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COMMENTS INVITED ON APPLICATION OF NITHS COMMUNICATIONS GROUP LLC D/B/A BRIDGEQUICK.COM TO DISCONTINUE DOMESTIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

WC Docket No. 13-231
Comp. Pol. File No. 1118

Comments Due: October 4, 2013

Section 214 Application

Applicant: Niths Communications Group LLC d/b/a Bridgequick.com

On July 2, 2013, Niths Communications Group LLC d/b/a Bridgequick.com (Niths or Applicant), located at 8201 Greensboro Drive, Suite 300, McLean, VA 22102, 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 California, Colorado, Georgia, Maryland, Texas and Virginia (collectively, Service Areas). With an amendment filed on September 17, 2013, Niths corrected certain deficiencies in its application and updated the record regarding notice to state entities.¹

Niths indicates that it currently offers resold interstate toll-free number based voice and audio voice and web conferencing services (Affected Services) in the Service Areas. Niths maintains that it does not provide intrastate or international service. Niths states, however, that due to changes in market conditions and drastic advances in conferencing technologies, it needs to discontinue the Affected Services. Niths specifically proposes to discontinue the Affected Services in the Service Areas on September 30, 2013. According to Niths, its discontinuance of the Affected Services is due to the obsolescence of the technology used to provide the services and it will not harm the public convenience and necessity. Niths asserts that it currently serves only eight customers in the Service Areas and maintains that similar services are readily available from carriers and other resellers. Niths also submits that customers have been provided with notice that gives them ample opportunity to transfer to new services. Niths indicates that written notice of the proposed discontinuance was sent to all of its customers via postage prepaid first class U.S. mail on June 21, 2013. Niths states that it is non-dominant with respect to the services it proposes to discontinue.

¹ The amendment to Niths' application was subsequently received in the Competition Policy Division of the Wireline Competition Bureau on September 18, 2013. Niths' application was initially determined to be in red light status, but Niths has since completed payment of outstanding debts and confirms that its red light status has been cleared.

In accordance with section 63.71(c) of the Commission's rules, Niths' application will be deemed to be granted automatically on the 31st day after the release date of this public notice, unless the Commission notifies Niths that the grant will not be automatically effective. In its application, Niths indicates that it plans to discontinue the Affected Services in the Service Areas on September 30, 2013. Pursuant to section 63.71(c), absent further Commission action, Niths may discontinue the Affected Services in the Service Areas on or after **October 20, 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 **October 4, 2013**. Such comments should refer to **WC Docket No. 13-231 and Comp. Pol. File No. 1118**. 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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² 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*

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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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