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VIA ECFS

March 2, 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 Sandhill Communications, LLC for Authority to
Discontinue Certain Services

JSI respectfully files the enclosed Application of Sandhill Communications, LLC
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

Lee Chambers
CEO/General Manager
Sandhill Communications, LLC

Enclosures

cc: Lee Chambers, CEO/General Manager
Sandhill Communications, LLC

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

In the Matter of)
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Section 63.71 Application of) Comp. Pol. File No. _____
Sandhill Communications, LLC)
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 Sandhill Communications, LLC (“Sandhill” or the “Company”) hereby files this application to discontinue the provision of Busy Line Verification and Busy Line Interrupt Operator Services to customers that the Company serves in the State of South Carolina (“Application”).³ In support of this Application, Sandhill submits the following:

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

A. Name and Address of Carrier

Sandhill Communications, LLC
122 S Main Street
Jefferson, SC 29718

For purposes of this Application, the Commission may contact:

Susan Melton
Sandhill Communications, LLC
122 S Main Street
Jefferson, SC 29718
843-658-6846
Susan.melton@shtc.net

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, Sandhill Communications, LLC has notified and submitted a copy of this Application concurrent with this filing to the South Carolina Public Service Commission, the Governor of South Carolina, and the Secretary of the Department of Defense.

B. Date of Planned Service Discontinuance

Sandhill will discontinue certain operator services, Busy Line Verification and Busy Line Interrupt, to its customers in the State of South Carolina on or about May 25, 2016, or upon completion of all necessary federal and state regulatory approvals.

C. Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected

Affected Sandhill customers are in the Company's service area in the exchanges of Bethune, Chesterfield, Jefferson, McBee, Pageland, Patrick, and Ruby located in Chesterfield County South Carolina.

D. Brief Description of the Types of Service Affected

In the areas referenced above, Sandhill provides the following services which will be discontinued:

Busy Line Verification Service is an operator service allowing the operator to confirm when a line is idle or in use. Busy Line Interrupt Service is an operator service allowing the operator to break into a conversation when a line is in use. (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 Sandhill customers by method of a separate bill insert on glossy white paper that is separate and distinct from the customer bill. The notice was provided in the customer bills for March 2016 and were sent out via U.S. Mail on March 1, 2016. Please reference Exhibit A which is a sample copy of the Notice provided to the affected customers.

III. Status of Carrier

Sandhill Communications, LLC is an interexchange carrier and considered a non-dominant carrier with respect to the services that it proposes to discontinue in the State of South Carolina.

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 no longer using Busy Line Verification and Busy Line Interrupt operator services to the degree they did in the past. In fact, for a period of seven months ending January 2016, Sandhill has processed on average only 1 call per month for busy line verification or busy line interrupt service for its customers with three of those months having no calls. The discontinuance of the Affected Services will not adversely affect Sandhill's customers.

V. Certification

On behalf of Sandhill Communications, LLC, I, the undersigned CEO/General Manager, Lee Chambers, 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,



Lee Chambers, CEO/General Manger
Sandhill Communications, LLC
122 S Main St, Jefferson, SC 29718
843-658-3434

March 2, 2016

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 Service Commission of South Carolina

Jocelyn Boyd, Chief Clerk of the Commission
Synergy Business Park, Saluda Building
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, SC 29210

Office of Governor of South Carolina

The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Secretary of Defense

Attn: Special Assistant for
Telecommunications,
Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301

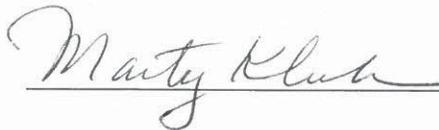


EXHIBIT A

CUSTOMER NOTICE

Re: Notice of Discontinuance of Certain Operator Services

Dear Valued Customer:

This letter is to inform you that on or after May 25, 2016 Sandhill Communications, LLC (“Sandhill”) will no longer be providing certain operator services within the state of South Carolina. 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.

- Busy Line Verification Service – An operator service allowing the operator to confirm when a line is idle or in use.
- Busy Line Interrupt Service – 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 Sandhill services 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 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 Sandhill. 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 Sandhill’s operator services discontinuance, please contact Sandhill at 1-866-521-7776.

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

Sincerely,
Sandhill Communications, LLC