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COMMENTS INVITED ON SECTION 214 APPLICATION(S) TO DISCONTINUE DOMESTIC NON-DOMINANT CARRIER TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

WC Docket No(s). 18-182, 18-183, 18-188, 18-189, 18-190, 18-200 & 18-201

Comments Due: July 16, 2018

Unless otherwise specified, the following procedures and dates apply to the application(s) (the Section 214 Discontinuance Application(s)) listed in the Appendix.

The Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau), upon initial review, has found the Section 214 Discontinuance Application(s) listed herein to be acceptable for filing and subject to the procedures set forth in Section 63.71 of the Commission's rules.¹ The application(s) request authority, under section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended,² and section 63.71 of the Commission's rules,³ to discontinue, reduce, or impair certain domestic telecommunications service(s) (Affected Service(s)) in specified geographic areas (Service Area(s)) as applicable and as fully described in each application.

In accordance with section 63.71(e) of the Commission's rules, the Section 214 Discontinuance Application(s) listed in the Appendix will be deemed granted automatically on July 30, 2018, the 31st day after the release date of this public notice, unless the Commission notifies any applicant(s) that their grant will not be automatically effective.⁴ We note that the date on which an application for Commission authorization is deemed granted may be different from the date on which applicants are authorized to discontinue, reduce, or impair service ("Authorized Date"). Any applicant whose application has been deemed granted may discontinue, reduce or impair their Affected Service(s) in their Service Area(s) on or after the authorized date(s) specified in the Appendix, in accordance with their filed representations. Accordingly, pursuant to section 63.71(e), and the terms outlined in each application, absent further Commission action, each applicant may discontinue, reduce or impair the authorized discontinuance date(s) listed in the Appendix for that application. For purposes of computation of time when filing a petition for reconsideration, application for review, or petition for judicial review of the Commission's decision(s), the date of "public notice" shall be the latter of the auto grant date stated above in this Public Notice, or the release date(s) of any further public notice(s) or order(s) announcing final Commission action, as

¹ 47 CFR § 63.71.

² 47 U.S.C. § 214.

³ 47 CFR § 63.71.

⁴ See 47 CFR § 63.71(e) (stating, in relevant part, that an application filed by a dominant carrier "shall be automatically granted on the 31st day... unless the Commission has notified the applicant that the grant will not be automatically effective.").

applicable. Should no petitions for reconsideration, applications for review, or petitions for judicial review be timely filed, the proceeding(s) listed in this Public Notice shall be terminated, and the docket(s) will be closed.

Comments objecting to any of the applications listed in the Appendix must be filed with the Commission on or before **July 16, 2018**. Comments should refer to the specific WC Docket No. and Comp. Pol. File No. listed in the Appendix for the particular Section 214 Discontinuance Application that the commenter intends to address. Comments should include specific information about the impact of the 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.⁵ 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 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 <u>before</u> entering the building. Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701. U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail must be addressed to 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.

Copies of the comments may 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, or faxed to the FCC at (202) 418-1413, Attention: Carmell Weathers. In addition, comments should be served upon the Applicant(s).

These proceedings are considered "permit but disclose" proceedings for purposes of the Commission's ex parte rules.⁶ Participants should familiarize themselves with the Commission's *ex parte* rules. Persons making *ex parte* presentations must file a copy of any written presentation or a memorandum summarizing any oral presentation within two business days after the presentation (unless a different deadline applicable to the Sunshine period applies). Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentation must (1) list all persons attending or otherwise participating in the meeting at which the *ex parte* presentation consisted in whole or in part of the presentation of data or arguments already reflected in the presenter's written comments, memoranda or other filings in the proceeding, the presenter may provide citations to such data or arguments in his or her prior comments, memoranda, or other filings (specifying the relevant page and/or paragraph numbers where such data or arguments can be found) in lieu of summarizing them in the

⁵ See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

⁶ 47 CFR § 1.1200 et seq.

memorandum. Documents shown or given to Commission staff during *ex parte* meetings are deemed to be written *ex parte* presentations and must be filed consistent with rule 1.1206(b).

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For further information, please see the contacts for the specific discontinuance proceeding you are interested in as listed in the Appendix. The tty number is (888) 835-5322. For further information on procedures regarding section 214 please visit <u>https://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/domestic-section-214-discontinuance-service</u>.

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Appendix

1) Applicant(s): AT&T Services, Inc, on behalf of its affiliate AT&T Corp. WC Docket No. 18-182, Comp. Pol. File No. 1457 Link - https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/search/filings?proceedings name=18-182&sort=date disseminated,DESC Affected Service(s) - ACCU-Ring Network Access service Service Area(s) - throughout the lower 48 states of the United States, including the District of Columbia Authorized Date(s) – on or after July 31, 2018 Contact(s) - Kimberly Jackson, (202) 418-7393 (voice), Kimberly.Jackson@fcc.gov, or Carmell Weathers, (202) 418-2325 (voice), Carmell.Weathers@fcc.gov, of the Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau Note: Effective July 31, 2018, AT&T plans to discontinue offering the affected service to new customers. In addition, after July 31, 2018, AT&T will no longer renew service agreements associated with existing customers, and will no longer accept orders that physically change existing services, i.e. move, add or change orders. After July 31, 2018, AT&T will only accept orders to disconnect service. AT&T will continue to provide services to existing customers until their existing term agreements expire or until the service is discontinued on September 30, 2019, whichever is later. Following the expiration of existing term agreements, AT&T will provide these services on a month-to-month basis until the services are discontinued on September 30, 2019. 2) Applicant(s): Hawaiian Telcom, Inc. WC Docket No. 18-183, Comp. Pol. File No. 1458 Link - https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/search/filings?proceedings name=18-183&sort=date disseminated,DESC

Affected Service(s) – Busy Line Verification and Busy Line InterruptService Area(s) – HawaiiAuthorized Date(s) – on or after July 31, 2018Contact(s) – Kimberly Jackson, (202) 418-7393 (voice), Kimberly.Jackson@fcc.gov, or CarmellWeathers, (202) 418-2325 (voice), Carmell.Weathers@fcc.gov, of the Competition PolicyDivision, Wireline Competition Bureau\Note: On June 7, 2018, the applicant filed an amended application to indicate that correctednotices were emailed to customers.

3) Applicant(s): Windstream Services, LLC WC Docket No. 18-188, Comp. Pol. File No. 1459 Link - https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/search/filings?proceedings_name=18-188&sort=date_disseminated,DESC Affected Service(s) – DS0/POTS services, Digital Subscriber Line services, DS1/1.5Mb T-1 Voice, Data and Integrated services Service Area(s) – Louisville, Kentucky and Nashville, Knoxville and Clarksville Tennessee Authorized Date(s) – on or after July 31, 2018 Contact(s) – Kimberly Jackson, (202) 418-7393 (voice), Kimberly.Jackson@fcc.gov, or Carmell Weathers, (202) 418-2325 (voice), Carmell.Weathers@fcc.gov, of the Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau 4) Applicant(s): CenturyLink, Inc. d/b/a Level 3 Communications, LLC WC Docket No. 18-189, Comp. Pol. File No. 1460

Link – <u>https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/search/filings?proceedings_name=18-189&sort=date_disseminated,DESC</u>

Affected Service(s) – the following voice and data services: Analog PBX Trunk Service, Basic Business Line Service, Business Terminals Service, Channel 12 Service, Complete Lines/Trunks Service (aka Complete Lines DS0), Complete T Service, Digital PBX Trunk Service, Primary Rate ISDN Service, VersiPak IPRI Service, VersiPak Lines and Trunks Service, VersiPak Mach2 Service and VersiPak Mach3 Service, VersiPak Flex T Service and VersiPak Power T Service. Service Area(s) – in the Dallas, Texas metropolitan area via the Level 3 switch located at 2323 Bryan Street

Authorized Date(s) – on or after September 11, 2018

Contact(s) – Kimberly Jackson, (202) 418-7393 (voice), Kimberly.Jackson@fcc.gov, or Carmell Weathers, (202) 418-2325 (voice), Carmell.Weathers@fcc.gov, of the Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau

5) Applicant(s): Talk America Services, LLC

WC Docket No. 18-190, Comp. Pol. File No. 1461 Link – https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/search/filings?proceedings_name=18-190&sort=date_disseminated,DESC Affected Service(s) – exchange access and interstate long distance services Service Area(s) – Virginia, Maryland and Michigan Authorized Date(s) – on or after August 1, 2018 Contact(s) – Kimberly Jackson, (202) 418-7393 (voice), Kimberly.Jackson@fcc.gov, or Carmell Weathers, (202) 418-2325 (voice), Carmell.Weathers@fcc.gov, of the Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau

6) Applicant(s): PaeTec Communications, LLC WC Docket No. 18-200, Comp. Pol. File No. 1462 Link - https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/search/filings?proceedings_name=18-

200&sort=date_disseminated,DESC Affected Service(s) – DS0/POTS services; Digital Subscriber Line services; DS1/1.5Mb T-1 Voice, Data and Integrated services Service Area(s) – Wayne and Oakland counties in the Detroit, Michigan area and Genesee County in the Flint, Michigan area. Authorized Date(s) – on or after August 15, 2018 Contact(s) – Kimberly Jackson, (202) 418-7393 (voice), Kimberly.Jackson@fcc.gov, or Carmell Weathers, (202) 418-2325 (voice), Carmell.Weathers@fcc.gov, of the Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau

Note: On June 26, 2018, the applicant filed an amendment letter indicating that a corrected notice was sent to one affected customer to clarify that customer's specific geographic area of service that would be affected by the proposed discontinuance.

7) Applicant(s): TelCove Operations, LLC, a CenturyLink Company WC Docket No. 18-201, Comp. Pol. File No. 1463 Link - https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/search/filings?proceedings_name=18-201&sort=date_disseminated,DESC Affected Service(s) – the following voice and data services: POTs, Analog and Digital T1 services; PRI; Centrex services; Remote Call Forwarding and; Toll-Free service Service Area(s) – in the Winston-Salem, North Carolina metropolitan area Authorized Date(s) – on or after September 30, 2018 **Contact(s)** – Kimberly Jackson, (202) 418-7393 (voice), Kimberly.Jackson@fcc.gov, or Carmell Weathers, (202) 418-2325 (voice), Carmell.Weathers@fcc.gov, of the Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau