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SECTION 214 DISCONTINUANCE AUTHORIZATIONS GRANTED AFTER PERIOD OF LIMITED GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

WC Docket Nos. 25-254, 25-264, 25-265, 25-281, 25-282, 25-283, 25-284, 25-285 & 25-286

Re: Section 63.71 Discontinuance Applications of AT&T Services, Inc., on behalf of its affiliates (Comp. Pol. File No. 2043); AT&T Services, Inc., on behalf of its affiliates (Comp. Pol. File No. 2048); GCI Communication Corp. (Comp. Pol. File No. 2049); Seiontec Systems, LLC (Comp. Pol. File No. 2052); Consolidated Communications of Pennsylvania Company, LLC d/b/a Consolidated Communications (Comp. Pol. File No. 2053); Consolidated Communications of Vermont Company, LLC d/b/a Consolidated Communications (Comp. Pol. File No. 2054); Consolidated Communications (Comp. Pol. File No. 2055); Consolidated Communications of Illinois Company, LLC d/b/a Consolidated Communications of Texas Company, LLC d/b/a Consolidated Communications (Comp. Pol. File No. 2057)

On October 1, 2025, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) released a Public Notice¹ announcing that, due to the lapse in appropriations related to federal agency spending authorizations, the above referenced domestic section 214 discontinuance applications would not be automatically granted, pursuant to section 63.71 of the Federal Communications Commission's (Commission) rules.² The Bureau hereby announces that, in the absence of further Commission action, the following comment deadlines and grant dates shall apply to the applications referenced below, pursuant to sections 1, 4(i), and 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 151, 154(i), 214, and sections 0.91, 0.291, and 63.71 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 0.91, 0.291, 63.71.

- Comments Invited on Section 214 Application to Discontinue Domestic Dominant Carrier Telecommunications Services, WC Docket No. 25-254, Public Notice, DA 25-732 (rel. Aug. 20, 2025) (AT&T Services, Inc., on behalf of its affiliates (AT&T), Comp. Pol. File No. 2043).
 Comments were due on September 19, 2025 and there are no unresolved comments in the record. Accordingly, the application is now granted on November 21, 2025. Pursuant to section 63.71 and the terms of AT&T's application, absent further Commission action, AT&T may grandfather special access DS3 services in the area(s) specified in its application on or after November 21, 2025.
- 2. Comments Invited on Section 214 Applications to Discontinue Domestic Non-Dominant Carrier Telecommunications Services, WC Docket No. 25-264, Public Notice, DA 25-835

¹ See Notice Regarding Status of Pending Section 214 Applications Due to Lapse in Funding, WC Docket Nos. 25-251, 25-254, 25-264, 25-265, 25-281, 25-282, 25-283, 25-284, 25-285, 25-286, Public Notice, DA 25-925 (WCB Oct. 1, 2025).

² 47 CFR § 63.71.

(rel. Sept. 10, 2025) (AT&T Services, Inc., on behalf of its affiliates (AT&T), Comp. Pol. File No. 2048). Comments were due on September 25, 2025 and there are no relevant comments in the record. Accordingly, the application is now granted on November 21, 2025. Pursuant to section 63.71 and the terms of AT&T's application, absent further Commission action, AT&T may grandfather Optical Carrier Network Point to Point, and LightGate service (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA Point to Point Network) Special Access Service in the area(s) specified in its application on or after November 21, 2025.

- 3. Comments Invited on Section 214 Applications to Discontinue Domestic Non-Dominant Carrier Telecommunications Services, WC Docket No. 25-265, Public Notice, DA 25-835 (rel. Sept. 10, 2025) (GCI Communication Corp. (GCI), Comp. Pol. File No. 2049). Comments were due on September 25, 2025 and there are no relevant comments in the record. Accordingly, the application is now granted on November 21, 2025 for the proposed discontinuance on or after March 1, 2026. Pursuant to section 63.71 and the terms of GCI's application, absent further Commission action, GCI may discontinue local exchange service, marketed as Basic Phone Service, Business Voice, No Limits Home Calling, in the area(s) specified in its application on or after March 1, 2026.
- 4. Comments Invited on Section 214 Application to Discontinue Domestic Non-Dominant Carrier Telecommunications and/or Interconnected VoIP Services, WC Docket No. 25-281, Public Notice, DA 25-862 (rel. Sept. 18, 2025) (Seiontec Systems, LLC (Seiontec), Comp. Pol. File No. 2052). Comments were originally due on October 3, 2025, during the period of limited government operations, but the deadline changed to November 18, 2025, pursuant to the November 17, 2025 Public Notice.³ There are no comments in the record. Accordingly, the application is now granted on November 21, 2025. Pursuant to section 63.71 and the terms of Seiontec's application, absent further Commission action, Seiontec may discontinue interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) service in the area(s) specified in its application on or after November 21, 2025.
- 5. Comments Invited on Section 214 Applications to Discontinue Domestic Telecommunications Services as Part of a Technology Transition, WC Docket No. 25-282, Public Notice, DA 25-863 (rel. Sept. 18, 2025) (Consolidated Communications of Pennsylvania Company, LLC d/b/a Consolidated Communications (Consolidated), Comp. Pol. File No. 2053). Comments were originally due on October 3, 2025, during the period of limited government operations, but the deadline changed to November 18, 2025, pursuant to the November 17, 2025 Public Notice. There are no comments in the record. Accordingly, the application is now granted on November 21, 2025 for the proposed discontinuance on or after January 27, 2026. Pursuant to section 63.71 and the terms of Consolidated's application, absent further Commission action, Consolidated may discontinue Legacy Voice Service in the area(s) specified in its application on or after January 27, 2026.
- 6. Comments Invited on Section 214 Applications to Discontinue Domestic Telecommunications Services as Part of a Technology Transition, WC Docket No. 25-283, Public Notice, DA 25-863 (rel. Sept. 18, 2025) (Consolidated Communications of Vermont Company, LLC d/b/a Consolidated Communications (Consolidated), Comp. Pol. File No. 2054). Comments were originally due on October 3, 2025, during the period of limited

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³ See Revisions to Deadlines Following Resumption of Normal Operations, Public Notice, DA 25-943 (CGB, EB, MB, PSHSB, SB, WTB, WCB, OEA, OET, OIA, OGC, and OMD Nov. 17, 2025).

⁴ *Id*.

government operations, but the deadline changed to November 18, 2025, pursuant to the November 17, 2025 Public Notice.⁵ There are no comments in the record. Accordingly, the application is now granted on November 21, 2025 for the proposed discontinuance on or after January 27, 2026. Pursuant to section 63.71 and the terms of Consolidated's application, absent further Commission action, Consolidated may discontinue Legacy Voice Service in the area(s) specified in its application on or after January 27, 2026.

- 7. Comments Invited on Section 214 Applications to Discontinue Domestic Telecommunications Services as Part of a Technology Transition, WC Docket No. 25-284, Public Notice, DA 25-863 (rel. Sept. 18, 2025) (Consolidated Communications of Northern New England Company, LLC d/b/a Consolidated Communications (Consolidated), Comp. Pol. File No. 2055). Comments were originally due on October 3, 2025, during the period of limited government operations, but the deadline changed to November 18, 2025, pursuant to the November 17, 2025 Public Notice. There are no comments in the record. Accordingly, the application is now granted on November 21, 2025 for the proposed discontinuance on or after January 27, 2026. Pursuant to section 63.71 and the terms of Consolidated's application, absent further Commission action, Consolidated may discontinue Legacy Voice Service in the area(s) specified in its application on or after January 27, 2026.
- 8. Comments Invited on Section 214 Applications to Discontinue Domestic Telecommunications Services as Part of a Technology Transition, WC Docket No. 25-285, Public Notice, DA 25-863 (rel. Sept. 18, 2025) (Consolidated Communications of Illinois Company, LLC d/b/a Consolidated Communications (Consolidated), Comp. Pol. File No. 2056). Comments were originally due on October 3, 2025, during the period of limited government operations, but the deadline changed to November 18, 2025, pursuant to the November 17, 2025 Public Notice. There are no comments in the record. Accordingly, the application is now granted on November 21, 2025 for the proposed discontinuance on or after January 27, 2026. Pursuant to section 63.71 and the terms of Consolidated's application, absent further Commission action, Consolidated may discontinue Legacy Voice Service in the area(s) specified in its application on or after January 27, 2026.
- 9. Comments Invited on Section 214 Applications to Discontinue Domestic Telecommunications Services as Part of a Technology Transition, WC Docket No. 25-286, Public Notice, DA 25-863 (rel. Sept. 18, 2025) (Consolidated Communications of Texas Company, LLC d/b/a Consolidated Communications (Consolidated), Comp. Pol. File No. 2057). Comments were originally due on October 3, 2025, during the period of limited government operations, but the deadline changed to November 18, 2025, pursuant to the November 17, 2025 Public Notice.⁸ There are no comments in the record. Accordingly, the application is now granted on November 21, 2025 for the proposed discontinuance on or after January 27, 2026. Pursuant to section 63.71 and the terms of Consolidated's application, absent further Commission action, Consolidated may discontinue Legacy Voice Service in the area(s) specified in its application on or after January 27, 2026.

⁵ *Id*.

⁶ *Id*.

⁷ *Id*.

⁸ *Id*.

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