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VIA ECFS

March 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 Guadalupe Valley Communications Systems, L.P. for Authority to Discontinue Certain Services

JSI respectfully files the enclosed Application of Guadalupe Valley Communications Systems, L.P. 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

Robert Hunt
Vice President-Regulatory Affairs
Guadalupe Valley Communications Systems, L.P.

Enclosures

cc: Robert Hunt, Vice President-Regulatory Affairs
Guadalupe Valley Communications Systems, L.P.

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

In the Matter of	)	
	)	
Section 63.71 Application of	)	Comp. Pol. File No. _____
Guadalupe Valley Communications	)	
Systems, L.P. 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] Guadalupe Valley Communications Systems, L.P. ("GVCS" 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, GVCS submits the following:

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

A. Name and Address of Carrier

Guadalupe Valley Communications Systems, L.P.
36101 FM 3159
New Braunfels, TX 78132

For purposes of this Application, the Commission may contact:

Robert Hunt, Vice President-Regulatory Affairs
Guadalupe Valley Communications Systems, L.P.
36101 FM 3159
New Braunfels, TX 78132
(830) 885-4411
robert.hunt@gvtc.net

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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, GVCS 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

GVCS will discontinue operator-assisted Busy Line Verification and Busy Line Interrupt services to its customers in the state of Texas on or after April 30, 2016, upon completion of all necessary federal and state regulatory approvals.

C. Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected

Affected GVCS local exchange customers are in the Company's service area which includes the exchanges of Boerne, Blanco and Gonzales located in Kendall, Blanco and Gonzales counties.

D. Brief Description of the Types of Service Affected

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

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

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

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 GVCS local exchange customers via bill insert by method of U.S. Mail on March 1, 2016. Please reference Exhibit A which is a sample copy of the Notice sent to the affected customers. GVCS deemed a 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

GVCS is a competitive local exchange carrier and considered a non-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 only three instances of Busy Line Verification and no instances of Busy Line Interrupt. Therefore, the discontinuance of these services will not adversely affect the Company's customers.

V. Certification

On behalf of Guadalupe Valley Communications Systems, L. P., I, the undersigned Vice President-Regulatory Affairs, Robert Hunt, 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,

Robert A. Hunt

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2/29/16
Date

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing Section 63.71 Application was served this 1st day of March, 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

March 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 April 30, 2016, Guadalupe Valley Communications Systems, L.P. ("GVCS" or the "Company") 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.

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

This discontinuance is limited to the above operator services and will not affect your GVCS 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 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 Guadalupe Valley Communications Systems, L.P. ("GVCS" or the "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 GVCS' discontinuance of the aforementioned operator services, please contact us at 36101 FM 3159, New Braunfels, TX 78132 or (830) 885-4411.

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

Sincerely,

Guadalupe Valley Communications Systems, L.P.