

November 20, 2017

Via ECFS

Marlene H. Dortch, Esq.
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Section 63.71 Application of TelCove Operations, LLC

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Enclosed is a Section 63.71 discontinuance application for TelCove Operations, LLC (FRN: 0003-7091-10). The application seeks Commission approval for the discontinuance of Voice and Data services in the Houston, Texas metropolitan area. A separate notice of this discontinuance is being filed with the International Bureau pursuant to Section 63.19 of the Commission's rules. No other services are being discontinued by the applicant at this time.

In the event there are questions concerning this matter, please contact me.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosure

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

In the Matter of)
Section 63.71 Application of)

TelCove Operations, LLC)

WC Docket No. _____

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For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of)
the Communications Act of 1934, as)
amended, to Discontinue the Provision of)
Voice and Data Services in the Houston, TX)
Metropolitan Area)
_____))

**SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION OF
TELCOVE OPERATIONS, LLC**

TelCove Operations, LLC (FRN: 0003-7091-10) (“Applicant”), a subsidiary of Level 3 Communications, LLC, which is now a CenturyLink company, seeks authorization pursuant to Section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214(a), and Section 63.71 of the Commission’s rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue its provision of Voice and Data services in the Houston, TX metropolitan area.

Applicant provides the following information pursuant to Section 63.71 of the Commission’s Rules:

1. Name and Address of the Carrier: TelCove Operations, LLC, 1025 Eldorado Boulevard, Broomfield, Colorado 80021.
2. Date of Planned Service Discontinuance: Applicant plans to discontinue the affected services on or around March 22, 2018, or as soon thereafter as any necessary regulatory approvals are obtained.

3. Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected: Applicant proposes to discontinue the affected service in the Houston, Texas metropolitan area.

4. Description of Services Affected: Voice and Data Services: POTs, Analog and Digital T1 services provide voice-grade telephonic communications channels that can be used to place or receive one call at a time; PRI allows a connection between ISDN customer premises equipment and Applicant's switching equipment using a Primary Rate Interface over a digital transport facility; Centrex service is a multistation system that consists of digital switching equipment in the Applicant's switch connected to station lines on the customer premises, enabling customers to originate and receive local calls; Remote Call Forwarding (RCF) allows a customer the ability to have calls forwarded on a permanent basis to a designated telephone number; Toll-Free (TF) service allows call charges to be billed to the customer and not to the party originating the call.

5. Brief Description of the Dates and Methods of Notice to All Affected Customers: Applicant sent a written notification of the planned discontinuance to customers utilizing the services in accordance with Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's Rules. Customer notifications were sent by United Parcel Service on November 20, 2017. A copy of the notification is attached to this application.

6. Whether the Carrier is Considered Dominant or Non-dominant with Respect to the Service to be Discontinued: Applicant is considered non-dominant with respect to the services to be discontinued.

7. Other information: In accordance with Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's Rules, a copy of this application is being mailed concurrently with its filing to the

entities listed on the attached certificate of service. Please direct questions regarding this application to the undersigned.

Conclusion: The public convenience and necessity will not be adversely affected by the discontinuance of the services described herein. Advance notice has been provided to all affected customers, giving them ample time to arrange substitute services, which are readily available and include, but are not limited to, other services offered by Applicant's affiliates, Level 3 and CenturyLink. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Commission approve this Section 63.71 application.

Respectfully submitted,



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Customer Notice

1025 Eldorado Boulevard
Broomfield, CO 80021

Regulatory Notice of Termination / Service Disconnection – TelCove Operations, LLC

Dear Customer,

TelCove Operations, LLC (“TelCove”), a CenturyLink company, is writing to provide notice that TelCove is discontinuing the provision of Voice and Data Services (“e.g. Analog, Digital T1, RCF, POTs, TFs, Centrex, PRI”) in the Houston, TX metropolitan area, subject to the approval of the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) on or after March 22, 2018 (the “Termination Date”). These Services are provided to you under service terms between «Customer_name» and TelCove. Our records also indicate that these Services are out of term and therefore subject to termination by either party. The Services are being terminated as part of a network consolidation program that will result in migration of legacy services to one end state, company-wide platform.

There may be options to replace this Service with another CenturyLink product offering. Please contact your CenturyLink account team within 30 days to discuss the option of designing a replacement solution. If you have not made arrangements to replace the affected services with a different CenturyLink service or with another telecommunications service provider prior to March 22, 2018, please be advised that your service will be disconnected on or after this date, provided that the FCC approves the planned discontinuance.

The CenturyLink point of contact for this transition will be your CenturyLink Account Manager. Your Account Manager is «AM_Name» and can be reached at «AM_Phone», or by email at «AM_Email». If you would like to designate an operational contact with respect to this matter, please provide his or her contact information as soon as possible.

If there are any questions or concerns with respect to this letter, please feel free to contact your Account Manager. Disconnects can be issued by «Customer_name» through the customer disconnect portal by Billing account number.

We require and appreciate your prompt attention to this matter. Thank you very much in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

On behalf of CenturyLink and its affiliated companies.

TelCove Operations, LLC is required by the FCC to provide the following statement:

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 TelCove Operations, 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.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Tammy Chatfield, do hereby certify that on this 20th day of November, 2017, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Section 63.71 Application of TelCove Operations, LLC to be sent via first-class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, to the following:

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

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