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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20554

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In the Matter of )  
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Cablevision Lightpath - CT, Inc. )  
)  
Application for Authority to Discontinue )  
Certain Telecommunications Services )

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**SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION OF CABLEVISION LIGHTPATH - CT, INC.**

Cablevision Lightpath - CT, Inc. ("Lightpath"), by its attorneys, hereby requests authority pursuant to Section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended ("Act"), 47 U.S.C. § 214(a), and Section 63.71 of the rules and regulations of the Federal Communications Commission ("Commission"), 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue the provision of certain telecommunications services to residential customers in Connecticut. In accordance with Section 63.71, Lightpath provides the following information:

**SECTION 63.71 INFORMATION**

**1. Name and address of carrier.**

Cablevision Lightpath - CT, Inc.  
1111 Stewart Avenue  
Bethpage, NY 11714

**2. Date of planned service discontinuance.**

Lightpath anticipates that service to affected customers in Connecticut will be discontinued on or about November 13, 2006.

**3. Points of geographic areas of service affected.**

The affected customers live in the state of Connecticut.

**4. Brief description of type of service affected.**

Lightpath will be discontinuing the provision of local, toll, domestic long distance, and international service to residential customers in Connecticut. Lightpath will continue to provide service to commercial customers in Connecticut.

**NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

Lightpath notified affected customers in Connecticut of the proposed discontinuance by letter on July 31, 2006, a copy of which is included with this Application. Follow-up correspondence was sent to those customers that had not selected a new provider thirty (30) business days prior to the proposed discontinuance date and a follow-up letter will be sent at least fifteen (15) business days prior to the proposed discontinuance date.

As required by Section 63.71 of the Commission's rules, Lightpath is providing a copy of this Application to the Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control, the Governor of the State of Connecticut, and the Secretary of Defense.

**REGULATORY STATUS**

Lightpath is regulated as a non-dominant carrier in connection with the services at issue.

## CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Lightpath respectfully requests that the Commission approve its Application to discontinue the provision of services to residential customers in Connecticut. The proposed discontinuance will not adversely affect the public interest, and Lightpath will provide affected customers with at least sixty (60) business days notice, which affords these customers ample time and opportunity to switch their services to an alternative provider.

Respectfully submitted,

**CABLEVISION LIGHTPATH - CT, INC.**



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Attachment 1  
Cablevision Lightpath - CT, Inc.  
Application for Discontinuance  
Initial Customer Notification Letter



1111 Stewart Avenue, Bethpage, NY 11714

**IMPORTANT: You need to choose a new telephone service provider by September 28, 2006.**

John V. ...  
1 ...  
Arlington, State 12345

FPO

Dear ...

Thank you for being a valued customer. As you are aware, Cablevision continues to make technological improvements in order to provide our customers with the best in digital services. Due to the continued success of Optimum Voice®, Cablevision has decided to retire Optimum Telephone. As of November 13, 2006 Optimum Lightpath®, a service of Cablevision, will no longer be providing your local Optimum Telephone service in Connecticut.

We do offer Optimum Voice® as an alternative voice service. Optimum Voice allows you to make unlimited local and long distance calls to the U.S., Canada, and Puerto Rico for one low monthly rate. If you choose Optimum Voice as your new local and long distance provider, you may keep your current telephone number free of charge.

You may select any telephone or voice provider as an alternative; a list of most telephone service providers may be located in your local telephone directory.

Your prompt attention to this matter is requested. You will lose your local telephone service on November 13, 2006 if you have not selected a new provider by September 28, 2006.

Since Optimum Voice provides both local and long distance service, you should also contact your current long distance service provider if you do not choose Optimum Voice as your newly selected service provider. This will ensure that your long distance service is not impacted with your change in local service. Failure in doing so could result in you being charged non-calling plan rates for long distance calls.

We apologize for any inconvenience this change may cause. If you have questions, please contact 1-866-442-3864. Thank you for your loyalty.

Sincerely,

  
Kevin Curran  
S.V.P., Marketing

OPTIMUM VOICE is a cable modem service available exclusively to Optimum Online customers. 911 and E911 will not operate if you lose power. A back-up battery power supply is available at optimumvoice.com/battery. Installation fee may apply. For systems requirements or limitations, offer details and restrictions, see optimum.com. All services may not be available in all areas. All trademarks and service marks are the property of their respective owners. ©2006 CSC Holdings, Inc.

The proposed discontinuance of your local telephone service is subject to regulatory approvals by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") and the Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control/Public. The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service (or reduction or impairment) unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service, or a reasonable substitute from another carrier is not available or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments within 15 days after receipt of this notification. Address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554, referencing the § 63.17 Application of Cablevision Lightpath - CT, Inc. Comments should include specific information about the impact of the proposed discontinuance upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

Customer remains responsible for paying all bills rendered to them by Cablevision Lightpath during this transition. Customers may be subject to suspension or termination of their phone service in accordance with Department of Public Utility Control rules if customer fails to pay their telephone bills.