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Ex Parte

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Section 63.71 Application of MCI Communications Services, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Business Services and TTI National

Dear Ms. Dortch:

MCI Communications Services, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Business Services submits the enclosed Application for authority under Section 214(a) of the Communications Act and 47 C.F.R. § 63.71 of the Commission's rules to discontinue postpaid calling card service. MCI provides postpaid calling card services under the brand name "MCI Calling Card."

MCI is discontinuing these services to a small number of customers in California, Washington, and New York who inadvertently may not have received notification at the time of MCI's prior application to discontinue this service.¹ A copy of the Application is enclosed.

Very truly yours,

Enclosure

cc: Department of Defense Chief Information Officer
Mindel De La Torre, Chief, International Bureau
Governor of Each Impacted State
Public Utilities Commission for Each Impacted State

¹ See Section 63.71 Application of MCI Communications Services, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Business Services and TTI National Inc., WC Docket No. 15-314 (filed Nov. 16, 2015). Because these customers may not have received the prior notification, MCI is re-notifying them and, in an abundance of caution, MCI is filing an additional application to encompass the discontinuance of their service.

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
)	
Section 63.71 Application of MCI)	
Communications Services, Inc. d/b/a)	File No.
Verizon Business Services 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 63.71 APPLICATION OF MCI COMMUNICATIONS
SERVICES, INC. D/B/A VERIZON BUSINESS SERVICES**

MCI Communications Services, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Business Services (“MCI”) submits this Application for authority under Section 214(a) of the Communications Act and Section 63.71 of the Commission’s rules to discontinue postpaid calling card service. MCI provides postpaid calling card services under the brand name “MCI Calling Card.”

As Sections 63.71(a) and (b) of the Commission’s rules require, MCI provides the following information:

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

MCI Communications Services, Inc.
One Verizon Way
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

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

Subject to the Commission’s authorization, on or after March 19, 2016, MCI will discontinue postpaid calling card service.

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

Subject to the Commission’s authorization, MCI will discontinue postpaid calling card service to a small group of customers in California, Washington, and New

York who inadvertently may not have received notification at the time of MCI's prior application to discontinue these services.¹

4. Brief Description of Type of Service Affected (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(4), (b)(2)):

Standalone postpaid calling card service allows residential and small business customers to place long-distance and international calls by dialing a toll-free access code or number that MCI provides. Customers can use these cards from anywhere in the United States to place long-distance and international calls. Customers are billed on a monthly basis for calls made using the card. MCI's postpaid calling card services are available on a standalone basis or with lines presubscribed to MCI.

The public convenience and necessity will not be impaired by the proposed service discontinuance because most consumers no longer use or need these services. Mobile phones have obviated the need for calling card services when traveling or away from home. In addition to mobile phones, there are other alternatives to these services in the marketplace including pre-paid calling cards and VoIP services that offer calling virtually anywhere. Moreover, MCI will continue to offer various domestic and international calling plans that will not be affected by this change. The availability of these alternatives ensure the public convenience and necessity are not impaired when MCI discontinues its postpaid calling card services.

¹ See Section 63.71 Application of MCI Communications Services, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Business Services and TTI National Inc., WC Docket No. 15-314 (filed Nov. 16, 2015). Because these customers may not have received the prior notification, MCI is re-notifying them and, in an abundance of caution, MCI is filing an additional application to encompass the discontinuance of their service.

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

MCI sent notices to this small group of potentially affected customers by U.S. Mail on or before January 15, 2015. A copy of this notice is attached as Exhibit A.

MCI is sending copies of this Application by first class U.S. Mail to the governor and public utilities commission for each affected state, as well as to the Department of Defense, as required by Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's rules. A copy of this Application is also being sent to the Chief of the Commission's International Bureau.

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

MCI is considered non-dominant with respect to the services to be discontinued.

CONCLUSION

MCI respectfully requests that the Commission approve this Application.

William H. Johnson
Of Counsel

Respectfully submitted,



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January 19, 2016

EXHIBIT A

MCI Communications Services, Inc.
P.O. Box 31303
Salt Lake City, UT 84130-1303

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Account no: [REDACTED]

NOTICE OF CALLING CARD DISCONTINUANCE

Dear [REDACTED]

As a valued customer, we want to make you aware of an upcoming change in our services. From time to time we evaluate and update our product portfolio to serve our customers. Due to overall declines in post-paid calling card usage, MCI Communications Services, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Business Services has made the difficult decision to discontinue the MCI Calling Card.

What does this mean to you?

On or after March 21, 2016, subject to applicable federal and state regulatory approvals, the MCI Calling Card, consisting of the associated post-paid billing option and toll-free access numbers used for international access, will no longer be useable for calls to or from the United States, U.S. territories or anywhere else in the world. If you are using this service, please make alternate arrangements to place and pay for calls after this date. Calls charged to the MCI Calling card before the date of discontinuance will be billed as usual on your normal bill cycle date.

What if you have other MCI services?

Local, long distance, and international subscriber plans active with MCI will not be affected by this change. You may continue to place domestic and international calls using these MCI plans.

We value your continued business, and we regret any inconvenience this action may cause you. Our MCI Service Representatives are ready to assist you with questions or concerns, and can be reached at 1-800-444-3333, the toll-free number on your bill, or visit our website at www.mci.com.

Thank you,

MCI Communications Services, Inc.

FCC Required Notice: The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service (or reduction or impairment) 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 15 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 MCI Communications Services, Inc d/b/a Verizon Business Services. 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.

MCI Communications Services, Inc.'s address is 1 Verizon Way, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 19th day of January, 2016, I served a copy of the foregoing Section 63.71 Application by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid to the parties on the attached service list.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Katharine R. Saunders". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Katharine R. Saunders

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