

Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of)
Section 63.71 Application of)
CenturyLink Communications, LLC)
For Authority to Discontinue)
Service in Peoria and)
Bloomington/Normal, IL)

SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION

Pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act and Section 63.71 of the Commission's rules,¹ CenturyLink Communications, LLC (CenturyLink) applies for authority to discontinue the competitive services that until April 1, 2014 were offered through CenturyLink's Madison River (Madison River) Communications affiliate in Peoria and Bloomington/Normal, Illinois.² Given the aging equipment used to provide these services, CenturyLink has decided to discontinue them as of January 30, 2015, or as soon thereafter as the necessary regulatory approvals can be obtained. This discontinuance will have no impact on the other services currently offered and provided by CenturyLink in Peoria and Bloomington/Normal. It will also not affect the services offered and provided by CenturyLink's former Madison River operations in other states.

CenturyLink submits the following information in support of its application:

1. Name and address of carrier

CenturyLink
100 CenturyLink Drive
Monroe, LA 71203

¹ 47 U.S.C. § 214; 47 C.F.R. § 63.71.

² In April 2014, the Madison River affiliate was merged into CenturyLink Communications, LLC, such that the Madison River services are now offered through the latter affiliate.

2. Date of planned service discontinuance

The anticipated date for discontinuing the affected services is January 30, 2015, or as soon thereafter as the necessary regulatory approvals can be obtained.

3. Points of geographic areas of service affected

CenturyLink seeks authority to discontinue the provision of the affected services in Peoria and Bloomington/Normal, Illinois.

4. Brief description of the type of services affected

CenturyLink is seeking authority to discontinue all services offered and provided through its former Madison River operations in Peoria and Bloomington/Normal, Illinois. Those services include voice services, such as traditional telephone service, Integrated Service Digital Network-Primary Rate Interface (ISDN-PRI) service, long distance service, and data services, such as DS1 and Asynchronous Transfer Mode (ATM) services.

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

Over the past several months, through a series of letters and other contacts, CenturyLink notified affected customers of the upcoming discontinuance of Madison River services and the alternative services available to them through CenturyLink. Most of the notified customers have now transitioned to other services or are in the midst of doing so. On December 15, 2014, CenturyLink sent an additional letter by U.S. Mail to the remaining 48 customers that may still be receiving one of the affected services. That letter includes the language required by the Commission's discontinuance rules. (*See Attachment 1.*)

6. Dominance of carrier with respect to the service to be discontinued

CenturyLink is a non-dominant carrier with regard to service offered in Peoria and Bloomington/Normal, Illinois.

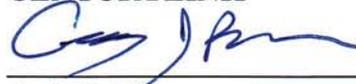
7. **Service**

In accordance with 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a), CenturyLink has mailed a copy of this application to the Governor and public utility commission in the state of Illinois, as well as to the Special Assistant for Telecommunications under the Secretary of Defense.

Respectfully submitted,

CENTURLINK

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Its Attorney

December 18, 2014

Attachment 1

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December xx, 2014

Dear <Customer>,

As you are aware, CenturyLink Communications, LLC (CenturyLink) is discontinuing certain services in Peoria and Bloomington/Normal, Illinois. In particular, it is discontinuing all services provided by its Madison River operations in the area—including Asynchronous Transfer Mode (ATM) service, local exchange service, and long distance voice service—though CenturyLink will continue to provide other services in Peoria and Bloomington/Normal. This action also does not affect the services provided by CenturyLink in other geographic areas.

As we have explained in previous letters, we plan to discontinue offering these services in Peoria and Bloomington/Normal by January 30, 2015, or as soon thereafter as the necessary regulatory approvals can be obtained. We understand that you may have already transitioned to another service from CenturyLink or another provider, or may already in the process of doing so. We nevertheless are sending you this letter to ensure that we meet the Federal Communications Commission's specified customer notice requirements.

Thank you for your patience throughout this process. If you need any assistance in the transition of your service, please contact me at 309-477-0224.

Sincerely,

John Fordham
CenturyLink
Manager Area Operations
309-477-0224



The following statement is required by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC):

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 Sec. 63.71 Application of CenturyLink. 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.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Keith D. Nieb, do hereby certify that I have caused the foregoing **SECTION 63.71**

APPLICATION to be:

- 1) Filed with the Secretary of the FCC via ECFS (Inbox-Section 214 Domestic Discontinuance Application);
- 2) Served via first-class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, on the Governor of the State listed on the attached service list;
- 3) Served via first-class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, on the Public Utility Commission listed on the attached service list; and
- 4) Served via first-class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, on the Special Assistant for Telecommunications under the Secretary of Defense.



Keith D. Nieb

December 18, 2014

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