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March 21, 2016

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
The Portals
445 Twelfth Street S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Section 63.71 Application of Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company LLC to
Discontinue the Provision of Service.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company LLC (CBT) submits the enclosed Application for Authority under Section 214(a) of the Communications Act and Section 63.71 of the Commission's Rules to discontinue Telegraph Grade Service in the CBT service area. Telegraph Service is found in Section 7 of Tariff FCC No. 35. On or after July 1, 2016, subject to the Commission's authorization, CBT will no longer offer Telegraph Grade Service in its service area. There are currently no Telegraph Grade Service customers in the CBT service area.

Questions concerning this Transmittal should be directed to Mike Bishop at the above address, by phone at (513) 397-1231, or by email at mike.bishop@cinbell.com.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patrick M. Crotty".

Patrick M. Crotty
Corporate Counsel

Enclosure

Cc: Public Utilities Commission for Each Impacted State
Governor of Each Impacted State
Secretary of Defense, Attn: Special Assistant for Telecommunications
Rodney McDonald, Esq.

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

In the Matter of)	
)	
Section 63.71 Application of Cincinnati)	
Bell Telephone Company LLC for)	WC Docket No.
Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of the)	
Communications Act of 1934 to)	Comp. Pol. No.
Discontinue the Provision of Service)	

**SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION OF CINCINNATI BELL TELEPHONE
COMPANY LLC TO DISCONTINUE THE PROVISION OF SERVICE**

Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company LLC (CBT) hereby submits this Application for Authority under Section 214(a) of the Communications Act and Section 63.71 of the Federal Communications Commission’s (“the Commission”) rules to withdraw Telegraph Service from Section 7 – Special Access Services in Tariff FCC No. 35 in the CBT service area.

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

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

Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company LLC
221 East Fourth Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

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

Subject to the Commission’s authorization to discontinue service pursuant to Section 63.71(c) of the Commission’s rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(c), the Telegraph Service contained in Tariff FCC No. 35 will no longer be offered in the CBT service area effective

July 1, 2016.

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

Telegraph Service found in Section 7 – Special Access Services in Tariff FCC No. 35 will be no longer offered in the CBT service area.

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

Telegraph Service is an unconditioned channel capable of transmitting binary signals at a rate of 0-75 baud or 0-150 baud in half-duplex or duplex operation.

There are currently no customers for CBT's Telegraph Service in its service area. The public convenience and necessity will not be impaired by this proposed service discontinuance since there is no demand for this service.

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

The customer notice of the discontinuance of Telegraph Service in the CBT service area is inapplicable because CBT does not currently have any customers for this service.

Copies of this Application are being sent via first class U. S. Mail to the Governor of Ohio, the Governor of Kentucky, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and the Special Assistant for Telecommunications to the Secretary of Defense, as required by Section 63.71 (a) of the Commission's rules.

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

CBT is considered dominant with respect to the service to be discontinued.

CONCLUSION

CBT respectfully requests that the Commission approve this Application.

Respectfully Submitted,

By: Patrick M. Crotty
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March 21, 2016

I, Patrick M. Crotty, do hereby certify that I have on this 21st day of March, 2016, caused a copy of the foregoing "Section 63.71 Application of Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company, LLC to Discontinue the Provision of Service" to be served by U.S. mail upon the following:

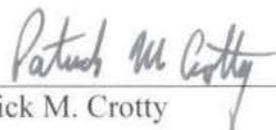
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