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Talk America Services, LLC
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Little Rock, Arkansas 72211

FRN: 0023997349

Secretary, Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554
ATTN: Wireline Competition Bureau

**RE: Talk America Services, LLC
 Application to Discontinue Service**

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed please find the Application to Discontinue Service submitted on behalf of Talk America Services, LLC. This filing is made pursuant to Title 47, Section 63.71.

A copy of this filing has been provided to the Service List provided as Exhibit B.

Any questions you may have regarding this filing should be directed to my attention at 407-740-3031 or via email to Sthomas@inteserra.com. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/ Sharon Thomas

Sharon Thomas
Consultant

tms: FCCx1805

cc: Rodney McDonald, FCC (via Email)
 Kimberly Jackson, FCC (via Email)
 Service List

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

In the Matter of)
Section 63.71 Application of)
Talk America Services, LLC)
to Discontinue Services)

File No. _____

Section 63.71 Application of Talk America Services, LLC

Talk America Services, LLC ("Talk America Services" or "Applicant"), hereby seeks authorization pursuant to Section 214 (a) of the Communication Act of 1934, as amended, and 47 C.F.R. §63.71, to discontinue the provision of exchange access and/or interstate long distance services in certain locations in the states of Louisiana, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Montana, New Hampshire, Nevada, Rhode Island, Vermont and West Virginia. This proposed discontinuance will affect approximately 128 existing customers.¹

Applicant is considered a non-dominant telecommunications carrier with respect to all of its services, including those affected by the proposed discontinuance.

Talk America Services provides the following information pursuant to Section 63.71 of the Commission's rules:

1. Name and corporate headquarters address of Carrier

Talk America Services, LLC
10802 Executive Center Drive
Benton Building, Suite 300
Little Rock, AR 72211

2. Correspondence concerning this Application should be sent to:

Sharon Thomas
Consultant to Talk America Services, LLC
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¹ Talk America Services also intends to disconnect local exchange service (dial tone and local usage), digital subscriber line ("DSL") internet access, and intrastate long-distance services to some of the affected customers. These services are not subject to the FCC's Section 214 discontinuance rules and are, therefore, not included as part of this request for authorization. However, customers are being notified regarding all of the services that are to be discontinued.

3. *Date of Planned Service Discontinuance, Reduction or Impairment:*

Talk America Services proposes to discontinue the services that are the subject of this Application on or about October 1, 2018, pending required federal and state regulatory approval of the discontinuance.

4. *Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected:*

Talk America Services proposes to discontinue all of its telecommunications services in the states of Louisiana, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Montana, New Hampshire, Nevada, Rhode Island, Vermont and West Virginia. Services provided to existing customers will be discontinued and services will no longer be offered to new customers following the proposed discontinuance.

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

The table below identifies the types of telecommunications services and affected customers within each state impacted by the proposed discontinuance of service.

State	Local Exchange/Exchange Access Lines and Intrastate/Interstate Long Distance (Bundled)	Intrastate and Interstate Long Distance Only	Total Affected Customers
Louisiana	9	5	14
Massachusetts	2	28	30
Mississippi	2	1	3
Montana	0	2	2
New Hampshire	1	13	14
Nevada	1	49	50
Rhode Island	0	6	6
Vermont	2	1	3
West Virginia	0	6	6

The services subject to the FCC's jurisdiction that are the subject of this request for authorization are exchange access and interstate long distance.

The services are being discontinued because Talk America Services has a very small customer base in the affected states and does not anticipate growth in its customer base. Consequently, it is not economically viable to continue to offer service these states. As described below, Talk America Services is providing all

affected customers with ample notice of the discontinuance and has established a dedicated toll-free customer service number to support customers impacted by the discontinuance.

6. *Brief Description of Dates and Methods of Notice to All Affected Customers:*

The Applicant has provided written customer notice of the planned discontinuance in accordance with the requirements of section 63.71 (a) of the Commission's Rules. Notice was provided via 1st class U.S. mail to all affected customer on August 15, 2018. The notices are attached as Exhibit A.

A copy of this Application is being sent to the state regulatory commissions and governors' offices in all of the affected states, as well as to the Department of Defense, as required under Section 63.71, concurrent with this filing. A service list is provided in Exhibit B.

Conclusion

Talk America Services, LLC respectfully requests that the Commission approve its Section 63.71 Application to discontinue the services described herein. Pursuant to Section 214(a) of the Communication Act of 1934, as amended, and 47 C.F.R. §63.71, Talk America Services understands that this application will be automatically granted on the 31st day after the Public Notice is released, with no Commission notification to the Company, unless the Commission has notified the Company that the grant will not be automatically effective.

Dated this 15th day of August, 2018.

By: /s/ Jeffrey R. Strenkowski

Jeffrey R. Strenkowski
Vice President, Deputy General Counsel of
Governmental Affairs
Talk America Services, LLC

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Exhibit A
Customer Notice



2134 W Laburnum Ave. , Richmond, VA 23227

August 15, 2018

Customer Name
Customer Address
City, State Zip

URGENT: Your telephone services will be impacted unless you take action!

Dear Valued Customer,

Talk America Services, LLC will discontinue offering local exchange (dialtone), digital subscriber line (DSL) internet access and intrastate and interstate long distance services in the states of Louisiana, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Montana, New Hampshire, Nevada, Rhode Island, Vermont and West Virginia on or after October 1, 2018, pending applicable regulatory approvals. **Your service will be affected by this discontinuance.**

To avoid a **permanent disruption of your telephone services**, please contact Talk America Services at 1-800-962-4772 as soon as possible to discuss your available options for an alternative service provider. Failure to do so may result in insufficient time to transition your services to an alternative provider. If you subscribe to our local services, you could lose your dialtone, including your telephone number, with no short-term ability to restore them. If you subscribe to our internet access or long distance services, you will experience loss of those service if you fail to transition to another provider or providers before October 1, 2018. Therefore, you will need to migrate the services you now receive from Talk America Services to an alternative provider **before October 1, 2018.**

A filing is being made with the FCC for approval of this discontinuance of service. The FCC 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 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 Talk America Services, 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.

Talk America Services' customer service can be reached at 1-800-962-4772 or customercare@talkamericaservices.com or in writing at 2134 W Laburnum Ave., Richmond, VA 23227.

Sincerely,
Talk America Services, LLC

Exhibit B – Service List

Mr. Brandon Frey, Secretary Louisiana Public Service Commission 602 North 5th Street Galvez Building 12th Floor Baton Rouge, LA 70802	Governor of Louisiana PO Box 94004 Baton Rouge, LA 70804
Ms. Sara J. Clark, Secretary Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications & Cable 100 Washington Street Suite 820 Boston, MA 02118	Governor of Massachusetts Room 360 Boston, MA 02133
Ms. Katherine Collier, Executive Secretary Mississippi Public Service Commission 501 N. West Street Suite 201-A Jackson, MS 39201	Governor of Mississippi PO Box 139 Jackson, MS 39205
Ms. Kate Whitney, Program Director Montana Public Service Commission 1701 Prospect Avenue Helena, MT 59601	Governor of Montana State Capitol Building Helena, MT 59620
Ms. Lisa Cleveland, Program Assistant New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit Street Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301-2429	Governor of New Hampshire State House Concord, NH 03301-4990
Ms. Breanne Potter Assistant Commission Secretary Nevada Public Utilities Commission 1150 E. William Street Carson City, NV 89701-3109	Governor of Nevada 101 N. Carson Street Carson City, NV 89701
Ms. Luly Massaro, Commission Clerk Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission 89 Jefferson Blvd. Warwick, RI 02888	Governor of Rhode Island 222 State House Providence, RI 02903-1196
Ms. Judith Whitney, Chief Clerk of the Board Vermont Public Utility Commission 112 State Street Drawer 20 Montpelier, VT 05620-2601	Governor of Vermont 109 State St. Montpelier, VT 05609
Ms. Ingrid Ferrell, Executive Secretary Public Service Commission of West Virginia 201 Brooks Street Charleston, WV 25301	Governor of West Virginia State Capitol Complex Charleston, WV 25305

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

STATE OF FLORIDA)

COUNTY OF ORANGE)

On this date, August 15, 2018, the foregoing Section 63.71 Application was sent by U.S. Mail postage prepaid to the service list contained in Exhibit B.

/s/Keith Rice

For Shipping Department
Inteserra Consulting Group, Inc.