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## COMMENTS INVITED ON APPLICATION OF SIGNAL POINT CORP. TO DISCONTINUE INTERCONNECTED VOIP SERVICES

WC Docket No. 13-179  
Comp. Pol. File No. 1117

Comments Due: August 16, 2013

On June 19, 2013, **Signal Point Corp.** (Signal Point or Applicant), located at **175 Great Road, Suite 1, Bedford, MA 01730**, 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 interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) services in all fifty states and the District of Columbia (collectively, Service Areas).<sup>1</sup> With an amendment filed on July 25, 2013, Signal Point corrected certain deficiencies in its application and updated the record regarding notice to the District of Columbia.<sup>2</sup> Accordingly, Signal Point's application is deemed complete as of July 25, 2013. On July 24, 2013, Signal Point also filed in order to update the record regarding its red light status.<sup>3</sup>

Signal Point indicates that it currently provides retail and wholesale interconnected VoIP services (VoIP Services or Affected Services) to customers in the Service Areas. Signal Point specifies that it currently provides its retail VoIP Services to approximately 800 residential and small business customers in the Service Areas, and that it provides its wholesale VoIP Services to approximately 30 resellers in the Service Areas. According to Signal Point, however, these service offerings constitute a stagnant, small line of business for Signal Point that is no longer the principal focus of its larger business objectives. Signal Point explains that it is no longer economically viable for it to serve the retail and wholesale interconnected VoIP business because of shrinking profitability and higher costs of administration. Consequently, Signal Point states that it plans to discontinue the Affected Services in the Service Areas on June 30, 2013 for wholesale services and July 7, 2013 for retail services, or as soon thereafter as the necessary regulatory approvals can be obtained. Signal Point submits that it has made arrangements for International Global Opportunity Network, L.L.C. d/b/a IGONET to serve any retail customers that decide to port to IGONET at the customer's current rate. Signal Point maintains that, as an alternative,

<sup>1</sup> The Competition Policy Division of the Wireline Competition Bureau subsequently received the filed application on June 21, 2013.

<sup>2</sup> See Letter from Michael S. Tenore, Signal Point Communications, to Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission (filed July 25, 2013).

<sup>3</sup> See Letter from Michael S. Tenore, Signal Point Communications, to Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission (filed July 24, 2013) (asserting that Signal Point recently paid certain invoices that were the cause for its red light status). Signal Point's application initially was determined to be in red light status, but it has since completed payment of outstanding debts, and its red light status subsequently was cleared.

current customers also will be able to turn to other providers such as Vonage and other similar companies that provide competitive interconnected VoIP services. In addition, Signal Point asserts that customers are increasingly choosing intermodal competition choices with bundles like Verizon's FiOS service. Signal Point indicates that written notice of the proposed discontinuance was sent to affected reseller customers via first class U.S. Mail on May 23, 2013, and to affected retail customers on June 7, 2013 and June 8, 2013. Signal Point adds that copies of the notice were also sent to affected customers by electronic mail. Signal Point states that it is considered non-dominant with respect to the services to be discontinued.

In accordance with section 63.71(c) of the Commission's rules, Signal Point'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 Signal Point that the grant will not be automatically effective. In its application, Signal Point indicates that it plans to discontinue its VoIP Services in the Service Areas on June 30, 2013 for wholesale services and July 7, 2013 for retail services, or as soon thereafter as the necessary regulatory approvals can be obtained. Accordingly, pursuant to section 63.71(c) and the terms of Signal Point's application, absent further Commission action, Signal Point may discontinue the Affected Services in the Service Areas on or after **September 1, 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 **August 16, 2013**. Such comments should refer to **WC Docket No. 13-179 and Comp. Pol. File No. 1117**. 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](mailto:carmell.weathers@fcc.gov), or Kimberly Jackson, (202) 418-7393 (voice), [kimberly.jackson@fcc.gov](mailto: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](http://www.fcc.gov/wcb/cpd/other_adjud).

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<sup>4</sup> 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*