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**COMMENTS INVITED ON APPLICATION OF CINCINNATI BELL
TELEPHONE COMPANY, LLC TO DISCONTINUE DOMESTIC
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES**

WC Docket No. 14-230
Comp. Pol. File No. 1165

Comments Due: January 2, 2015

Section 214 Application

Applicant: Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company, LLC

On August 6, 2014, Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company, LLC (CBT or Applicant), located at 221 East Fourth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202, 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 within CBT's service area in the Bethel, Ohio and Fairfield, Ohio wire centers (Service Areas). With an amendment filed on October 10, 2014, CBT corrected information from the original application regarding the proposed discontinuance date.¹ Accordingly, CBT's application is deemed complete as of October 10, 2014.

CBT indicates that it currently offers Trunk Advantage Service in the Service Areas (Affected Service) as described in CBT's Ohio Non-Residence Service Agreement Local Telephone Services Section 11. According to CBT, Trunk Advantage Service consists of a DS-1 Digital Trunk facility and up to twenty-four 64 kbps Digital Trunk Channels. CBT adds that there are three types of Digital Trunk Channels available including Standard channels which provide the same features as analog trunk lines, Direct Inward Dialing (DID) channels which provide DID service and Two-Way DID channels which provide capability for two-way standard service and DID service. CBT states, however, that there are no current customers of Trunk Advantage Service in the Service Areas and that it therefore plans to discontinue offering Trunk Advantage Service in the Service Areas on or after February 1, 2015, subject to Commission approval. CBT asserts that the public convenience and necessity will not be impaired by the proposed discontinuance because there is no demand for the service. CBT states that it is considered dominant with respect to the service to be discontinued.

In accordance with section 63.71(c) of the Commission's rules, CBT's application will be deemed to be granted automatically on the 60th day after the release date of this public notice, unless the Commission notifies CBT that the grant will not be automatically effective. In the application, CBT

¹ See Letter from Patrick M. Crotty, Corporate Counsel, Cincinnati Bell Telephone, to Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, WC Docket No. 14-230 (filed Oct. 10, 2014).

indicates that it plans to discontinue Trunk Advantage Service in the Service Areas on or after February 1, 2015, subject to Commission approval. Accordingly, pursuant to section 63.71(c) and the terms of CBT's application, absent further Commission action, CBT may discontinue its Trunk Advantage Service in the Service Areas on or after **February 1, 2015**. 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 2, 2015**. Such comments should refer to **WC Docket No. 14-230 and Comp. Pol. File No. 1165**. 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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