

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

In the Matter of	)	
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Section 63.71 Application of	)	
	)	File No.
City of Brookings Municipal Telephone	)	
Department	)	
	)	
For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of	)	
The Communications Act of 1934, As Amended,	)	
To Discontinue the Provision of Service	)	

**SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION**

City of Brookings Municipal Telephone Department (Brookings), hereby 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 Metallic Service, Telegraph Grade Service, Program Audio Service, Video Service, Frame Relay Access Service and Asynchronous Transfer Mode Cell Relay Access Service in Brookings, South Dakota.

As required by Section 63.71(a) and (b) of the Commission’s rules, Brookings provides the following information:

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

City of Brookings Municipal Telephone Department  
525 Western Avenue, P.O. Box 588  
Brookings, SD 57006

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

Brookings plans to discontinue offering Metallic Service, Telegraph Grade Service, Program Audio Service, Video Service, Frame Relay Access Service and Asynchronous Transfer Mode Cell Relay Access Service on or after January 8, 2016, pending regulatory approval.

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

Brookings will no longer offer Metallic Service, Telegraph Grade Service, Program Audio Service, Video Service, Frame Relay Access Service and Asynchronous Transfer Mode Cell Relay Access Service in Brookings, South Dakota.

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

Metallic Service- Metallic Service provides an unconditioned two-wire channel arranged to transmit direct current and capable of transmitting low speed varying signals at rates up to 30 baud. This channel is provided by metallic or equivalent facilities. Metallic channels are provided between customer designated premises or between a customer designated premises and a Telephone Company hub or hubs where bridging functions are performed.

Telegraph Grade Service- Telegraph Grade Service provides an unconditioned channel capable of transmitting binary signals at rates of 0-75 baud or 0-150 baud. This channel is furnished for half-duplex or duplex operation. Telegraph Grade channels are provided between customer designated premises or between a customer designated premises and a Telephone Company hub or hubs.

Program Audio Service- Program Audio Service provides a channel with bandwidth measured in Hz for the transmission of a complex signal voltage. The actual bandwidth is a function of the channel interface selected by the customer. Only one-way transmission is provided. Program Audio channels are provided between customer designated premises or between a customer designated premises and a Telephone Company hub or hubs.

Video Service- Video Service provides a channel with one-way transmission capability for a standard 525 line/60 field monochrome, or National Television Systems Committee color, video signal and one or two associated 5 or 15 kHz audio signal(s). The associated audio signal(s) may be either duplexed or provided as one or two separate channels. The provision and the bandwidth of the associated audio signal(s) is a function of the channel interface selected by the customer. Video channels are provided between customer designated premises or between a customer designated premises and a Telephone Company hub or hubs.

Frame Relay Access Service - Frame Relay Access Service (FRAS) is a medium-speed, connection-oriented packet-switched data service that allows for the interconnection of Local Area Networks (LANs) or other compatible customer premises equipment for the purpose of connecting to an interstate frame relay network. FRAS also allows for the interconnection of a customer designated premises to a DSL Access Service Connection Point.

Asynchronous Transfer Mode Cell Relay Access Service - Asynchronous Transfer Mode Cell Relay Access Service (ATM-CRS) is a connection-oriented transport service that is based on Asynchronous Transfer Mode (ATM) technology using fixed length, 53-byte cells. ATM

cells generated by ATM-compatible customer premises equipment (CPE) are transmitted through the Telephone Company's ATM-CRS network to a pre-specified destination. ATM-CRS provides customers requiring high-speed data transport for bandwidth intensive data, voice or video applications with the ability to interconnect multiple locations using the Telephone Company's ATM-CRS network.

Brookings is discontinuing these services because there is no customer demand.

**Brief Description of the Dates and Methods of Notice to All Affected Customers (47 C.F.R.**

**§63.71(b)(3)):**

Brookings has no customers that subscribe to these services. Copies of this Application are being sent, first class U.S. Mail, to the public utilities commission and governor of South Dakota and also to the Special Assistant for Telecommunications to the Secretary of Defense, as required by 63.71(a) of the Commission's rules.<sup>1</sup>

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

Brookings offers these services pursuant to dominant carrier regulation via the City of Brookings Municipal Telephone Department Tariff F.C.C. No. 2, Section 17.

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<sup>1</sup> Section 63.71(a) directs applicants to submit a copy of the application to the Secretary of Defense, Special Assistant for Telecommunications. However, due to restructuring within the Department of Defense, that position no longer exists. Commission staff has advised that a copy of the application be sent instead to the Department of Defense Chief Information Officer.

**Conclusion:**

The public convenience and necessity will not be adversely affected by the discontinuance of these services because there are no customers for the services and no customer demand. Brookings respectfully requests that the Commission approve its Section 63.71 Application to discontinue this service.

Additional questions regarding this application should be addressed to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Salvatore Taillefer, do certify that I have, on this 9th day of November, 2015, served by first class U.S. mail a copy of the foregoing on the following:

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Pierre, SD 57501

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