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VIA ECFS

April 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 Community Telephone Company for Authority to
Discontinue Certain Services

JSI respectfully files the enclosed Application of Community 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
Vice President

on behalf of

Cliff Humpert
General Manager
Community Telephone Company

Enclosures

cc: Cliff Humpert, General Manager
Community Telephone Company

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9430 Research Blvd., Austin, TX 78759
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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. _____
Community Telephone Company)
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 Community Telephone Company ("Community" or the "Company") hereby files this application to discontinue the provision of select operator services and certain special access services to customers that the Company serves in the state of Texas ("Application").³ In support of this Application, Community submits the following:

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

A. Name and Address of Carrier

Community Telephone Company
P. O. Box 130
Windthorst, TX 76839

For purposes of this Application, the Commission may contact:

Cliff Humpert, General Manager
Community Telephone Company
P. O. Box 130
Windthorst, TX 76839
940-423-6201
cliffhumpert@comcell.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, Community 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

Community will discontinue 56 Kbps and DS0, or 64 Kbps, circuits as well as operator-assisted line status verification and busy interrupt to its customers in the state of Texas on or after July 1, 2016, upon completion of all necessary federal and state regulatory approvals.

C. Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected

The Company provides the affected services throughout its service areas in the exchanges of Bluegrove, Joy, Lake Arrowhead, Lake Kickapoo, Scotland and Windthorst covering portions of Clay, Jack and Archer counties.

D. Brief Description of the Types of Service Affected

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

- 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.

Customers will continue to have access to all other current operator services without interruption.

Community also proposes to discontinue 56 Kbps and DS0, or 64 Kbps, circuits of the following special access channel types:

- Voice Grade – a channel for the transmission of analog signals within an approximate bandwidth of 300 to 3000 Hz.
- Digital Data – a channel for the digital transmission of synchronous serial data at rates of 2.4, 4.8, 9.6, or 56 Kbps.
- Program Audio – a channel for the transmission of audio signals. The nominal frequency bandwidths are from 200 to 3500 Hz, from 100 to 5000 Hz, from 50 to 8000 Hz, or from 50 to 15000 Hz
- Video – Video provides a channel with one-way transmission capability for a standard 525 line/60 field monochrome, or National Television Systems Committee color, video signal and one or two associated 5 or 15 kHz audio signal(s).

- Narrowband – a channel for the transmission of low speed varying signals at rates up to 30 baud and binary signals at rates up to 150 baud.

The services listed above are collectively referred to as “Affected Services.”

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

Notices regarding the discontinuance of the operator services and special access services were sent to all of the Company’s affected customers as bill inserts by method of U.S. Mail on April 1, 2016. Please reference Exhibit A which contains sample copies of the Notices sent to the affected customers of these services. Community deemed the bill insert the most economic method of reaching its rural customers and printed the inserts on distinctly colored paper to distinguish it from the billing statement and bring sufficient attention to the Notices.

III. Status of Carrier

Community 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 Operator Services was a business decision based on a lack of customer demand for the services. In the preceding 12 months, the Company has had no instances of a customer utilizing line status verification and busy interrupt. Therefore, the discontinuance of these services will not adversely affect the Company’s customers.

Due to the upgrading of its network with the introduction of fiber, after the fiber build out is completed in its service territory, Community intends to retire the equipment used to support the low speed services. Therefore, Community is discontinuing 56 Kbps and DS0, or 64 Kbps, services. Currently, only two customers subscribe to 56 Kbps voice-grade circuits and no customers subscribe to DS0 service for any of the special access channel types. Therefore, the discontinuance of the Affected Services will not adversely affect the Company’s customers.

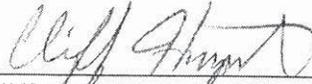
V. Certification

On behalf of Community Telephone Company, I, the undersigned General Manager, Cliff Humpert, 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,



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3/30/2016
Date

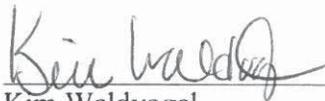
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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



Kim Waldvogel

EXHIBIT A

CUSTOMER NOTICE

April 1, 2016

RE: FCC-Required Notice of Discontinuance of Certain Services

Dear Valued Customer:

This letter is to inform you that on or after July 1, 2016, Community Telephone Company, (“Community”) will no longer be providing certain special access services. Due to the update of its network with the introduction of fiber, Community can no longer support services that are less than a DS1 level. Specifically, Community will no longer provide 56 Kbps and DS0, or 64 Kbps, service in Community’s service territory. If you currently have 56 Kbps or DS0 service, it will continue to operate. However, if there is a repair problem after the fiber installation date, we will no longer be able to repair or replace these services with a like service. If you decide to replace your 56 Kbps or DS0 service, the new services must be a DS1 level or greater.

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 Community 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 Community’s discontinuance of the aforementioned operator services, please contact us at P. O. Box 130, Windthorst, Texas 76839 or (940) 423-6201.

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

Sincerely,

Community Telephone Company

April 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 July 1, 2016, Community Telephone Company, (“Community”) 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.

- 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.

This discontinuance is limited to the above operator services and will not affect your Community 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 Community 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.

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Sincerely,

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