

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554**

In the Matter of)
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Section 63.63 Application of)
Alascom, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Alaska)
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For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of)
The Communications Act of 1934, As Amended,)
To Discontinue the Provision of Service)

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**SECTION 63.63 APPLICATION OF
ALASCOM, INC. d/b/a AT&T ALASKA**

AT&T Services, Inc. on behalf of its affiliate Alascom, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Alaska (“AT&T Alaska”), seeks emergency authorization under Section 214(a) of the Communications Act, as amended (“the Act”), 47 U.S.C. § 214, and Section 63.63 of the Federal Communications Commission’s (“Commission”) rules, to suspend AT&T Alaska’s interexchange (IXC) services for an indefinite period of time.

As required by Section 63.63(a) of the Commission’s rules, AT&T Alaska provides the following information:

(1) The effective date of such discontinuance, reduction, or impairment, and the identification of the service area affected;

March 25, 2015; Healy Lake Exchange in Healy Lake, Alaska

(2) The nature and estimated duration of the conditions causing the discontinuance, reduction, or impairment;

On March 2, 2015, Alaska Power and Telephone (AP&T), the local telephone utility, provided notice to the Regulatory Commission of Alaska (“RCA”) that it would suspend local power and local wireline communication service in Healy Lake, Alaska.¹ AP&T notified AT&T that it suspended dial tone and power in Healy Lake on March 25, 2015.

¹ See attached letter from Michael Garrett, Chief Operating Office, AP&T, to Regulatory Commission of Alaska (March 2, 2015).

AT&T Alaska is physically unable to operate its facilities and serve its customers without access to (1) electric power, (2) a local switch to route long distance traffic to AT&T, and (3) local loops to carry long distance calls to and from customers' premises. As a result, AT&T Alaska also suspended IXC service to Healy Lake on March 25, 2015. AT&T Alaska notified the RCA of this service discontinuance on March 26, 2015.²

(3) The facts showing that such conditions could not reasonably have been foreseen by the carrier in sufficient time to prevent such discontinuance, reduction, or impairment;

As noted above, AT&T Alaska was notified by AP&T that it suspended local dial tone and power to Healy Lake on March 25, 2015; the same day that AP&T suspended its services. AP&T was the only provider of local telephone service in Healy Lake, Alaska, and without it, there is no local telephone network available for AT&T Alaska to use to provide IXC services.

(4) A description of the service involved;

AT&T Alaska provided voice IXC service in Healy Lake. AT&T Alaska is the only facilities-based provider of IXC service to this location. According to AT&T's records, AT&T Alaska sold its IXC service to AP&T for resale to one IXC customer in Healy Lake.

(5) The nature of service which will be available or substituted;

AT&T Alaska understands that satellite phone service is available in the area.

(6) The effect upon rates to any person in the community;

AT&T Alaska is unaware of any effect this suspension may have upon rates to any person in the community.

(7) The efforts made and to be made by applicant to restore the original service or establish comparable service as expeditiously as possible.

For the time being, AT&T Alaska is not removing its microwave facilities from Healy Lake. If there continues to be no demand for IXC service in Healy Lake, AT&T Alaska will seek authority to permanently discontinue this service.

Conclusion:

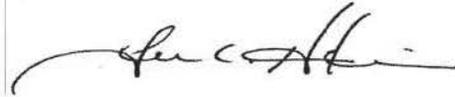
The public convenience and necessity will not be adversely affected by the suspension of this service as there are no customers currently subscribing to this service

² See attached letter from Carl Gipson, Director – External Affairs, AT&T, to Regulatory Commission of Alaska (March 26, 2015).

in Healy Lake, Alaska. AT&T respectfully requests that the Commission grant AT&T Alaska's Section 63.63 Application to suspend AT&T Alaska's IXC services in Healy Lake Alaska for an indefinite period of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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RE: Suspension of Service - Healy Lake, Alaska

This letter is notice that local energy and wireline telecommunication service will be suspended in Healy Lake, Alaska sometime during the week of March 16, 2015. We do not know when or if service will resume.

AP&T is the provider of local power and wireline communications service¹ in Healy Lake, Alaska (907/876). It is expected that the last resident in the community will be on their own power and no longer a local exchange service subscriber sometime during the week of March 16, 2015. Due to the extremely high cost of fuel and accessibility into the community, service will be suspended indefinitely.

Please note that AP&T is not abandoning service but given no residents require service the need to maintain dial tone and energy services is non-existent. Should circumstances change, service may resume or AP&T may renew its application to abandon service in the community.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Garrett".

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Re: Suspension of Service – Healy Lake

This letter is to provide notice that Alascom, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Alaska ("AT&T Alaska") suspended intrastate interexchange ("IXC") service to Healy Lake on March 25, 2015.

Earlier this month, Alaska Power and Telephone (AP&T) provided notice to the Commission that it would suspend local power and local wireline communication service in Healy Lake.¹ AP&T notified AT&T Alaska that it suspended this service on March 25, 2015. This means that AP&T has suspended dial tone and power in Healy Lake. AT&T Alaska is physically unable to operate its facilities and serve its customers without access to (1) electric power, (2) a local switch to route long distance traffic to AT&T Alaska, and (3) local loops to carry long distance calls to and from customers' premises.² As such, AT&T Alaska also suspended IXC service to Healy Lake on March 25, 2015.

For the time being, AT&T Alaska is not removing its facilities from Healy Lake. If there continues to be no demand for IXC service in Healy Lake, AT&T Alaska may seek to discontinue service to this location.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Yours sincerely,

Carl Gipson
Director – External Affairs

Attachment

¹ See attached letter from Michael Garrett, Chief Operating Office, AP&T, to Regulatory Commission of Alaska (March 2, 2015).

² AT&T Alaska has never been certificated to provide local exchange service. The order granting Alascom, Inc. its CPCN in 1970 specifically noted that Alascom's authority was "not intended to infringe upon the service functions ordinarily performed by local telephone utilities within their service areas." Order No. U-69-024(12), p. 11, ¶ 15.