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APPLICATION OF SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY L.P. TO DISCONTINUE DOMESTIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IS NOT AUTOMATICALLY GRANTED

WC Docket No. 15-186
Comp. Pol. File No. 1230

On June 19, 2015, Sprint Communications Company L.P. (Sprint or Applicant) filed an application with the Federal Communications 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 wireline consumer long-distance services and associated features.¹ The Commission received eleven comments responsive to Sprint's proposed discontinuance and requires additional time to consider them.² Accordingly, the Application will not be automatically granted.³ We emphasize that our removal of Sprint's application from the automatic grant process should not be construed as a final determination on the merits of Sprint's request for authority to discontinue service.

For further information, contact Carmell Weathers, (202) 418-2325 (voice), Carmell.Weathers@fcc.gov, or Kimberly Jackson, (202) 418-7393 (voice), Kimberly.Jackson@fcc.gov, of the Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau. The tty number is (888) 835-5322. For further information on procedures regarding section 214 applications, please visit <https://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/domestic-section-214-discontinuance-service>.

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¹ See Section 63.71 Application of Sprint Communications Company L.P., WC Docket No. 15-186 (filed June 19, 2015), <http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/comment/view.action?id=60001073072> (Application).

² See Jaime Ananko Comments, WC Docket No. 15-186 (filed Jul. 6, 2015); John Clancy Comments, WC Docket No. 15-186 (filed Aug. 18, 2015); Donovan Duggan Comments, WC Docket No. 15-186 (filed Jul. 14, 2015); Linda Farling Comments, WC Docket No. 15-186 (filed Jul. 30, 2015); Evelyn Hatt Comments, WC Docket No. 15-186 (filed Jul. 27, 2015); Virginia Hatt Comments, WC Docket No. 15-186 (filed Jul. 24, 2015); Rob Krenznel Comments, WC Docket No. 15-186 (filed Aug. 21, 2015); Debbie Nelsen Comments, WC Docket No. 15-186 (filed Aug. 26, 2015); Comments of the Oglala Sioux Tribe Utility Commission, WC Docket No. 15-186 (filed Sep. 11, 2015); Judith E. Smith Comments, WC Docket No. 15-186 (filed Jul. 6, 2015); and Talves Comments, WC Docket No. 15-186 (filed Jul. 6, 2015).

³ Section 63.71(d) of the Commission's rules states, in relevant part, that such applications to discontinue, reduce or impair service "shall be automatically granted on the 31st day... unless the Commission has notified the applicant that the grant will not be automatically effective." 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(d).