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Section 63.71 Application of AT&T Mobility Puerto Rico, Inc. for Authority to Discontinue Certain U.S. Domestic Telecommunications Services)
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WC Docket No. FCC-Competition Policy Division
14-178

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SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION OF AT&T MOBILITY PUERTO RICO, INC.

AT&T Services, Inc., on behalf of its affiliate AT&T Mobility Puerto Rico, Inc. ("AMPRI"), hereby requests authority pursuant to Section 214(a) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 214(a), and Section 63.71 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue the provision of residential interstate wireline circuit-switched domestic voice telecommunications services in Puerto Rico.¹

BACKGROUND

In 2009, AMPRI's parent corporation, AT&T Inc. ("AT&T"), acquired Centennial Communications Corporation ("Centennial"), which provided wireless service in six states, plus the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. In addition to its wireless operations, Centennial had a subsidiary, Centennial Puerto Rico Operations Corp. ("CPR"), which was a facilities-based competitive local exchange carrier in Puerto Rico. Although CPR principally served business customers, CPR also had a small number of residential customers (fewer than 600) in eleven communities, which CPR served through a circuit-switched copper network. CPR was merged

¹ AMPRI is also discontinuing wireline circuit-switched international voice telecommunications services in Puerto Rico, and will comply with the Commission's discontinuance requirements for international services.

into AMPRI in an internal reorganization following the consummation of the AT&T/Centennial transaction, and AMPRI started transitioning CPR's residential customers to other services or providers (some of whom went to other wireline providers, while others dropped wireline service altogether).

AMPRI has agreed to sell its network facilities in its remaining service territory to Liberty Cablevision of Puerto Rico LLC ("LCPR").² LCPR will use the conduit, poles, and rights-of-way to construct a state-of-the-art cable and broadband network that will be capable of providing video programming and high speed broadband service, as well as voice service. Once LCPR's network is complete and the capable of serving the residents of the communities, AMPRI will discontinue its wireline services.

The AMPRI/LCPR transaction serves the public interest. A dated telecommunications network will be rebuilt, and additional capabilities will become available to residents of these communities. For customers that elect to transition to LCPR's network, there will be no interruption of service. In addition, AMPRI will continue to offer wireless voice and internet services throughout the service territory.

AMPRI provides the following information in support of this application pursuant to Section 63.71 of the Commission's rules:

I. SECTION 63.71(A)(1)-(4) INFORMATION

A. Name and address of carrier:

AT&T Mobility Puerto Rico
P.O. Box 71514
San Juan, PR 00936-8614

² AMPRI's customer base is not part of the transaction.

B. Date of Planned Service Discontinuance:

AMPRI plans to discontinue the services described herein on or after November 28, 2014.

C. Geographic Areas Affected:

AMPRI's service territory in Puerto Rico.

D. Brief description of type of service affected:

AMPRI seeks authority to discontinue the provision of interstate domestic circuit-switched voice services in Puerto Rico.

II. NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

AMPRI notified the affected customers of this proposed discontinuance by letter via U.S. mail on September 10, 2014. The customer notice letter is attached as *Exhibit A*.³ The notifications informed customers of the discontinuance of AMPRI's circuit-switched voice service offering and informed them of LCPR's plans to begin offering service in the area.

In addition, AMPRI certifies that, concurrent with the filing of this Application, it is submitting a copy of this Application to the Governor of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Puerto Rico Public Service Commission, and also to the Chief Information Officer of the Department of Defense, as required by Section 63.71(a).⁴

III. REGULATORY STATUS

AMPRI is regulated as a non-dominant carrier with respect to the services that it seeks authority to discontinue.

³ The notification letters that were sent to customers were in Spanish. AMPRI is providing an English translation for the Commission's convenience.

⁴ Section 63.71(a) directs applicants to submit a copy of the application to the Secretary of Defense, Special Assistant for Telecommunications. However, due to restructuring within the Department of Defense, that position no longer exists. Commission staff has advised that a copy of the application be sent instead to the Department of Defense Chief Information Officer.

IV. CONCLUSION

The public convenience and necessity will not be adversely affected by this proposed termination of service. Customers have been provided adequate notice, and the public will have access to improved interstate domestic voice services in the affected geographic area.

For the reasons discussed herein, AMPRI respectfully requests, pursuant to Section 214(a) of the Act and Section 63.71 of the Commission's rules, that the Commission approve its Section 63.71 Application to discontinue interstate voice services to customers in Puerto Rico.

Respectfully submitted,



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September 29, 2014

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, I, Loretia Hill, on this 29th day of September, caused copies of the foregoing Section 63.71 Application to be served upon the parties listed below by first-class mail, postage prepaid.

Office of Governor Alejandro García Padilla
La Fortaleza
P.O. Box 9020082
San Juan, PR 00902-0082

Puerto Rico Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 190870
San Juan, PR 00919-0870

Department of Defense Chief Information Officer
Attn: Military Assistant/Mobility Team
The Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301

/s/ Loretia Hill
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EXHIBIT A

CUSTOMER NOTICE LETTER



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www.att.com

Septiembre 10, 2014

Estimado Cliente de servicio residencial alámbrico:

La presente es para informarle que a partir del 28 de Noviembre de 2014, AT&T Mobility Puerto Rico Inc. (antes Centennial de Puerto Rico) no ofrecerá el servicio de telecomunicación de voz doméstico e internacional alámbrico (teléfono y/o acceso a Internet) el cual usted esta recibiendo actualmente en su residencia. Sujeto a aprobaciones Reglamentarias y Legales, estos servicios serán descontinuados en o antes del 28 de Noviembre de 2014, en toda el área de servicio de AT&T en Puerto Rico, incluyendo Laderas de San Juan en Caguas y Los Faroles en Bayamón.

A pesar de que el servicio residencial alámbrico no será ofrecido a partir del 28 de Noviembre de 2014, AT&T puede proveer acceso telefónico **inalámbrico** y/o acceso a la Internet **inalámbrico** en su localidad. Como alternativa, usted puede escoger recibir servicio telefónico alámbrico y/o acceso a Internet alámbrico de un nuevo proveedor de servicio. Liberty CATV recientemente ha desarrollado acceso alámbrico telefónico y a internet en estas comunidades.

A continuación le presentamos las alternativas que usted puede escoger para remplazar su servicio telefónico alámbrico o acceso a Internet alámbrico:

1. **Teléfono inalámbrico (celular) y modem inalámbrico de AT&T:** Le invitamos a que se comunique con nosotros al 1-866-662-4548; nuestros representantes le presentaran los varios modelos y tarifas que tenemos para teléfonos y modems inalámbricos de AT&T.
2. **Teléfono alámbrico y modem alámbrico de la compañía de Cable TV:** La compañía de CATV Liberty está ofreciendo servicio alámbrico de telefonía e Internet en su localidad. Le invitamos a que se comunique al 787-355-3535 (Laderas de San Juan) y al 787-444-0657 (Los Faroles). Ellos le pueden presentar los modelos y tarifas en teléfonos y modems alámbricos que ofrece Liberty.

En adición a las opciones presentadas, usted puede escoger no tomar acción alguna. **Si usted decide no tomar acción, el servicio telefónico y acceso a Internet alámbrico en su residencia será descontinuado a partir del 28 de Noviembre de 2014.**

Este servidor será su punto de contacto primario en AT&T, y gustosamente le ayudare en cualquier pregunta o preocupación que usted pueda tener con relación a lo aquí informado.

Apreciamos mucho su apoyo a los servicios de AT&T y esperamos poder servirle en el futuro.



Notificación de Interrupción

La FCC generalmente autoriza esta propuesta de interrupción (o reducción o deficiencia) de servicio a menos que se demuestre que los clientes serán incapaces de recibir servicio o un sustituto razonable por otro proveedor, o que la conveniencia y necesidad del público es de alguna manera adversamente afectada. Si usted desea objetar, usted debe radicar sus comentarios lo antes posible, pero no más tarde de 15 días después que la Comisión haga noticia pública la propuesta de interrupción. Dirija las objeciones a: Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington, DC 20554, e incluya en sus comentarios referencia al doc. 63.71 Application of AT&T Mobility Puerto Rico Inc. Los comentarios deben incluir información específica sobre el impacto de esta propuesta de interrupción (o reducción o deficiencia) hacia usted o su compañía, incluyendo cualquier incapacidad en adquirir servicios sustitutos razonables.

Sinceramente,

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September 10, 2014

Dear valued wireline service customer:

This is to inform you that as of November 28, 2014, AT&T Mobility Puerto Rico, Inc. (formerly Centennial de Puerto Rico) will no longer support the wireline circuit-switched domestic and international voice telecommunications service (phone access and/or internet access), that you are currently receiving at your residence. Pending legal and regulatory approval, these services will be discontinued on or after November 28, 2014 throughout AT&T's service area in Puerto Rico including Laderas de San Juan in Caguas and Los Faroles in Bayamon.

Although the wireline residential service will no longer be supported by AT&T after November 28, 2014, AT&T may provide **wireless** telephone and/or **wireless** internet access at your location. As an alternative, you may also choose to receive wireline telephone and/or internet service from a new service provider. Liberty CATV Company has recently introduced wireline phone and internet access in these communities.

Below you will find the alternatives you can select to replace your wireline phone or wireline internet access:

1. **AT&T's wireless phone and wireless internet modem:** We request that you contact AT&T at 1-866-662-4548; we may introduce you to the various models and rates available for wireless phones and wireless internet modems AT&T is offering.
2. **CATV wireline phone and wireline internet modem:** Liberty CATV Company is offering wireline phone and wireline internet access at your location. You may contact Liberty CATV, at 787-355-3535 (Laderas de San Juan) and 787-444-0657 (Los Faroles). They may introduce you to the models and rates Liberty is offering for wireline phones and wireline internet modems.

In addition to the above two options, you can take no action. **If you decide to take no action, AT&T's Wireline Residential Service will be discontinued at your residence on or after November 28, 2014.**

I will be your primary point of contact with AT&T, and I will be glad to assist with any questions or concerns you may have regarding the above.

We appreciate your business and past support to AT&T, and we hope to serve you in the future.



Notice of Discontinuance

The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service (or reduction or impairment) 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. 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 AT&T Mobility Puerto Rico, Inc. 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.

Sincerely,

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