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**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

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Office of the Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

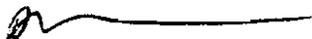
**RE: Section 63.71 Application of Verizon<sup>1</sup>**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Verizon 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 Express Connect and Flex Express Connect Services in Arizona, California, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Nevada, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin. On or after August 15, 2009, subject to the Commission's authorization, Verizon will no longer accept new orders for Express Connect and Flex Express Connect Services or orders for moves, rearrangements, or changes in bandwidths to existing Express Connect and Flex Express Connect Services. Verizon will continue to provide these services to existing customers through the expiration of their current term or renewal term(s). Copies of the notice sent to impacted customers are attached to Verizon's application.

If you have any questions regarding this Application, please contact Richard Ellis, Director of Federal Regulatory Affairs at (202) 515-2534.

Sincerely,



Rashann Duvall

Attachments

cc: Secretary of Defense, Attn: Special Assistant for Telecommunications  
Public Utilities Commission of Each Impacted State  
Governor of Each Impacted State

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<sup>1</sup> The Verizon entities participating in this filing are Verizon California Inc., Verizon Florida LLC, Verizon North Inc., Verizon Northwest Inc., Verizon South Inc., GTE Southwest Incorporated (d/b/a Verizon Southwest) and Contel of the South, Inc.

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

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In the Matter of ) )  
Section 63.71 Application of Verizon California ) )  
Inc., Verizon Florida LLC, Verizon North Inc., ) )  
Verizon Northwest Inc., Verizon South Inc., ) )  
GTE Southwest Incorporated (d/b/a Verizon ) )  
Southwest) and Contel of the ) )  
South, Inc. ) )  
) )  
For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of ) )  
the Communications Act of 1934, ) )  
To Discontinue the Provision of Service ) )  
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**SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION OF VERIZON CALIFORNIA INC., VERIZON  
FLORIDA LLC, VERIZON NORTH INC., VERIZON NORTHWEST INC.,  
VERIZON SOUTH INC., GTE SOUTHWEST INCORPORATED (D/B/A  
VERIZON SOUTHWEST) AND CONTEL OF THE SOUTH, INC.**

Verizon California Inc., Verizon Florida LLC, Verizon North Inc., Verizon  
Northwest Inc., Verizon South Inc., GTE Southwest Incorporated (d/b/a Verizon  
Southwest) and Contel of the South, Inc. (collectively "Verizon") hereby submit this  
Application for authority under Section 214(a) of the Communications Act and Section  
63.71 of the Commission's rules to discontinue its Express Connect and Flex Express  
Connect services.

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

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

**Verizon California Inc.**  
112 Lakeview Canyon Road  
Thousand Oaks, CA 91362

**Verizon Florida LLC**  
201 North Franklin Street  
One Tampa City Center  
Tampa, Florida 33602

**Verizon North Inc.**  
8001 West Jefferson Boulevard  
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46804

**Verizon Northwest Inc.**  
1800 41<sup>st</sup> Street  
Everett, Washington 92801

**Verizon South Inc.**  
703 East Grace Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

**GTE Southwest Incorporated (d/b/a Verizon Southwest)**  
600 Hidden Ridge  
Irving, Texas 75038

**Contel of the South, Inc.**  
600 Hidden Ridge  
Irving, Texas 75038

**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, on or after August 15, 2009: (1) orders for Express Connect and Flex Express Connect First Systems will no longer be accepted; (2) orders for Express Connect and Flex Express Connect Additional Systems and Additional Nodes will no longer be accepted; and (3) orders for moves, rearrangements, or changes in bandwidths to Express Connect and Flex Express Connect First Systems and Additional Systems will no longer be accepted. Verizon will continue providing Express Connect and Flex Express Connect service to existing customers through the expiration of each customer's service term. At the expiration of their service term, existing customers will have the option of disconnecting their Express Connect and Flex Express Connect services or renewing their existing Express Connect and Flex Express Connect services to the same or different term payment plan to which they currently subscribe.

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

Verizon offers Express Connect and Flex Express Connect services throughout its service territory in Arizona, California, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Nevada, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin and will discontinue Express Connect and Flex Express Connect services in all of those jurisdictions.

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

Express Connect and Flex Express Connect services are entrance facility SONET rings which provide transport services at bandwidths of OC3, OC12, and OC48 capacity. Express Connect is configured as a minimum 3-node SONET ring and Flex Express Connect as a minimum 4-node SONET ring. Both services are sold on a First System and Additional Systems

basis (up to three additional systems may be purchased to fill up ring capacity). The First System provides the customer with a SONET entrance ring that connects the customer designated location to a Verizon optical networking wire center(s) at bandwidths of OC3, OC12 or OC48. The Additional System(s) allows the customer to order additional capacity at the same bandwidth as the First System up to a maximum capacity of OC12, OC48 and OC192. For example, a customer can purchase an OC12 Express Connect First System and three OC12 Express Connect Additional Systems to fill up an OC48 SONET facility.

The public convenience and necessity will not be impaired by this proposed service discontinuance. First, Verizon and other providers offer alternative SONET services. Second, Verizon will continue to provide Express Connect and Flex Express Connect services to existing customers through the expiration of their existing service term or, if the customer elects to renew their Express Connect or Flex Express Connect services, through the expiration of their renewal term(s), or as long as Verizon is technically capable of providing the service.

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

Notices were sent to the impacted customers via U.S. Mail on May 1, 2009. A copy of this notice is attached as Exhibit A.

Copies of this Application are being sent via first class U.S. Mail to the governor and public utilities commission for each affected state, and also to 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)):**

Verizon is considered dominant with respect to the services to be discontinued.

**CONCLUSION**

Verizon respectfully requests that the Commission approve this Application.

Respectfully submitted



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*Counsel for Verizon*

Michael Glover  
*Of Counsel*

May 12, 2009

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 2009, I served a copy of the foregoing Section 63.71 Application by U.S. Mail postage prepaid to the following on the attached list:



Rashann R. Duvall

**ARIZONA**

Arizona Corporation Commission  
1200 West Washington Street  
Phoenix, AZ 85007-2929

The Honorable Jan Brewer  
Office of the Governor  
1700 West Washington  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

**CALIFORNIA**

Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
Room 5218  
San Francisco, CA 94102

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger  
Office of the Governor  
State Capitol Building  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**FLORIDA**

Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

The Honorable Charles J. Crist, Jr.  
Office of the Governor  
The Capitol  
400 S. Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

**IDAHO**

Idaho Public Utilities Commission  
P.O. Box 83720  
Boise, ID 83720-0074

The Honorable C.L. Otter  
Office of the Governor  
P.O. Box 83720  
Boise, ID 83720

**ILLINOIS**

Illinois Commerce Commission  
527 East Capital Ave.  
Springfield, IL 62701

The Honorable Pat Quinn  
Office of the Governor  
207 State House  
Springfield, IL 62707

**INDIANA**

Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission  
101 West Washington Street  
Suite 1500 East  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

The Honorable Mitch Daniels  
Office of the Governor  
200 West Washington Street  
Room 206  
Indianapolis, IN 46204-2797

**NEVADA**

Nevada Public Utilities Commission  
1150 East William Street  
Carson City, NV 89701

The Honorable Jim Gibbons  
Office of the Governor  
State Capitol  
101 North Carson Street  
Carson City, NV 89701

**NORTH CAROLINA**

North Carolina Utilities Commission  
Public Staff  
4326 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, NC 27699-4326

The Honorable Beverly Perdue  
Office of the Governor  
20301 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, NC 27699-0301

**OREGON**

Oregon Public Utility Commission  
Consumer Services Division  
550 Capitol Street, NE  
P.O. Box 2148  
Salem, OR 97308-2148

The Honorable Ted Kulongoski  
Office of the Governor  
160 State Capitol  
900 Court Street  
Salem, Oregon 97301-4047

**PENNSYLVANIA**

Pennsylvania Public Utility  
Commission  
P.O. Box 3265  
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

The Honorable Edward Rendell  
Office of the Governor  
225 Main Capitol Building  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

**SOUTH CAROLINA**

South Carolina Public Service  
Commission  
Consumer Services Department  
P.O. Box 11263  
Columbia, SC 29211

The Honorable Mark Sanford  
Office of the Governor  
P.O. Box 12267  
Columbia, SC 29211

**TEXAS**

Public Utility Commission of Texas  
1701 North Congress Avenue  
P.O. Box 13326  
Austin, TX 78711

The Honorable Rick Perry  
Office of the Governor  
P.O. Box 12428  
Austin, TX 78711

**VIRGINIA**

Virginia State Corporation Commission  
Division of Communications  
P.O. Box 1197  
Richmond, VA 23218

The Honorable Tim Kaine  
Office of the Governor  
Patrick Henry Building  
1111 East Broad Street  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Richmond, VA 23219

**WASHINGTON**

Washington Utilities & Transportation  
Commission  
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW  
P.O. Box 4750  
Olympia, WA 98504

The Honorable Christine Gregoire  
Office of the Governor  
P.O. Box 40002  
Olympia, WA 98504-0002

**WISCONSIN**

Public Service Commission of  
Wisconsin  
Consumer Affairs Unit  
610 North Whitney Way  
P.O. Box 7854  
Madison, WI 53705

The Honorable Jim Doyle  
Office of the Governor  
P.O. Box 7863  
Madison, WI 53707

**Secretary of Defense**  
**Attn: Special Asst. for**  
**Telecommunications**  
**Pentagon**  
**Washington, DC 20301**



One Verizon Way  
VC32W410  
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

May 1, 2009

**Re: Grandfathering of Express Connect and Flex Express Connect**

Dear

Effective on or after August 15, 2009, the Verizon West operating telephone companies<sup>1</sup> (collectively, "Verizon"), located at the addresses listed on Attachment 1, will no longer accept orders for Express Connect Service and Flex Express Connect Service First Systems or Additional Nodes offered in FCC Tariffs Nos. 14 and 16 ("Tariffs"). The states affected are Arizona, California, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Nevada, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin. The specific limitations of this grandfathering are set forth below.

Express Connect and Flex Express Connect Services are entrance facility SONET rings which provide transport services at bandwidths of OC3, OC12 and OC48 capacity. Express Connect is configured as a 3-node SONET ring and Flex Express Connect as a 4-node SONET ring. Both Services are sold on a First System and three (3) Additional Systems basis to fill up a ring facility. For example, a customer can purchase an OC12 First System Express Connect and three (3) OC12 Additional Systems Express Connect to fill up an OC48 SONET facility.

Verizon offers alternative services which will not only meet your existing demands for SONET services but offer more robust features and functions that will satisfy your future business needs.

After the grandfathering is effective, the following limitations will apply: (1) orders for First Systems will no longer be accepted; (2) orders for Additional Nodes will no longer be accepted; and (3) moves, rearrangements, or changes in bandwidths to First Systems or Additional Systems will no longer be accepted.

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<sup>1</sup> The Verizon West operating telephone companies are Verizon North Inc., Verizon California Inc., Verizon Florida LLC, Verizon Northwest Inc., Verizon South Inc., GTE Southwest Incorporated (d/b/a Verizon Southwest), and Contel of the South Inc. (d/b/a Verizon North Systems).

Under the terms and conditions of the Tariffs, orders for Additional Systems and Riders will continue to be accepted, and at term expiration, you may renew the Services to the same or to a different Term Payment Plan or disconnect the Services.

If you wish to make arrangements for alternative service or have questions about this letter, please contact your Verizon account team representative.

Sincerely,



**Matthew Duckworth**  
Director – Optical Market Management  
Verizon Partner Solutions

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** 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 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. Address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington, D.C. 20554, and include in your comments a reference to the Sec. 63.71 Application of Verizon. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance (or reduction or impairment) upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

**ATTACHMENT 1**

This notice is provided on behalf of the following Verizon telephone operating companies located at the addresses listed below:

**Verizon California Inc.**  
112 Lakeview Canyon Road  
Thousand Oaks, California 91362

**Verizon Florida LLC**  
201 North Franklin Street  
One Tampa City Center  
Tampa, Florida 33602

**Verizon North Inc.**  
8001 West Jefferson Boulevard  
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46804

**Verizon Northwest Inc.**  
1800 41st Street  
Everett, Washington 98201

**Verizon South Inc.**  
201 N. Franklin Street  
One Tampa City Center  
Tampa, Florida 33602

**GTE Southwest Incorporated (d/b/a Verizon Southwest)**  
600 Hidden Ridge  
Irving, Texas 75038

**Contel of the South, Inc.**  
600 Hidden Ridge  
Irving, Texas 75038