

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington D.C. 20554**

Section 214 Application(s) to)	
Discontinue Domestic Dominant)	WC Docket No. 16-358
Carrier Telecommunications Service)	
)	
Application of Cincinnati Bell)	Comp. Pol. File No. 1357
Telephone Company LLC)	

REPLY COMMENTS OF CINCINNATI BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY

Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company LLC (“CBT”) submits these reply comments in response to comments submitted by Mr. Matt Huck, CEO – Truth & Facts Never Lie, regarding CBT’s Section 214 Application to discontinue the provision of Local Area Service (“LAS”) in the Butler, Falmouth, Glencoe, Warsaw and Williamstown exchanges within the Kentucky portion of CBT’s operating area. For the reasons stated below, CBT requests that the Commission disregard Mr. Huck comments and allow CBT’s Application for Discontinuance to become effective on January 7, 2016.

The Commission released a Public Notice regarding Section 214 Application(s) to Discontinue Domestic Dominant Carrier Telecommunications Services, DA 16-1266, on November 8, 2016. The Commission listed CBT’s Section 214 Application to Discontinue LAS in the Kentucky exchanges listed above and established December 8, 2016 as the due date for comments on the Section 214 Application for Discontinuance. Mr. Huck’s comments were filed with the Commission on December 27, 2016 -- well past the December 8, 2016 due date for comments. Because Mr. Huck’s comments were received 19 days beyond the established comment date, the Commission should not consider these comments regarding CBT’s Section

214 Application for Discontinuance.

Moreover, Mr. Huck's comments object to the elimination of "Plain Old Telephone System' (POTS)" CBT is not discontinuing POTS service. Both LAS and the alternative Extended Area Service ("EAS") are POTS service. CBT's Application seeks only to discontinue the LAS limited area calling plan. Impacted customers will still receive POTS service, but will have an extended local calling area under the EAS plan. The EAS plan provides customers with unlimited local calling throughout the CBT serving area using the same technology as the LAS plan.

Finally, Mr. Huck filed these comment not only on CBT's Section 214 Application for Discontinuance, but also filed the identical comments in over 60 other proceedings. Mr. Huck's shotgun approach appears to not be concerned with CBT's LAS service, but is intended to make a statement on much broader issues. His comments contain nothing directly related to CBT's LAS Service. The Commission should disregard Mr. Huck comments regarding CBT's Application because they do not directly pertain to CBT's request to discontinue LAS Service in the areas noted above.

Respectfully Submitted,

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