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October 20, 2017

Marlene H. Dortch, Esq.
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554
Attn: International Bureau

**RE: Merrimack County Telephone Company
Notification of Discontinuance of International Telecommunication Services**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Enclosed is a Section 63.71 discontinuance application of Merrimack County Telephone Company (FRN: 0004337671).

The application seeks Commission approval for the discontinuance of Merrimack County Telephone Company's international carrier switched access tandem exchange services to the Antrim, Henniker and Hillsboro, New Hampshire market areas. The discontinuance will occur on November 20, 2017.

Please direct questions concerning this Transmittal to me at the contact information below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer R. Heise".

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Enclosure

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

In the Matter of)
Section 63.71 Application of)
Merrimack County Telephone Company)
For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of)
the Communications Act of 1934,)
To Discontinue the international switched)
access tandem exchange services to the Antrim,)
Henniker and Hillsboro, New Hampshire)
market areas)

**SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION OF
Merrimack County Telephone Company**

Merrimack County Telephone Company ("Applicant") 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 international switched access tandem exchange services to the Antrim, Henniker and Hillsboro, New Hampshire market areas. The Applicant provides the following information pursuant to Section 63.71 of the Commission's Rules:

1. Name and Address of the Carrier: Merrimack County Telephone Company, 525 Junction Road, Madison, Wisconsin 53717.
2. Date of Planned Service Discontinuance: Applicant plans to discontinue the affected services on November 20, 2017.
3. Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected: Applicant proposes to discontinue the affected services in Antrim, Henniker and Hillsboro, New Hampshire.
4. Description of Service Affected: International switched access tandem exchange services provide the ability to originate calls from an end user's premises to a customer's premises, and to terminate calls from a customer's premises to an end user's premises

5. Brief Description of the Dates and Methods of Notice to All Affected Customers: Applicant does not have any customers utilizing this service.

6. Regulatory Classification of Carrier: 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 Governor of New Hampshire, the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission and the Special Assistant for Telecommunications to the Secretary of Defense. Please direct questions regarding this application to the undersigned.

Conclusion: The public convenience and necessity will not be adversely affected by the discontinuance of the Applicant's switched access tandem exchange services to the Antrim, Henniker and Hillsboro, New Hampshire market areas. Applicant does not have any customers utilizing this service. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Commission approve this Section 63.71 application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer R. Heise". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Attachment


CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Jennifer Heise, do hereby certify that on this 20th day of October 2017, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Section 63.71 Application of Merrimack County Telephone Company via first-class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, to the following:

Secretary of Defense
Attn: Special Assistant for Telecommunications
The Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301

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