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September 1, 2016

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Section 63.71 Application of Grand River Mutual Telephone Corporation DBA
GRM Networks for Authority to Discontinue Certain Services

JSI respectfully files the enclosed Application of Grand River Mutual Telephone Corporation DBA GRM Networks for Authority to Discontinue Certain Services. This filing is made in compliance with Section 63.71 of the Commission's rules (47 C.F.R. § 63.71).

Sincerely,

Valerie Wimer
Vice President

on behalf of

Ronald T. Hinds
Chief Executive Officer
Grand River Mutual Telephone Corporation

Enclosures

cc: Jenni Neff, Grand River Mutual Telephone Corporation

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

In the Matter of)
)
Section 63.71 Application of) Comp. Pol. File No. _____
Grand River Mutual Telephone Corporation)
DBA GRM Networks)
For Authority to Discontinue)
Certain Services)

SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION

Pursuant to Sections 63.71 of the Commission's Rules¹ and Section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended,² Grand River Mutual Telephone Corporation DBA GRM Networks ("GRM" or the "Company") hereby files this application to discontinue the provision of certain local exchange services to customers that the Company serves in the States of Missouri and Iowa ("Application").³ In support of this Application, GRM submits the following:

I. Information Required by Section 63.71(a)(1) -(4)

A. Name and Address of Carrier

Grand River Mutual Telephone Corporation
DBA GRM Networks
1001 Kentucky Street
Princeton, MO 64673

For purposes of this Application, the Commission may contact:

Jenni Neff
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1001 Kentucky Street
Princeton, MO 64673
660-748-2575
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¹ See 47 C.F.R. § 63.71.

² See 47 U.S.C. § 214(a).

³ As required by Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's Rules, GRM has notified and submitted a copy of this Application concurrent with this filing to the Missouri Public Service Commission, The Iowa Utilities Board, the Governors of Missouri and Iowa, and the Secretary of the Department of Defense.

B. Date of Planned Service Discontinuance

GRM will discontinue certain local exchange services to its customers in the States of Missouri and Iowa on or about November 30, 2016, or upon completion of all necessary federal and state regulatory approvals.

C. Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected

Affected GRM local exchange customers are in the Company's Iowa exchanges of Garden Grove and Davis City, and Missouri exchanges of Jamesport, Spickard, Barnard, Galt, Laredo and Chula.

D. Brief Description of the Types of Service Affected

In the Iowa exchanges of Garden Grove and Davis City, and Missouri exchanges of Jamesport, Spickard and Barnard, GRM provides the following services which will be discontinued (collectively, "Affected Services):

1. Off-Premises Extension Service for telephone stations that require a Central Office connection due to distance from the primary line
2. Firebar Service – Central Office equipment allows for customers to dial a single telephone number which rings simultaneously to multiple volunteer Fire Department personnel, all of whom are joined to the call upon answering
3. Local Exchange Service to customers with no power source at the end user premises, either through commercial electrical power or through any other means

In the Missouri exchanges of Galt, Chula and Laredo, only the Firebar Service as described above at item 2. will be discontinued.

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

Notices were sent to all affected GRM local exchange customers on September 1, 2016. Customers who receive paper bills from GRM received written notice by method of U.S. Mail by bill message. Customers who have elected paperless billing received written notice electronically through email notification. Please reference Exhibit A which is a sample copy of the Notice sent to the affected customers. The Company deemed the bill message the most economic method of reaching its rural customers. The first page of both the paper and the electronic bills displayed text to alert customers to the important notice included with their bill in order to bring sufficient attention to the Notice.

III. Status of Carrier

GRM is an incumbent local exchange carrier and considered a dominant carrier with respect to the services that it proposes to discontinue in the States of Missouri and Iowa.

IV. Circumstances of Discontinuance

The Company plans to begin network improvements through installation of fiber in the Iowa exchanges of Garden Grove and Davis City, and the Missouri exchanges of Barnard and portions of Jamesport and Spickard. In conjunction with the newly deployed fiber, GRM will discontinue all of the Affected Services to customers cut over to fiber in the foregoing exchanges.

As a result of a planned switch collapse in the Missouri exchanges of Galt, Laredo and Chula, the discontinued service will be limited to Firebar Service. After the switch collapse, the equipment in the Central Office will no longer be compatible with the Firebar equipment. The Galt, Laredo and Chula exchanges will not be transitioned to fiber facilities at this time.

The Company's discontinuance of the Affected Services are rooted in the Company's desire to improve services to its customers through deployment of fiber facilities and will not adversely affect customers. Less than one percent of affected customers currently subscribe to distant Off-Premises Extension Service, and there are no customers in the affected areas who lack a power source. GRM is directly contacting the few customers who currently subscribe to the Affected Services to ensure alternative services are available to the extent feasible.

The discontinued Off Premises Extension Service that requires a Central Office connection may be substituted by installation of a second line which will allow an incoming call to ring at both the primary and secondary lines. The Firebar Service may be substituted with a similar service that provides for the placed call to ring at multiple Volunteer Fire Department numbers, and the connection made with the first person to answer the call. Firebar Service is an optional service for GRM customers, all of whom have access to 911 dialing for emergency services. These substitute services are similar in function and will be offered at similar rates to the discontinued services.

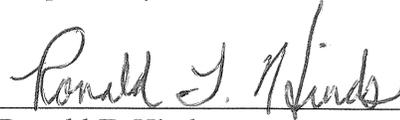
V. Certification

On behalf of Grand River Mutual Telephone Corporation DBA GRM Networks, I, the undersigned Ronald T. Hinds, Chief Executive Officer, hereby certify that the statements contained herein are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and made in good faith.

VI. Conclusion

For the reasons stated herein, the Company respectfully requests grant of this Application.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ronald T. Hinds", is written over a horizontal line.

Ronald T. Hinds
Chief Executive Officer
Grand River Mutual Telephone Corporation
DBA GRM Networks
1001 Kentucky Street
Princeton, MO 64673
660-748-2575

September 1, 2016

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing Section 63.71 Application was served this 1st day of September 2016, by mailing true and correct copies thereof, postage prepaid, to the following persons at the addresses listed below.

Morris L. Woodruff, Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
200 Madison Street, PO Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0360

Executive Secretary
Iowa Utilities Board
1375 E. Court Avenue, Room 69
Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0069

Office of Governor Jay Nixon
P.O. Box 720
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Office of Governor Terry Branstad
1007 East Grand Ave.
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

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

/s/ Marty Klueh

EXHIBIT A

CUSTOMER NOTICE

Grand River Mutual Telephone Corporation
DBA GRM Networks
1001 Kentucky Street
Princeton, MO 64673

September 1, 2016

RE: Notice of Discontinuance of Certain Services

Dear Valued Customer:

This letter is to inform you that on or after November 30, 2016, as a result of implementation of a fiber network and other network changes, Grand River Mutual Telephone Corporation DBA GRM Networks will no longer be providing certain local exchange services within the states of Missouri and Iowa in the Iowa exchanges of Garden Grove and Davis City, and the Missouri exchanges of Jamesport, Spickard, Barnard, Galt, Laredo, and Chula. Specifically, the following services will be discontinued:

For customers cut over to fiber in the exchanges of Garden Grove, Davis City, Jamesport, Spickard, and Barnard:

- Off-Premises Extension Service for telephone stations that require a Central Office connection due to distance from the primary line
- Firebar services
- Local Exchange Service to customers with no power source at the end user premises, either through commercial electrical power or through any other means

For customers in the exchanges of Galt, Laredo, and Chula:

- Firebar services

This discontinuance is limited to the above services and will not affect your GRM Networks service in any other way. GRM Networks is in the process of upgrading its telecommunications network. The changes mentioned above do not affect most customers. In addition to this notice, GRM Networks is directly contacting customers who subscribe to an affected 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 30 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 Grand River Mutual Telephone Corporation. 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 you have any questions about this notice or Grand River Mutual Telephone Corporation's discontinuance of services, please contact Jenni Neff at 800-451-2301.

We thank you for your business and look forward to continuing to serve your communications needs.

Sincerely,
Ron Hinds
CEO