

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 2054**

In the Matter of)
Section 63.71 Application of)
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Illinois Telephone Corporation)
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For Authority Pursuant to Section 214)
Of the Communications Act of 1934, as)
Amended, to Discontinue the Provision of)
Lifeline Voice Services in Illinois)
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Section 63.71 Application of Illinois Telephone Corporation

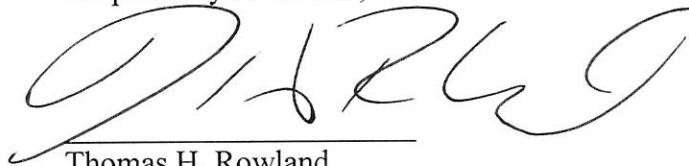
Illinois Telephone Corporation (“ITC” or “Applicant”) (FRN: 0007472509), seeks authorization pursuant to Section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §214(a), and Section 63.71 of the Commission’s Rules, 47 C.F.R. §63.71, to discontinue its provision of Lifeline voice services throughout its service area in Illinois. ITC provides the following information pursuant to Section 63.71 of the Commission’s Rules:

1. **Name and Address of the Carrier:** Illinois Telephone Corporation, P.O. Box 845, Hillside, Illinois 60162.
2. **Date of Planned Service Discontinuance:** Applicant plans to discontinue its provision of wireline Lifeline service to customers within its designated service area on March 20, 2018 or as soon thereafter as necessary pursuant to any regulatory approvals.
3. **Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected:** Applicant proposes to discontinue Lifeline wireline service in its designated service area of the non-rural areas of AT&T Illinois.
4. **Description of Services Affected:** wireline intrastate and interstate voice Lifeline discounted telephone service.

5. **Brief Description of the Dates and Methods of Notice to All Affected Customers:** Applicant send a written notification of the planned discontinuance to customers utilizing the services in accordance with Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's Rules. Customer notifications were sent by US Mail between January 15, 2018 through January 17, 2018. Notice was provided through a notification on customer's bills as well as a billing insert. A copy of the notification is attached to this Application.
6. **Whether the Carrier is Considered Dominant or Non-Dominant with Respect to the Service to be Discontinued:** Applicant is considered non-dominant with respect to the services to be discontinued.
7. **Other information:** In accordance with Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's Rules, a copy of this Application is being mailed concurrently with its filing to the entities listed on the attached certificate of service. The public convenience and necessity will not be adversely affected by the discontinuance of the services described herein. Advance notice has been provided to all affected customers, giving them ample time to arrange substitute Lifeline discounted services, which are readily available from wireline or mobile carriers.

WHEREFORE, Applicant respectfully requests that the Commission approve this Section 63.71 Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Thomas H. Rowland, do hereby certify that on this 29th day of January, 2018, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Section 63.71 Application of Illinois Telephone Corporation to be sent via first-class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, to the following addresses:

Secretary of Defense
Attn: Special Assistant for Telecommunications
Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301

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Chief Clerk
Illinois Commerce Commission
527 East Capitol Avenue
Springfield, Illinois 62701

Office of the Governor
207 Statehouse
Springfield, Illinois 62706



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1/15/2018

This is an important notice regarding the discontinuance of the Lifeline discount in Illinois by your provider, Illinois Telephone Corporation. Illinois Telephone Corporation will be discontinuing from the Federal Lifeline program in Illinois on March 20, 2018. **How will this impact my service?** If you wish to continue to receive non-Lifeline-discounted service from Illinois Telephone Corporation, you may continue to receive home phone service; however, your overall cost may increase by as much as \$9.25 per month before taxes on March 20, 2018. If you wish to continue to receive Lifeline service you may contact a Lifeline telecommunications provider in order to transfer your service from Illinois Telephone Corporation.

The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service (or reduction or impairment) unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments as soon as possible, but no later than 15 days after the Commission releases public notice of the proposed discontinuance. You may file your comments electronically through the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System using the docket number established in the Commission's public notice for this proceeding, or you may address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington, DC 20554, and include in your comments a reference to the §63.71 Application of (carrier's name). Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance (or reduction or impairment) upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

In Illinois, one of the alternative Lifeline providers for wireline service is:

ILLINOIS BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY (D/B/A AT&T ILLINOIS)
Telephone: (888) 256-5378

One of the alternative Lifeline providers for a mobile service is:

TRACFONE WIRELESS INC. (D/B/A SAFELINK)
Telephone: 1-800-SAFELINK

IMPORTANT DATES:

Illinois Telephone Corporation will cease providing lifeline discounted Service: March 20, 2018.

Illinois Telephone Corporation sincerely regrets any inconvenience these changes may cause.

Sincerely

Illinois Telephone Corporation
Customer Service Department
1-800-480-4198