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COMMENTS INVITED ON APPLICATION OF GLOBAL CROSSING TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. TO DISCONTINUE DOMESTIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

WC Docket No. 15-77
Comp. Pol. File No. 1210

Comments Due: April 14, 2015

Section 214 Application

Applicant: Global Crossing Telecommunications, Inc.

On March 18, 2015, Global Crossing Telecommunications, Inc. (Global Crossing or Applicant), located at 1025 Eldorado Boulevard, Broomfield, CO 80021, 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, reduce or impair certain domestic telecommunications services where they are offered throughout the United States.¹ On March 27, 2015, Global Crossing filed an amendment to correct certain deficiencies in its application and update the record regarding notice provided to state entities.²

Global Crossing indicates that it offers Carrier Toll-Free PIN and Carrier 700 Number PIC Verification services (Affected Services) throughout the United States excluding the offshore U.S. territories (collectively, Service Areas).³ According to Global Crossing, its Carrier Toll-Free PIN service provides carrier customers with a shared toll-free number and personal identification numbers that may be pre-programmed for termination to any domestic telephone number. Global Crossing further explains that the customer is billed for the calls rather than the call originator. In addition, Global Crossing describes its

¹ See Section 63.71 Application of Global Crossing Telecommunications, Inc. For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, to Discontinue the Provision of Carrier Toll-Free PIN and Carrier 700 Number PIC Verification Services, WC Docket No. 15-77 (filed Mar. 18, 2015), <http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/comment/view?id=60001026999> (Application). Global Crossing indicates that it also filed notice of the proposed discontinuance with the International Bureau. Discontinuance of international service is governed by section 63.19 of the Commission's rules. See 47 C.F.R. § 63.19.

² See Letter from R. Edward Price, Associate General Counsel, Regulatory Affairs, Level 3 Communications, to Marlene H. Dortch, Esq., Secretary, Federal Communications Commission (filed Mar. 27, 2015).

³ Global Crossing adds that the Affected Services currently are not provided in Alaska, Hawaii, North Dakota, South Dakota and Utah. Application at 1-2. Counsel for Global Crossing has confirmed for Commission staff that usage for the Affected Services is declining everywhere and that currently there is no usage for the Affected Services in these states.

Carrier 700 Number PIC Verification service as one that enables carrier customers to provide their end-user customers with a 700 number to call to verify that their presubscribed long-distance carrier has been changed. Global Crossing indicates, however, that it plans to discontinue the Affected Services in the Service Areas on or around April 30, 2015, or as soon thereafter as any necessary regulatory approvals are obtained. The Applicant submits that the public convenience and necessity will not be adversely affected by the proposed discontinuance because customers were provided advance notice and ample time to arrange for substitute services which are readily available. In addition, Global Crossing maintains that it sent written notice to affected customers by overnight delivery service on March 18, 2015. Global Crossing asserts 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, Global Crossing'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 Global Crossing that the grant will not be automatically effective. In its application, Global Crossing indicates it plans to discontinue the Affected Services in the Service Areas on or around April 30, 2015, or as soon thereafter as any necessary regulatory approvals are obtained. Accordingly, pursuant to section 63.71(c) and the terms of the application, absent further Commission action, Global Crossing may discontinue the Affected Services in the Service Areas on or after **April 30, 2015**, in accordance with Global Crossing's filed representations. 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 **April 14, 2015**. Such comments should refer to **WC Docket No. 15-77 and Comp. Pol. File No. 1210**. 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://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs>. 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, 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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⁴ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*