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**APPLICATION OF MATANUSKA TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION, INC. TO DISCONTINUE
DOMESTIC NON-DOMINANT TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IS NOT
AUTOMATICALLY GRANTED**

WC Docket No. 17-363
Comp. Pol. File No. 1422

On December 15, 2017, Matanuska Telephone Association, Inc. (MTA 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 Basic Exchange Telecommunications Radio Service to 215 customers in a remote area of Alaska, the Denali and Matanuska Susitna Boroughs.¹ The Commission received ten comments and one informal complaint in response to MTA'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 MTA's application from the automatic grant process should not be construed as a final determination on the merits of MTA's request for authority to discontinue service.

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¹ See Section 63.71 Application of Matanuska Telephone Association, Inc., WC Docket No. 17-363 (filed Dec.15, 2017) (Application).

² See, https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/search/filings?proceedings_name=17-363&sort=date_disseminated_DESC.

³ Section 63.71(f) 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(f).