

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554**

<i>In the Matter of</i>)	
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Section 63.71 Application of)	WC Docket No. _____
)	
DCT Telecom Group, Inc.)	
)	File No. _____
For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of The)	
Communications Act of 1934, As Amended,)	
To Discontinue the Provision of Service)	

SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION OF DCT TELECOM GROUP, INC.

DCT Telecom Group, Inc. ("DCT") applies for authority under Section 214(a) of the Communications Act, as amended ("the Act"),¹ and Section 63.71 of the Commission's rules,² to discontinue DCT's provision of interexchange telecommunications services in the State of California. As explained below, this discontinuance would affect less than a dozen business customers previously notified under the requirements of the California Public Utilities Commission by letter dated May 13, 2019.

DCT provides the following information pursuant to Section 63.71 of the Commission's rules:

1. Name and Corporate Headquarters Address of Carrier:

DCT Telecom Group, Inc.	FRN: 0009625609
27877 Clemens Road	
Cleveland, OH 44145	

Correspondence concerning the Application should be sent to:

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¹ 47 U.S.C. § 214.
² 47 C.F.R. §63.71.

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2. Date of Planned Service Discontinuance

DCT plans to discontinue the services that are subject of this Application no earlier than July 15, 2019, pending federal and state regulatory approval.

3. Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected:

DCT proposes to discontinue providing switch-based interexchange telecommunications services in the State of California; as of this date, less than a dozen customers would be affected.

4. Brief Description of Types of Service Affected and Reason for Discontinuance:

DCT proposes to discontinue service to switched-based interexchange service customers in California. DCT submits this application for automatic approval under 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(f) as a domestic, non-dominant carrier. DCT also provides a stand-alone interconnected voice over Internet protocol (“VoIP”) service throughout the service area and there are other facilities-based services available from other providers.

5. Brief Description of the Dates and Methods of Notice to All Affected Customers:

On June 10, 2019, DCT provided written notice of the planned discontinuance of the affected services to all of its customers, consistent with Section 63.71(a) of the Commission’s rules.³ A copy of the notice is attached hereto as Exhibit A. The written notice was provided to the DCT customers via U.S. First Class mail and/or electronic email. In the notice, DCT provided its planned date of discontinuance and notice of the availability of alternative service providers. Pursuant to requirements of the California Public Utilities Commission, DCT had previously provided written notice to that Commission and all of its customers by letter dated

³ 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a).

May 13, 2019 that it would discontinue its regulated switch-based interexchange service on June 14, 2019. Out of an abundance of caution, DCT has now provided additional notice to all of these customers with a new discontinuance date of July 15, 2019.

6. Whether the Carrier is Considered Dominant or Non-Dominant with Respect to the Service to be Discontinued:

DCT is considered non-dominant in all locations it serves with respect to the service that will be discontinued.

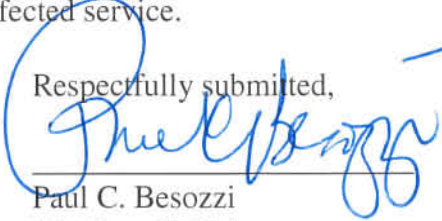
7. Other Information:

In accordance with Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's rules,⁴ a copy of this Application is being mailed concurrently with its filing to the entities listed on the attached certificate of service.

Conclusion

The public convenience and necessity will not be adversely affected by the discontinuance of the services described herein to these customers. DCT has provided the requisite notice to all of its customers, each of whom has access to several readily available substitute services. Therefore, DCT respectfully requests that the Commission approve its Section 63.71 Application to discontinue the affected service.

Respectfully submitted,



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DATED: June 11, 2019

⁴ *Id.*

Certificate of Service

I, Matthew G. Baker, certify that on June 11, 2019, a true and correct copy of the foregoing Section 63.71 Application of DCT Telecom Group, Inc. was sent by United States mail, first-class postage prepaid to the following:

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

Office of the Governor
1303 10th Street
Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

/s/ Matthew G. Baker
Matthew G. Baker

EXHIBIT A

CUSTOMER NOTICE



June 10, 2019



Dear [REDACTED]

You previously received a notification dated May 13, 2019 that effective June 14, 2019, DCT will discontinue legacy voice services in the state of California. The effective date of the discontinuance has been changed to no earlier than July 15, 2019. As was noted in the letter you received dated May 13, DCT will be providing voice services in the state of California that are delivered via Internet Protocol (VoIP) only. Services affected include at least some of the outbound and/or inbound 800 services that your organization is currently utilizing.

The proposed discontinuance of your interexchange telephone service is subject to regulatory approval by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance 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 DCT Telecom Group, Inc. 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.

If this has not happened already, a DCT Sales/service rep will be contacting you directly to further explain this change, answer any questions you may have and assist you with migrating these services to an alternative provider. You may also contact our Customer Service department at 1-888-404-4328 or at customerservice@4dct.com at your convenience for any assistance with this transition. However, if you have already taken action regarding your service, no further action is required as a result of this notice.

Regards,

Michael Litten
VP, Admin & Finance