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November 5, 2015

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

Re: Section 63.71 Application of Delta Telephone Co., Inc. for Authority to
Discontinue Certain Services

JSI respectfully files the enclosed Application of Delta Telephone Co., 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).

Sincerely,

Valerie Wimer
Vice President

on behalf of

James H. Creekmore
President
Delta Telephone Co., Inc.

Enclosures

cc: Tammy Torrey, Delta Telephone Co., Inc.

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

In the Matter of)
)
Section 63.71 Application of) Comp. Pol. File No. _____
Delta Telephone Co., Inc.)
For Authority to Discontinue)
Certain Services)

SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION

Pursuant to Sections 63.71 of the Commission's Rules¹ and Section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended,² Delta Telephone Co., Inc. ("Delta" or the "Company") hereby files this application to discontinue the provision of certain operator services to customers that the Company serves in the States of Mississippi and Louisiana ("Application").³ In support of this Application, Delta submits the following:

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

A. Name and Address of Carrier

Delta Telephone Co., Inc.
P.O. Box 217
Louise, Mississippi 39097

For purposes of this Application, the Commission may contact:

Tammy Torrey
Delta Telephone Co., Inc.
P.O. Box 219
Meadville, MS 39653
ttorrey@telapexinc.com

B. Date of Planned Service Discontinuance

¹ See 47 C.F.R. § 63.71.

² See 47 U.S.C. § 214(a).

³ As required by Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's Rules, Delta has notified and submitted a copy of this Application concurrent with this filing to the Mississippi Public Service Commission, the Governor of Mississippi, and the Secretary of the Department of Defense. Note that the single Louisiana exchange served by Delta is in fact regulated by the Mississippi Public Service Commission; therefore the Louisiana state Commission and Governor have not been served a copy of this application.

Delta will discontinue certain local operator services to its customers in the States of Mississippi and Louisiana on or about March 18, 2016, or upon completion of all necessary federal and state regulatory approvals.

C. Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected

Affected Delta local exchange customers are in the Company's service area of:

662-285	Ackerman	Choctaw County
662-387	Chester	Choctaw County
662-836	Louise	Humphreys, Yahoo & Sharkey Counties
662-962	Isola	Humphreys and Sunflower Counties
662-828	Holly Bluff	Yazoo and Sharkey Counties
601-279	Eagle Lake	Warren and Sharkey Counties
318-275	Eagle Lake	Madison and East Carol Parish, LA
662-748	Merigold	Bolivar County

D. Brief Description of the Types of Service Affected

In the areas referenced above, Delta provides the following services which will be discontinued: Operator Services of Person to Person, Collect Calls, Third Number Billed Calls, Busy Line Verification and Busy Line Interruption services (collectively, "Affected Services). This discontinuance is limited to the Affected Services.

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

Notices were sent to all Delta local exchange customers via bill message by method of U.S. Mail on November 1, 2015. Please reference Exhibit A which is a sample copy of the Notice sent to the affected customers. Delta deemed the bill message the most economic method of reaching its rural customers. The first page of these bills displayed text to alert customers to the important notice included with their bill in order to bring sufficient attention to the Notice.

III. Status of Carrier

Delta is an incumbent local exchange carrier and considered a dominant carrier with respect to the services that it proposes to discontinue in the States of Mississippi and Louisiana.

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. The Company's customers are using new technologies and choosing widely available alternatives to operator services, operator-assisted calling and busy line verification/interrupt and will not be adversely affected by the Company's

discontinuance of Affected Services. During the last 12 months only 34 calls have been placed using the above mentioned services.

V. Certification

On behalf of Delta Telephone Co., Inc., I, the undersigned President, James H. Creekmore, 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,



James H. Creekmore, President
Delta Telephone Co., Inc.
P.O. Box 217
Louise, Mississippi 39097

November 5, 2015

Date

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing Section 63.71 Application was served this 5th day of November 2015, by mailing true and correct copies thereof, postage prepaid, to the following persons at the addresses listed below.

Executive Secretary
Mississippi Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 1174
Jackson, MS 39215-1174

Office of Governor Phil Bryant
State of Mississippi
P.O. Box 139
Jackson, MS 39205

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

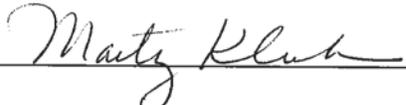


EXHIBIT A

CUSTOMER NOTICE



Delta Telephone Company

"Your Home Town Telephone Company"

PO Box 266 * Ackerman MS 39735-0266

Address Service Requested

Account Summary

Account Information

Account Number:	
Invoice Number:	
Billing Date:	Nov 1, 2015
Payment Due Date:	Nov 10, 2015

Previous Charges

Previous Balance	
Oct 13 PAYMENT	

Balance Forward

Current Charges

Oct 13 CREDIT CARD DENIAL

Summary of Charges

Adjustment Charges

Usage Charges

Discount Charges

Total Taxes

Total Current Charges

Total Amount Due

A payment will be applied to your credit card for the amount due.

Contact Information

MPSC UTILITY ID # 0018

For After Hours Repair call 662-285-6770

Local Customers call 611

For Customer Service call 1-877-433-7878

SPECIAL OF THE MONTH: The special for the month of November is CALLER ID WITH ON-SCREEN CALLER ID. Installation charges are free during the month of November. Call your local Delta Telephone Company office by dialing 611 for information on this feature and others. Minimum monthly charges will apply. A complete list of features may be obtained from your local office.

PLEASE READ THE NOTIFICATION AT THE END OF THIS INVOICE FOR AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE REGARDING OPERATOR SERVICES WITHIN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI.

Please detach at perforation and return this portion with your payment. Make checks payable to Delta Telephone Company.

 <p>Delta Telephone Company "Your Home Town Telephone Company"</p>	<table border="0"> <tr><td>Account Number:</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Billing Date:</td><td>Nov 1, 2015</td></tr> <tr><td>Payment Due Date:</td><td>Nov 10, 2015</td></tr> <tr><td>Total Amount Due:</td><td></td></tr> </table>	Account Number:		Billing Date:	Nov 1, 2015	Payment Due Date:	Nov 10, 2015	Total Amount Due:	
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Check here for address changes, credit card payments, or other automatic payment options (see back for details).



DIRECT PAYMENT - DO NOT REMIT
Automatically deducted from your credit card each month



DELTA TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.
PO BOX 827
MEADVILLE MS 39653-0827

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Other Information

You should not be billed for Pay-Per-Call services not offered in compliance with Federal laws and regulations. These consumer rights are provided under the Federal Telephone Disclosure and Dispute Resolution Act. If you orally communicate an allegation of a billing error via the number on the 900 bill page, it will be considered sufficient notification of a billing error. For 900 billing disputes or inquiries, a number will appear with the call detail on your phone bill. You have 60 days from the date of the bill to dispute a 900 billing error. You have the right to withhold payment of the disputed 900 charges during the billing error review. No collection activity for disputed 900 charges will occur while the charges are under investigation. After investigation, if it is determined that the disputed 900 charges are legitimate, the long-distance carrier or the information provider may proceed with outside collections against your account for non-payment of these charges. Your local and long distance service cannot be disconnected for non-payment of 900 charges. Failure to pay legitimate 900 charges may result in involuntary blocking of access to 900 services. Voluntary blocking of access to 900 service is available upon request from your local exchange carrier.

Notice of Discontinuance of Operator Services

This letter is to inform you that on or after March 18, 2016, Delta Telephone Co., Inc. will no longer be providing certain operator services within the state of Mississippi. 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:

Operator Services of Person to Person, Collect Calls, Third Number Billed Calls, Busy Line Verification and Busy Line Interruption services.

This discontinuance is limited to the above operator services and will not affect your Delta Telephone Company 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 Section 63.71 Application of Delta Telephone Co., Inc. 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 Delta Telephone Co.'s operator services discontinuance, please contact Delta Telephone Co., Inc. at 877-433-7878.

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

Delta Telephone Company
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