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FCC-Competition Policy Division

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
The Portals  
445 Twelfth Street S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Amended Section 63.71 Application of Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company, LLC to Discontinue the Provision of Service.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company, LLC (CBT) submitted an Application for Authority under Section 214(a) of the Communications Act and Section 63.71 of the Commission's Rules dated July 30, 2014 to discontinue Metallic Service and Telegraph Grade Service in the Bethel, Ohio and Fairfield, Ohio wire centers on or after February 1, 2015. CBT asserted in the Application that there were no current Metallic Service and Telegraph Grade Service customers in the Bethel, Ohio and Fairfield, Ohio wire centers.

CBT has discovered two Metallic customers in the Fairfield, Ohio wire center. CBT wishes to amend its Application to state that there are two Metallic Service customers in the Fairfield Ohio wire center. Customer notification letters were sent to the two affected customers via U.S. mail on October 1, 2014. A sample of the letter is attached.

In addition, CBT wishes to correct a typographical error in paragraph 2 of the Application to reflect the date of service discontinuance as on or after February 1, 2015.

Questions concerning this letter should be directed to Mike Bishop at the above address, by phone at (513) 397-1231, or by email at [mike.bishop@cinbell.com](mailto:mike.bishop@cinbell.com).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patrick M. Crotty".

Patrick M. Crotty  
Corporate Counsel

Enclosure

Cc: Rodney McDonald, Esq.

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**Cincinnati Bell**<sup>SM</sup>

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**Customer Name**  
**Customer Address**

**Re: Withdrawal of Analog Metallic Services**

Dear Cincinnati Bell Business Customer:

For more than 140 years, Cincinnati Bell has been delivering high performance, reliable business communications services. In order to continue building on our rich heritage of innovation and deliver services that customers are demanding, we are accelerating our investment in the network. We are proud to say that no other service provider in the region is investing in their network like Cincinnati Bell.

The majority of our network investment is focused on expanding the reach of our fiber optic network, so that we can meet the need for high speed Internet and other services that traditional copper lines cannot support. At the same time, we are also removing equipment from the network that no longer meets our standards for reliability and performance.

Your company is currently purchasing Analog Metallic Services, which is the underlying service that supports the Remote Metering and Remote Radio features from Cincinnati Bell. This product has reached the end of its useful life. Please consider this letter to be Cincinnati Bell's formal notice that, subject to the approval of the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"), Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company LLC ("CBT") plans to withdraw the Analog Metallic Service within the Bethel and Fairfield wire centers on or after February 1, 2015. Although CBT can continue to provide Remote Metering and Remote Radio capability using advanced technologies, the services you utilize today must be reconfigured to be compatible with our upgraded network.

If you also subscribe to other services from CBT, those services will NOT be impacted by the anticipated withdrawal of the Analog Metallic Service.

We understand that making changes that impact the services you purchase from Cincinnati Bell is an inconvenience. To ensure a smooth transition to an alternative product that will provide you with a better experience that is based on current technology,

your Cincinnati Bell Account Manager will be contacting you shortly to schedule a meeting to review your communications requirements.

Cincinnati Bell is dedicated to providing the finest business communications services and customer care available, and we look forward to working with you to meet your needs. If you wish to contact me, please do so at the email provided below.

Sincerely,



Michael Herrmann  
Vice President, Product Management  
[Michael.herrmann@cbts.net](mailto:Michael.herrmann@cbts.net)

**Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company LLC is required by the Federal Communications Commission to provide the following statement:**

The Federal Communications Commission ("Commission") 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. Address comments 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 **Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company 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.

Ohio customers may contact the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio for assistance at 1-800-686-7826 (toll free) from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays, or at [www.puco.ohio.gov](http://www.puco.ohio.gov). Hearing or speech impaired customers may contact the PUCO via 7-1-1 (Ohio relay service.)