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February 1, 2016

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 Brazoria Telephone Company for Authority to Discontinue Certain Services

JSI respectfully files the enclosed Application of Brazoria Telephone Company 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

Valerie Wimer
Vice President

on behalf of

Charles Greenberg
President
Brazoria Telephone Company

Enclosures

cc: Charles Greenberg, President
Brazoria Telephone Company

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

In the Matter of	)	
	)	
Section 63.71 Application of	)	Comp. Pol. File No. _____
Brazoria Telephone Company	)	
For Authority to Discontinue	)	
Certain Services	)	

SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION

Pursuant to Sections 63.71 of the Commission's Rules[1] and Section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended,[2] Brazoria Telephone Company ("Brazoria" or the "Company") hereby files this application to discontinue the provision of select operator services to customers that the Company serves in the state of Texas ("Application").[3] In support of this Application, Brazoria submits the following:

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

A. Name and Address of Carrier

Brazoria Telephone Company
314 W. Texas Street
Brazoria, TX 77422

For purposes of this Application, the Commission may contact:

Charles Greenberg, President
Brazoria Telephone Company
314 W. Texas Street
Brazoria, TX 77422
979-798-2121
charlie@btel.com

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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, Brazoria has notified and submitted a copy of this Application concurrent with this filing to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, the Governor of Texas, and the Secretary of the Department of Defense.

B. Date of Planned Service Discontinuance

Brazoria will discontinue operator-assisted collect calls, third-party billed calls, credit card billed calls, line status verification, busy line interrupt and person-to-person services to its customers in the state of Texas on or after May 2, 2016, upon completion of all necessary federal and state regulatory approvals.

C. Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected

Affected Brazoria local exchange customers are in the Company's service area of Brazoria and Matagorda Counties, which include the exchanges of Brazoria, Churchill and partially Jones Creek.

D. Brief Description of the Types of Service Affected

In the areas referenced above, Brazoria provides the following services which will be discontinued (collectively, "Affected Services"):

- Collect Calls - A billing arrangement by which the charge for a call may be reversed provided the charge is accepted at the called service point.

- Bill to a Third Number - A billing arrangement by which an operator-assisted call may be charged to an authorized service point other than the service point originating the call or the service point where the call is terminated.

- Bill to Credit Card - A billing arrangement by which an operator-assisted call may be charged to an authorized credit card.

- Line Status Verification – An operator service allowing the operator to confirm when a line is idle or in use.

- Busy Interrupt – An operator service allowing the operator to break into a conversation when a line is in use.

- Person-to-Person - A service where the person originating the call specifies to the Company operator a particular person to be reached, a particular mobile service point to be reached through a Mobile Telephone Service attendant, or a particular station, department or office to be reached through a PBX attendant.

This discontinuance is limited to the Affected Services. Customers will continue to have access to all other current services without interruption.

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

Notices were sent to all Brazoria local exchange customers as a bill insert by method of U.S. Mail on February 1, 2016. Please reference Exhibit A which is a sample copy of the Notice sent to the affected customers. Brazoria deemed the bill insert the most economic method of reaching its rural customers and printed the insert on distinctly colored paper to distinguish it from the billing statement and bring sufficient attention to the Notice.

III. Status of Carrier

Brazoria 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 Texas.

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. In the preceding 12 months, the Company has had no instances of a customer utilizing the Affected Services. Therefore, the discontinuance of these services will not adversely affect the Company's customers.

V. Certification

On behalf of Brazoria Telephone Company, I, the undersigned President, Charles Greenberg, 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,

Charles Greenberg, President
Brazoria Telephone Company
314 W. Texas Street
Brazoria, TX 77422
979-798-2121
charlie@btel.com

1/27/2016
Date

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing Section 63.71 Application was served this 1st day of February, 2016, by mailing true and correct copies thereof, postage prepaid, to the following persons at the addresses listed below.

Public Utility Commission of Texas
Central Records
1701 N Congress
P.O. Box 13326
Austin, Texas 78711-3326

Office of Governor Greg Abbott
State of Texas
State Insurance Building/1100 San Jacinto
P.O. Box 12428
Austin, Texas 78711-2428

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

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EXHIBIT A

CUSTOMER NOTICE

February 1, 2016

RE: FCC-Required Notice of Discontinuance of Certain Operator Services

Dear Valued Customer:

This letter is to inform you that on or after May 2, 2016, Brazoria Telephone Company, ("Brazoria") will no longer be providing certain operator services within the state of Texas. Customers who attempt to utilize the discontinued services will be informed by the operator that the service is not available. Specifically, the following operator services will be discontinued.

- Collect Calls - A billing arrangement by which the charge for a call may be reversed provided the charge is accepted at the called service point.
- Billed to a Third Number - A billing arrangement by which an operator-assisted call may be charged to an authorized service point other than the service point originating the call or the service point where the call is terminated.
- Bill to Credit Card – A billing arrangement by which an operator-assisted call may be charged to an authorized credit card.
- Line Status Verification – An operator service allowing the operator to confirm when a line is idle or in use.
- Busy Interrupt – An operator service allowing the operator to break into a conversation when a line is in use.
- Person-to-Person - A service where the person originating the call specifies to the Company operator a particular person to be reached, a particular mobile service point to be reached through a Mobile Telephone Service attendant, or a particular station, department or office to be reached through a PBX attendant.

This discontinuance is limited to the above operator services and will not affect your Brazoria service in any other way. Customers will continue to access general operator services, including operator assisted dialing, handling sent-paid calls, handling emergency calls and providing rate quotes where available.

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 Brazoria Telephone Company. 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 Brazoria's discontinuance of the aforementioned operator services, please contact us at 314 W. Texas Street, Brazoria, TX 77422 or (979) 798-2121.

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

Sincerely,

Brazoria Telephone Company