



June 1, 2015

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communication Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Section 63.71 Application of Telephone Electronics Corporation (TEC) for Authority to Discontinue Certain Services

Ms. Dortch,

Telephone Electronics Corporation (TEC) respectfully files the enclosed Application of TEC on behalf of its affiliates, Bay Springs Telephone Company, Inc., National Telephone of Alabama, Inc., Roanoke Telephone Company, Inc., Crockett Telephone Company, Inc., Peoples Telephone Company, West Tennessee Telephone Company, Inc., Bay Springs Communications, Inc., and TEC of Jackson, Inc., for Authority to Discontinue Certain Services. This filing is made in compliance with Section 63.71 of the Commission's rules (47 C.F.R. § 63.71) and requests approval to discontinue on or after September 30, 2015.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa Wigington", is written over a printed name and title.

Lisa Wigington
Director of Revenue Assurance
and Regulatory Compliance

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

In the Matter of)	
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Section 63.71 Application of)	
)	File No.
Bay Springs Telephone Company, Inc.,)	
National Telephone of Alabama, Inc.,)	
Roanoke Telephone Company, Inc.,)	
Crockett Telephone Company, Inc.,)	
Peoples Telephone Company,)	
West Tennessee Telephone Company, Inc.,)	
Bay Springs Communications, Inc., and)	
TEC of Jackson, Inc.)	
)	
For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of)	
The Communications Act of 1934, As Amended,)	
To Discontinue the Provision of Service)	

SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION OF TEC

Telephone Electronics Corporation (TEC), on behalf of its affiliates, Bay Springs Telephone Company, Inc., National Telephone of Alabama, Inc., Roanoke Telephone Company, Inc., Crockett Telephone Company, Inc., Peoples Telephone Company, West Tennessee Telephone Company, Inc., Bay Springs Communications, Inc., and TEC of Jackson, Inc., collectively referenced herein as TEC, applies for authority under Section 214(a) of the Communications Act, as amended (“the Act”), 47 U.S.C. § 214 and Section 63.71 of the Federal Communications Commission’s (“Commission”) rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue offering the operator services of Person to Person, Collect Calls, Third Number Billed, Busy Line Verification and Busy Line Interruption services in Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee.

As required by Section 63.71(a) and (b) of the Commission's rules, TEC is providing the following information:

Name and Address of Carrier (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(1), (b)(2)):

Bay Springs Telephone Company, Inc.
PO Box 409
382 Highway 18
Bay Springs, MS 39422

Crockett Telephone Company, Inc.
PO Box 7
641 Main Street
Friendship, TN 38034

National Telephone of Alabama, Inc.
PO Box 249
955 Second Street
Cherokee, AL 35616

Peoples Telephone Company
PO Box 310
4587 West Main Street
Erin, TN 37061

Roanoke Telephone Company, Inc.
950 Main Street
Roanoke, AL 36274

West Tennessee Telephone Company, Inc.
PO Box 10
224 E. Main Street
Bradford, TN 38316

TEC of Jackson, Inc.
700 S. West Street
Jackson, MS 39201

Bay Springs Communications, Inc.
PO Box 409
382 Highway 18
Bay Springs, MS 39422

Telephone Electronics Corporation (TEC)
Corporate Offices
236 E. Capitol Street
Jackson, MS 39201

Date of Planned Service Discontinuance (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(2), (b)(2)):

TEC plans to discontinue this service on or after September 30, 2015, subject to Commission authorization of the discontinuance pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(c).

Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(3), b(2)):

TEC will discontinue this service throughout its geographic service areas in ~~Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee.~~

Brief Description of Type of Service Affected (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(3), b(2)):

The affected services include the following:

- (a) Person to Person: A service where the person originating the call specifies to the operator a particular person to be reached.
- (b) Collect Calls: A service by which certain calls, upon request, may be reversed (charged to the called station) upon acceptance of the call at the called station.
- (c) Third Number Billed: A toll message in which associated charges are billed neither to the calling station nor the called station, but rather to a station not involved in the message.
- (d) Busy Line Verification and Busy Line Interruption: Allows the operator to establish a “talking” connection to an apparently busy station line to determine if the station line is in working order. Prior to connection of the operator to a busy line, a spurt of tone is applied to alert the talking parties of the operator’s presence and the spurt of tone is reapplied every 14-16 seconds thereafter. An idle line will be rung normally when busy verification is attempted.

The public convenience and necessity will not be impaired by this service discontinuance because there are few customers using this service. Usage of these services have been in decline for many years due to the market growth of other communication methods, including mobile phones, email, social media streams and voice over IP.

Brief Description of the Dates and Methods of Notice to All Affected Customers (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(b)(3)):

TEC has few customers using this service. They were notified on June 1, 2015.

Copies of this Application are being sent to the public utilities commissions and governors of the affected states and also to the Special Assistant for Telecommunications to the Secretary of Defense, as required by 63.71(a) of the Commission's rules.

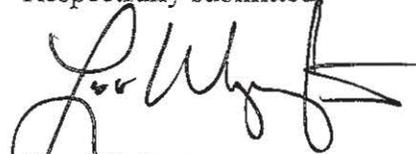
Regulatory Classification of Carrier (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(b)(4)):

TEC is considered non-dominant with respect to the services to be discontinued. Questions about this application may be addressed to Lisa Wigington, Director of Revenue Assurance and Regulatory Compliance, 236 E. Capitol Street, Jackson, MS 39201, (601) 354-9070.

Conclusion:

The public convenience and necessity will not be adversely affected by the discontinuance of this service because TEC has few customers using this service. TEC respectfully requests that the Commission approve its Section 63.71 Application to discontinue these services.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Wigington
Director of Revenue Assurance and
Regulatory Compliance
Telephone Electronics Corporation

June 1, 2015

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, **Lisa Wigington**, certify that I have, on June 1, 2015, served a copy of the foregoing Section 63.71 Application of TEC to the addresses below:



Lisa Wigington
Director of Revenue Assurance and
Regulatory Compliance
Telephone Electronics Corporation

**Alabama Public Service Commission
RSA Union Building, Suite 850
100 N. Union Street
Montgomery, AL 36104**

**Office of the Governor
State Capitol
600 Dexter Avenue
Montgomery, AL 36130**

**Arkansas Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 400
Little Rock, AR 72203-0400**

**Office of the Governor
State Capitol Rm. 250
500 Woodlane Ave.
Little Rock, AR 72201**

**Louisiana Public Service Commission
Galvez Building, 12th Floor
602 North Fifth Street
P.O. Box 91154
Baton Rouge, LA 70821**

**Office of the Governor
P.O. Box 139
Jackson, MS 39205**

**Mississippi Public Service Commission
501 North West Street, Suite 201-A
Jackson, MS 39215-1174**

**Governor's Office
1st Floor, Tennessee State Capitol
Nashville, TN 37243-0001**

**Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37243-0505**

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

**Office of the Governor
P.O. Box 94004
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9004**



Notice of Discontinuance of Operator Services

Due to the significant decline of the use of operator services over the years, TEC will be discontinuing the following operator services: person to person, collect calls, third number billed, busy line verification and busy line interruption services in Alabama, effective September 30, 2015. The Section 214 Discontinuance of Service request was filed with the FCC on June 1, 2015. The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service unless it is shown 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 Telephone Electronics Corporation (TEC). 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.



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