. TelePlus 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, TelePlus'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 TelePlus that the grant will not be automatically effective. In the application, TelePlus indicates that it plans to discontinue domestic interexchange service in Iowa upon receiving approval from Commission. Accordingly, pursuant to section 63.71(c) and the terms of TelePlus's application, absent further Commission action, TelePlus may discontinue domestic interexchange service in Iowa on or after **April 21, 2012**. The Commission normally will authorize proposed discontinuances

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<sup>1</sup> TelePlus's application was subsequently received in the Competition Policy Division of the Wireline Competition Bureau on March 8, 2012.

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 **April 5, 2012**. Such comments should refer to **WC Docket No. 12-67 and Comp. Pol. File No. 1032**. 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](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).

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