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**VIA ECFS**

November 2, 2015

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Section 63.71 Application of Progressive Rural Telephone Cooperative for  
Authority to Discontinue Certain Services

JSI respectfully files the enclosed Application of Progressive Rural Telephone  
Cooperative 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).

Sincerely,

Valerie Wimer  
Vice President

on behalf of

Ron Chambers  
General Manager  
Progressive Rural Telephone Cooperative

Enclosures

cc: Ron Chambers, Progressive Rural Telephone Cooperative

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Before the  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of )  
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Section 63.71 Application of ) Comp. Pol. File No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Progressive Rural Telephone Cooperative )  
For Authority to Discontinue )  
Certain Services )

**SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION**

Pursuant to Sections 63.71 of the Commission's Rules<sup>1</sup> and Section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended,<sup>2</sup> Progressive Rural Telephone Cooperative ("Progressive" or the "Company") hereby files this application to discontinue the provision of local operator services, local operator-assisted calls, Busy Line Verification and Busy Line Interrupt and directory assistance services to customers that the Company serves in the State of Georgia ("Application").<sup>3</sup> In support of this Application, Progressive submits the following:

**I. Information Required by Section 63.71(a)(1)-(4)**

**A. Name and Address of Carrier**

Progressive Rural Telephone Cooperative  
890 Simpson Avenue  
Rentz, GA 31075

For purposes of this Application, the Commission may contact:

Ron Chambers  
Progressive Rural Telephone Cooperative  
890 Simpson Avenue  
Rentz, GA 31075  
478-984-4201  
[ronc@progressivetel.com](mailto:ronc@progressivetel.com)

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<sup>1</sup> See 47 C.F.R. § 63.71.

<sup>2</sup> See 47 U.S.C. § 214(a).

<sup>3</sup> As required by Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's Rules, Progressive has notified and submitted a copy of this Application concurrent with this filing to the Georgia Public Service Commission, the Governor of Georgia, and the Secretary of the Department of Defense.

**B. Date of Planned Service Discontinuance**

Progressive will discontinue certain operator services and directory assistance to its customers in the State of Georgia on or about December 30, 2015, or upon completion of all necessary federal and state regulatory approvals.

**C. Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected**

Affected Progressive local exchange customers are in the Company's service area of central Georgia which includes portions of Dodge, Laurens, Bleckley, Wheeler and Wilkinson Counties.

**D. Brief Description of the Types of Service Affected**

In the areas referenced above, Progressive provides the following services which will be discontinued: "0" dialing to reach a operator, "0 + 10" dialing for operator-assisted calling services and operator-assisted calling card services; and busy line verification/busy line interrupt services and directory assistance (collectively, "Affected Services). This discontinuance is limited to the Affected Services. Customers can continue to reach a long distance operator by dialing "00" to the extent that their presubscribed interexchange carrier offers operator services. Local exchange service will continue without interruption.

**II. Brief Description of the Dates and Methods of Notice to All Affected Customers**

Notices were sent to all Progressive local exchange customers as a bill message, printed on a separate page so as to be readily visible, on November 2, 2015. Please reference Exhibit A which is a sample copy of the Notice sent to the affected customers.

**III. Status of Carrier**

Progressive is an incumbent local exchange carrier and considered a dominant carrier with respect to the services that it proposes to discontinue in the State of Georgia.

**IV. Circumstances of Discontinuance**

The Company's discontinuance of the Affected Services was a business decision based on a lack of customer demand for the service. Operator services time for the preceding 12 months averaged less than 1 second per customer and Directory Assistance calls for the same period averaged less than one tenth of a call per customer. The Company's customers are using new technologies and choosing widely available alternatives to operator services, operator-assisted calling, busy line verification/interrupt and directory assistance and will not be adversely affected by the Company's discontinuance of Affected Services.

V. **Certification**

On behalf of Progressive Rural Telephone Cooperative, I, the undersigned General Manager, Ron Chambers, hereby certify that the statements contained herein are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and made in good faith.

VI. **Conclusion**

For the reasons stated herein, the Company respectfully requests grant of this Application.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Ron Chambers, General Manager  
Progressive Rural Telephone Cooperative  
890 Simpson Avenue  
Rentz, GA 31075  
478-984-4201

10-30-15

Date

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing Section 63.71 Application was served this 2nd day of November, 2015, by mailing true and correct copies thereof, postage prepaid, to the following persons at the addresses listed below.

Executive Secretary  
Georgia Public Service Commission  
244 Washington Street, S.W.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Office of Governor Nathan Deal  
State of Georgia  
203 State Capitol  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Secretary of Defense  
Attn: Special Assistant for  
Telecommunications,  
Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20301

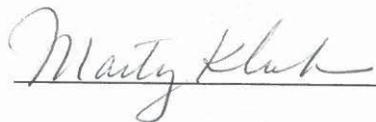
  
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EXHIBIT A

CUSTOMER NOTICE

Progressive Rural Telephone Cooperative  
890 Simpson Avenue Rentz, GA 31075

This is to inform you that on or after December 30, 2015, Progressive Rural Telephone Cooperative will no longer be providing certain operator services and directory assistance within the state of Georgia. Customers who attempt to reach the discontinued services will receive a recorded message to indicate the service is not available. Specifically, the following services will be discontinued:

Local Operator Services  
Local Operator-Assisted Calls  
Busy Line Verification and Busy Line Interrupt  
Directory Assistance

This discontinuance is limited to the above operator services and directory assistance and will not affect your Progressive Rural Telephone Cooperative service in any other way.

The FCC 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. You may file your comments electronically through the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System using the docket number established in the Commission's public notice for this proceeding, or you may 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 Progressive Rural Telephone Cooperative. 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.

If you have any questions about this notice or Progressive Rural Telephone Cooperative's operator services and directory assistance discontinuance, please contact Progressive Rural Telephone Co-Op at 877-599-5939

We thank you for your business and look forward to continuing to serve your communications needs.