



221 East Fourth Street  
Cincinnati, OH 45202

October 25, 2016

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
The Portals  
445 Twelfth Street S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Section 63.71 Application of Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company LLC to  
Discontinue the Provision of Service.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company LLC (CBT) submits the enclosed Application for Authority under Section 214(a) of the Communications Act and Section 63.71 of the Commission's Rules to discontinue Local Area Service in the Butler, Falmouth, Glencoe, Warsaw and Williamstown exchanges within the Kentucky portion of its operating area. Local Area Service is found in Section 3 of Local Service Tariff PSC KY No. 1. On or after January 3, 2017, subject to the Commission's authorization, CBT will no longer offer Local Area Service in the Butler, Falmouth, Glencoe, Warsaw and Williamstown exchanges within the Kentucky portion of its operating area.

Questions concerning this Transmittal should be directed to Mike Bishop at the above address, by phone at (513) 397-1231, or by email at [mike.bishop@cinbell.com](mailto:mike.bishop@cinbell.com).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patrick M. Crotty".

Patrick M. Crotty  
Corporate Counsel

Enclosure

Cc: Public Utilities Commission for Each Impacted State  
Governor of Each Impacted State  
Secretary of Defense, Attn: Special Assistant for Telecommunications  
Rodney McDonald, Esq.

**Before the  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of	)	
	)	
Section 63.71 Application of Cincinnati	)	
Bell Telephone Company, LLC for	)	WC Docket No.
Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of the	)	
Communications Act of 1934 to	)	Comp. Pol. No.
Discontinue the Provision of Service	)	

**SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION OF CINCINNATI BELL TELEPHONE  
COMPANY, LLC TO DISCONTINUE THE PROVISION OF SERVICE**

Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company, LLC (CBT) hereby submits the Application for Authority under Section 214(a) of the Communications Act and Section 63.71 of the Commission's rules to withdraw Local Area Service (LAS) in the Butler, Falmouth, Glencoe, Warsaw and Williamstown exchanges within the Kentucky portion of its operating area.

As required by Sections 63.71(a) and (b) of the Commission's rules, CBT provides the following information:

**1. Name and Address of Carrier (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(1), (b)(2)):**

Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company LLC  
221 East Fourth Street  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

**2. Date of Planned Service Discontinuance (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(2), (b)(2)):**

Subject to the Commission's authorization to discontinue service pursuant to Section 63.71(c) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(c), the Local Area Service contained in Section 3 of the Local Service Tariff PSC KY No. 1 will no longer be

available, effective January 3, 2017.

**3. Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(3), (b)(2)):**

Local Area Service found in Section 3 of the Local Service Tariff PSC KY No. 1 offered within the Butler, Falmouth, Glencoe, Warsaw and Williamstown exchanges within the Kentucky portion CBT's service area will be no longer offered.

**4. Brief Description of Type of Service Affected. (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(4), (b)(2)):**

Local Area Service (LAS) limits the Local Calling Area to approximately the County in which the customer is located. Local Area Service has been grandfathered in Kentucky since 1998.

There are currently 183 residence and 266 business customers for CBT's Local Area Service. Customers have a number of replacement options available such as CBT Extended Area Service which provides unlimited local calling through CBT's operating area, local telephone service from various competitors as well as cellular service options from a number of wireless carriers. Thus, the public convenience and necessity will not be impaired by this proposed service discontinuance.

**5. Brief Description of the Dates and Methods of Notice to all Affected Customers (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71 (b)(3)):**

CBT notified its customers of the discontinuance of Local Area Service by letter sent via U.S. mail on October 25, 2016. Copies of the customer notification letters are appended hereto as Attachment A. The letters inform affected customers that, with the required Commission approval, CBT plans to discontinue Local Area Service on or after January 3, 2017.

Copies of this Application are being sent via first class U. S. Mail to the Governor of Kentucky, the Public Service Commission of Kentucky and the Special Assistant for Telecommunications to the Secretary of Defense, as required by Section 63.71 (a) of the Commission's rules.

**6. Regulatory Classification of Carrier (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71 (b)(4)):**

CBT is considered dominant with respect to the services to be discontinued.

**CONCLUSION**

CBT Respectfully requests that the Commission approve this Application.

Respectfully Submitted,

By:   
Patrick M. Crotty  
Corporate Counsel  
Cincinnati Bell Telephone Co. LLC  
221 East Fourth Street  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202  
(513) 397 – 7260

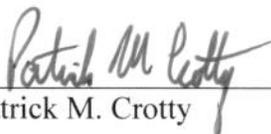
October 25, 2016

I, Patrick M. Crotty, do hereby certify that I have on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016, caused a copy of the foregoing "Section 63.71 Application of Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company, LLC to Discontinue the Provision of Service" to be served by U.S. mail upon the following:

Kentucky Public Service Commission  
211 Sower Boulevard  
Frankfort, Kentucky 40602

The Honorable Matt Bevin  
Office of the Governor  
700 Capital Avenue, Suite 100  
Frankfort, KY 40601

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

  
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Patrick M. Crotty



Customer Name  
Street Address  
City, State Zip

October, 25 2016

**Re: Withdrawal of Local Area Service**

Dear valued Cincinnati Bell Customer,

For more than 140 years, Cincinnati Bell has been delivering high performance, reliable communications services. We thank you for choosing us as your telecommunications provider.

Cincinnati Bell is upgrading its network in your area to replace obsolete equipment. As a result, the Local Area Service (LAS) phone line you receive from Cincinnati Bell will no longer be offered. Local Area Service allows you to place local calls to a limited nearby area with calls beyond that area subject to long distance charges.

**Your Local Area Service will be replaced by Cincinnati Bell's Extended Area Service (EAS).** With Extended Area Service you will be able to place local calls throughout the Cincinnati Bell Telephone service area without incurring long distance charges.

Currently, the tariffed rate is \$25.50 per month for LAS and \$31.45 per month for EAS. Cincinnati Bell is able to extend the rate of \$25.50 per month for your new EAS service for 12 months after the conversion. After 12 months, your EAS service will be charged at the tariffed rate of \$31.99 per month.

Cincinnati Bell does not expect any interruption to your service during this conversion.

Please consider this letter to be Cincinnati Bell's formal notice that, subject to the approval of the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"), Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company LLC plans to withdraw Local Area Service on or after January, 3 2017.

If you subscribe to other services from Cincinnati Bell, those services will NOT be impacted by the anticipated withdrawal of the Local Area Service.

If you are interested in other home phone options that include additional features, please visit [www.cincinnati-bell.com/home-phone](http://www.cincinnati-bell.com/home-phone) or call 513-565-2210.

Sincerely,

Cincinnati Bell

**Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company LLC is required by the Federal Communications Commission to provide the following statement:**

The Federal Communications Commission (“Commission”) will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service 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 30 days after the Commission releases public notice of the proposed discontinuance. Address comments 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 **Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company LLC**. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.



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Currently, the tariffed rate is \$33.25 per month for LAS and \$62.00 per month for EAS. Cincinnati Bell is able to extend the rate of \$33.25 per month for your new EAS service for 12 months after the conversion. After 12 months, your EAS service will be charged at the tariffed rate of \$62.00 per month.

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Your account is currently under contract. Therefore this change will not affect the rate you are currently paying for your access line. When your contract expires you will be charged the then current tariffed rate for extended area service access line service. Cincinnati Bell does not expect any interruption to your service during this conversion.

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