

**BEFORE THE
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

In the Matter of)	
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Telefónica Larga Distancia)	
de Puerto Rico, Inc.)	WC Docket No. _____
)	
Section 63.71 Application to Discontinue)	
Domestic Telecommunications Services)	

SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION

Telefónica Larga Distancia de Puerto Rico, Inc. (“TLD”), in accordance with Section 63.71 of the Commission’s rules,¹ hereby requests authority to discontinue the provision of domestic telecommunications services to residential and small office/home office (“SOHO”) customers in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands as of January 26, 2018.²

In support of this application, TLD provides the following information in accordance with Section 63.71(b) of the Commission’s rules:

Name and address of carrier

Telefónica Larga Distancia
412 City View Plaza Torre 1
Guaynabo, PR 00968
PO Box 70325 San Juan, PR 00936-8325

Planned discontinuance date and geographic areas affected

TLD plans to discontinue its telecommunications services to residential and SOHO customers in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands as of January 26, 2018, or as soon as possible thereafter once the necessary regulatory approvals have been obtained.

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 63.71.

² TLD concurrently is notifying the International Bureau, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 63.19, that TLD will discontinue its international telecommunications services to these customers, as well.

Description of affected service

TLD will discontinue providing any telecommunications services in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands to residential and SOHO customers. Affected services include local services, intra-island long distance service, and interstate and international long distance service.

Brief description of the dates and methods of notice to all affected customers

On November 27, 2017, TLD notified each affected customer of the proposed discontinuance by mail to the customer's billing address on file with TLD. Each customer received a copy of the notice in Spanish and English, in the form shown in Exhibit A attached hereto.

In accordance with Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's rules, copies of this application are being submitted to the Puerto Rico Telecommunications Regulatory Board, the Virgin Islands Public Services Commission, and the governors of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, as well as to the Special Assistant for Telecommunications to the Secretary of Defense.

Carrier's regulatory classification

TLD is classified as non-dominant with respect to the services at issue in this application.

Additional information

Any questions relating to this application may be directed to undersigned counsel for TLD.

Conclusion

The proposed discontinuance of TLD's services to residential and SOHO customers in the affected territories will not adversely affect the public convenience or necessity, as reasonable substitutes for these services are available from numerous competing carriers.

TLD therefore respectfully requests that the Commission grant TLD the requested authority to discontinue its provision of the services described herein.

Respectfully submitted,

Telefónica Larga Distancia de Puerto Rico, Inc.

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Exhibit A

Discontinuance Notices



16 de noviembre del 2017



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Tel.: (787) 749-5800

Re: Telefonica Larga Distancia de Puerto Rico, Inc.,
Descontinuación del Servicio Residencial/SOHO

Estimado Cliente:

Por la presente le informamos que efectivo el 26 de enero de 2018 Telefonica Larga Distancia de Puerto Rico, Inc. ("TLD") cesará de brindar servicio a sus clientes residenciales y de pequeñas oficinas u oficinas en la casa ("SOHO" del inglés small office/home office) en Puerto Rico y las Islas Vírgenes de los Estados Unidos. Estos servicios incluyen: servicio de telefonía local, telefonía de larga distancia intra-isla, interestatal e internacional. Esto incluye los servicios que TLD actualmente le provee a usted.

Usted puede solicitar la cancelación del servicio en cualquier momento, previo a dicha fecha, sin penalidad. Le exhortamos a consultar con otros proveedores de servicio de modo que pueda continuar recibiendo los servicios a través de su nuevo proveedor de servicio seleccionado. De todos modos le advertimos que los servicios de TLD descontinuarán el 26 de enero de 2018.

Como parte del proceso de descontinuación del servicio TLD le notificará tanto a la Junta Reglamentadora de Telecomunicaciones de Puerto Rico ("JRTPR") como a la Comisión Federal de Comunicaciones ("FCC"). Por lo general la FCC autoriza las peticiones de descontinuación de servicio a menos que los clientes demuestren que no podrán de otro modo recibir los servicios, o un sustituto razonable, o que la necesidad pública o conveniencia se verá adversamente afectada. Si usted desea objetar deberá presentar sus comentarios y objeciones dentro de los quince (15) días desde que la FCC emita un aviso público sobre la descontinuación de servicio propuesta. Usted podrá presentar sus comentarios electrónicamente a través del Sistema de radicaciones electrónicas de la FCC (FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System) utilizando el número de caso que aparezca en el aviso público de la FCC para este proceso, o podrá enviar sus comentarios a la siguiente dirección: Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington, DC 20554, e incluir en sus comentarios una referencia a la Petición de TLD bajo la sección §63.71. Los comentarios deben incluir información específica del impacto que tendría la descontinuación de servicio propuesta para usted o su compañía, incluyendo su inhabilidad de poder conseguir un proveedor sustituto razonable.

De tener alguna pregunta o necesitar información adicional por favor comuníquese con nuestro departamento de servicio al cliente al 787-781-8181 u 1-800-981-8181 o servicioalclientepr@telefonica.com.

Le reiteramos nuestro compromiso y agradecimiento por haber seleccionado a Telefónica Larga Distancia de Puerto Rico, Inc.

Atentamente,

DocuSigned by:

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Carolina Valeriano
Country Manager



November 16, 2017

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Tel.: (787) 749-5800



Re: Telefonica Larga Distancia de Puerto Rico, Inc.,
Discontinuation of Residential/SOHO services

Dear Customer:

This is to inform you that effective January 26, 2018 Telefonica Larga Distancia de Puerto Rico, Inc. ("TLD") will no longer provide service to its residential and SOHO (small office/home office) clients in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. These services include: local services, intra-island long distance service, interstate and international long distance service. This includes the services TLD currently provides to you.

You may request the cancellation of the service at any time, prior to this date, without charges or penalties. We encourage you to consult with other service providers, so that you may continue receiving the services from your new selected service provider. In any event, TLD's services will be discontinued on January 26, 2018.

As part of the discontinuation process TLD will notify both the Telecommunications Regulatory Board of Puerto Rico ("TRBPR") and the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"). Please note that 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 service 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 FCC 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 FCC'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 TLD. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance (or reduction or impairment) upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

If you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact our Customer Service Department of TLD at 787-781-8181 or 1-800-981-8181 or servicioalclientepr@telefonica.com. We reemphasize our commitment to service and our appreciation for selecting Telefónica Larga Distancia de Puerto Rico, Inc.

Best regards,

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Carolina Valeriano
Country Manager

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Michael Beder, certify that on this 18th day of December, 2017, I caused a copy of the foregoing Section 63.71 application to be served by first-class mail, postage pre-paid, upon:

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Office of Governor Kenneth Mapp
Government House, 21-22 Kongens Gade
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St. Thomas, VI 00802

Hon. Sandra Torres
President
Telecommunications Regulatory Board of
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500 Roberto H. Todd Ave.
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Virgin Islands Public Services Commission
Barbel Plaza
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Secretary of Defense
Attn: Special Asst. for Telecommunications
Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301

/s/ Michael Beder

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