

In the Matter of )  
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Section 63.71 Application of )  
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Unicom Communications, LLC )  
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For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of )  
the Communications Act of 1934, As Amended, )  
to Discontinue the Provision of Service )

Unicom Communications, LLC (FRN: 0014-99-4602) (referred to herein as “Unicom”) hereby applies for authority pursuant to Section 63.71 of the Federal Communications Commission’s (Commission) rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, and Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214, to discontinue its local and long distance telephone service throughout Unicom’s territory.

**1. Name and address of carrier**

## 2. Date of planned service discontinuance

As of September 20, 2018, or as soon thereafter as the necessary regulatory approvals can be obtained, Unicom will no longer offer these services to new customers or accept new orders from existing customers (except to the extent such orders are permitted by contract). Existing customers of these services will have to obtain service from other local and long distance telephone service providers in their area.

**3. Points of geographic areas of service affected**

Unicom seeks authority to discontinue the provision of local and long distance telephone services in Florida and North Carolina.

**4. Brief description of the type of services affected**

Unicom provides local and long distance telephone services. Unicom currently has approximately 125 customers purchasing local and long distance telephone services. Current customers have the option of moving to alternative service providers, such as Frontier Communications of the Carolinas, LLC, AT&T Corp. & Windstream Communications, Inc.. Customers can also turn to numerous other providers of similar services.

**5. Brief description of the dates and methods of notice to all affected customers**

Unicom notified its local and long distance telephone service customers of the planned discontinuance by letter sent via U.S. Mail on August 2, 2018. Those customers were told that the proposed discontinuance would take effect on September 3, 2018, or as soon after that date as authorized by the relevant regulatory commissions.

A copy of the customer notification letter is appended hereto. (*See Attachment A.*)

**6. Dominance of carrier with respect to the service to be discontinued**

Unicom is not a dominant carrier with regard to the services to be discontinued.

**7. Service**

In accordance with 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a), Unicom has mailed a copy of this application to the Governor and public utility commission of each affected state identified in Paragraph 3 above, to any federally-recognized Tribal Nations with authority over the Tribal lands in the geographic areas identified in Paragraph 3 above, as well as to the Special Assistant for Telecommunications under the Secretary of Defense .

Respectfully submitted,

**UNICOM COMMUNICATIONS, LLC**

Charles D. D'Ascoli

Charles D. D'Ascoli, Managing Member

17 Smoky Mountain Drive

Franklin, NC 28734

**DATE:** September 21, 2018

ATTACHMENT A

[date]  
[customer's name]  
[customer's address]

**Re: Notice of Discontinuance of Service**

**YOU MUST CHOOSE A NEW TELEPHONE SERVICE PROVIDER BY [30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE PROPOSED DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE DATE] TO AVOID A POSSIBLE DISCONTINUATION OF SERVICE**

Dear Customer,

We regret to inform you that – subject to the approval of the North Carolina Public Utilities Commission (NCUC) – Unicom Communications, LLC will no longer be providing your local telephone service effective [proposed discontinuance of service date]. The discontinuance of service by Unicom Communications, LLC is necessary due to insurmountable financial difficulties.

Your action is required! You must select a new local telephone provider as quickly as possible but no later than [30 days prior to the proposed discontinuance of service date]. If you do not select a new local telephone provider on or before [30 days prior to discontinuance of service date], the NCUC may require that you be assigned to another carrier.

Please be aware that you remain responsible for paying all bills rendered to you by Unicom Communications, LLC during this transition. You may be subject to suspension or termination of your phone service in accordance with NCUC rules if you fail to pay your telephone bill.

After selecting a new local telephone provider, you should also contact your current long distance provider to ensure that your current long distance calling plan is not changed as a result of your change in your local service. If you do not contact your long distance provider, you may be charged basic rates (non-calling plan rates) for long distance calls.

[Mass Migration Plan]

A copy of “When Your Telephone Company Discontinues Service” published by the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) is enclosed for your information.

Generally, you can find a list of most local telephone service providers in your local telephone directory. If you require assistance, please contact Unicom Communications, LLC at our toll free customer service number (888) 714-9444. Finally, if you no longer want local service, please contact your current long distance provider if other than Unicom Communications, LLC.

Unicom Communications, LLC regrets any inconvenience this change may cause you.

Sincerely,

Charles D. D’Ascoli, Manager

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Kenneth W. Fromknecht, II, do hereby certify that I have caused the foregoing SECTION 63.71

**APPLICATION** to be:

- 1) Filed with the Secretary of the FCC via ECFS (INBOX--NON-DOCKETED FILING);
- 2) Served via first-class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, to the Governors of the States listed on the attached service list;
- 3) Served via first-class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, on the Public Utility Commissions of the States listed on the attached service list;
- 4) Served via first-class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, on the Regulatory Authorities for the Tribal Nations listed on the attached service list; and
- 5) Served via first-class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, on the Special Assistant for Telecommunications under the Secretary of Defense.



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Dated: October 2, 2018

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