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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Section 63.71 Application of Verizon Pennsylvania LLC, Verizon Washington, DC Inc., Verizon Maryland LLC, Verizon Virginia LLC, Verizon Delaware LLC, Verizon New Jersey Inc., Verizon New York Inc., Verizon New England Inc., Verizon North LLC, and Verizon South Inc.**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Verizon incumbent local exchange companies captioned above submit the enclosed Application for authority under Section 214(a) of the Communications Act and 47 C.F.R. 63.71 to discontinue Bonded Digital Link Service as specified in this Application.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Frederick E. Moacdieh".

Enclosure

cc: Department of Defense Chief Information Officer  
Governor of Each Impacted State  
Public Utilities Commission of Each Impacted State

In the Matter of )  
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Section 63.71 Application of Verizon )  
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For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of )  
the Communications Act of 1934, As )  
Amended To Discontinue the Provision of ) File No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Service )  
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Verizon<sup>1</sup> submits this Application for authority under Section 214(a) of the Communications Act and Section 63.71 of the Commission’s rules to discontinue offering Bonded Digital Link Service (“BDLS”) throughout Verizon’s service territories, not including the areas covered by the pending application to discontinue the same service in specific wire centers.<sup>2</sup> Verizon has not had any BDLS customers or requests for BDLS since at least December 2016. Given the lack of demand for this outdated offering, we plan to discontinue BDLS on or after November 22, 2017.

Consistent with Section 63.71(a) and (b) of the Commission's rules, Verizon provides the following information:

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

Verizon Pennsylvania LLC  
1717 Arch Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19103

<sup>1</sup> The Verizon companies participating in this filing are the wholly-owned subsidiaries of Verizon Communications Inc. that offer Bonded Digital Link Service, as listed in this application (collectively for the purposes of this filing, “Verizon”).

<sup>2</sup> See Aug. 2, 2017 Public Notice, *Comments Invited on Application(s) to Discontinue Domestic Dominant Carrier Telecommunications Services*, WC Docket No. 17-159; June 1, 2017 Section 63.71 Application of Verizon Maryland LLC, et al., WC Docket No. 17-159.

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Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

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140 West Street  
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Verizon New England Inc.  
6 Bowdoin Square, 9th Floor  
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Verizon North LLC  
1717 Arch Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Verizon South Inc.  
22001 Loudoun County Parkway  
Ashburn, VA 20147

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

Subject to the Commission's authorization, on or after November 22, 2017, Verizon will discontinue BDLS.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> Subject to the Commission's authorization, Verizon intends to file tariff revisions on 15 days' notice to discontinue the service.

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

Subject to the Commission's authorization, Verizon will discontinue BDLS where Verizon offers the service in its service territory (not including the areas already covered by Verizon's pending application in WC Docket No. 17-159) in the following states: Connecticut, New York, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, the District of Columbia, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. In Pennsylvania and Virginia, Verizon offers BDSL only in areas covered by its FCC Tariff Nos. 1 and 14.

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

Bonded Digital Link Service provides connecting channels for the transmission of voice or data between an end user's local exchange service terminating at a digital cross connect facility and special access service provided by Verizon within the same wire center or at another wire center within the same LATA. Bonded Digital Link Service is further described in Verizon's FCC Tariff No. 1, Sec. 7.2.8.1, Verizon's FCC Tariff No. 11, Sec. 7.2.21, and Verizon's FCC Tariff No. 14, Sec. 5.2.10. Verizon has no customers on BDLS.

*Alternative Services and Products:* Parties today can obtain alternative services and products from Verizon or other providers that perform the same functions as BDLS. Verizon's alternative wholesale products and services include Transparent LAN Service (TLS) and DS1 service. Verizon's alternative retail products and services include Switched Ethernet Service and DS1 service.

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

Verizon has no BDLS customers and therefore no customer notices are required.

Verizon is sending copies of this Application by first class U.S. Mail to the governor and public utilities commission for each affected state as well as to the Department of Defense Chief Information Officer, 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)):**

Verizon is classified for regulatory purposes under the Commission's rules as dominant with respect to BDLS.

**CONCLUSION**

Verizon respectfully requests that the Commission approve this Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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August 25, 2017

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 25th day of August, 2017, I caused to be served a copy of the foregoing Section 63.71 Application by U.S. Mail postage prepaid to the following parties on the attached service list.

*Roy Litland*

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Roy E. Litland

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