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Office of the Secretary

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Marlene H. Dortch
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Section 63.71 Application of Verizon to Discontinue Fractional T1 and Fractional DS1 Services

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 Fractional T1 service in California, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin and to discontinue Fractional DS1 service in New York. As indicated in Verizon's application, on or after March 1, 2010, subject to the Commission's authorization, Verizon will no longer accept new orders for Fractional T1 or Fractional DS1 service in the above states. Verizon will continue to provide Fractional T1 and Fractional DS1 services to existing customers in the impacted states through the expiration of their current term or default month-to-month term or until the customer transitions to an alternative bandwidth service or discontinues service. A copy of the notice sent to customers impacted by this application is attached to Verizon's application.

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If you have any questions regarding this Application, please contact me at (202) 515-2539.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ann Berkowitz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ann" and last name "Berkowitz" clearly distinguishable.

Ann Berkowitz

Attachments

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

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

In the Matter of)	
Section 63.71 Application of Contel of the South,)	
Inc. (d/b/a Verizon North Systems); GTE)	
Southwest Incorporated (d/b/a Verizon)	
Southwest); Verizon California)	
Inc.; Verizon Florida LLC; Verizon New York)	
Inc.; Verizon North Inc.; Verizon Northwest)	
Inc.; and Verizon South Inc.)	File no.
)	
For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of)	
the Communications Act of 1934,)	
To Discontinue the Provision of Service)	
)	

**SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION OF CONTEL OF THE SOUTH,
INC. (D/B/A VERIZON NORTH SYSTEMS); GTE SOUTHWEST INCORPORATED
(D/B/A VERIZON SOUTHWEST); VERIZON CALIFORNIA INC.; VERIZON
FLORIDA LLC; VERIZON NEW YORK INC.; VERIZON NORTH INC.; VERIZON
NORTHWEST INC.; AND VERIZON SOUTH INC.**

Contel of the South, Inc. (d/b/a Verizon North Systems); GTE Southwest Incorporated (d/b/a Verizon Southwest); Verizon California Inc.; Verizon Florida LLC; Verizon New York Inc.; Verizon North Inc.; Verizon Northwest Inc.; and Verizon 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 Fractional T1 and NYNEX Enterprise Fractional DS1 service (“Fractional DS1 service”).

This application is related to the discontinuance application that Verizon filed for these same services on September 25, 2008, which the Commission placed on public notice on October 24, 2008 (WC Docket Number 08-215) (“September Application”). That application was automatically granted through the Commission’s streamlined process on December 23, 2008.

Since filing its September 2008 application and receiving authorization to cease accepting new orders or changes to existing orders for Fractional T1 or Fractional DS1 services, Verizon has learned that approximately 100 retail customers that purchase Fractional T1 or Fractional DS1 service did not receive the customer notice that was mailed on September 24, 2008.

On August 6, 2009, Verizon notified the approximately 100 retail customers of its Fractional DS1 and Fractional T1 services of the proposed discontinuance. A copy of this notice is attached to this Application as Exhibit A. The August 6 notice to retail customers explains that Verizon would cease accepting new orders or changes to existing orders for Fractional T1 or Fractional DS1 services on or after December 16, 2009. The discontinuance date has since been pushed back to March 1, 2010.

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)):

**Contel of the South, Inc. (d/b/a
Verizon North Systems)**
600 Hidden Ridge
Irving, Texas 75038

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

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 New York Inc.
140 West Street
New York, New York 10007

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

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, effective on or after March 1, 2010, Verizon will no longer accept new orders or changes to existing orders for Fractional T1 or Fractional DS1 services. Existing term customers who wish to continue receiving Fractional T1 or Fractional DS1 service after the expiration of their current term will be placed on a month-to-month plan until the customer transitions to an alternative bandwidth service or discontinues service.¹ Month-to-month customers will eventually be asked to transition their Fractional T1 and/or Fractional DS1 service to alternative bandwidth services or to discontinue service.

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

Verizon offers Fractional DS1 service in New York and subject to the Commission's authorization will discontinue that service in New York. Verizon offers Fractional T1 service in California, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin and subject to the Commission's authorization will discontinue Fractional T1 service in those jurisdictions.

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

Fractional T1 service provides a special access termination of N x 56 Kbps and N x 64 Kbps where N=2, 4, or 6. Fractional T1 service can be designed to carry various DS0 combinations when customer applications require greater bandwidth than a traditional DS0 circuit, but less bandwidth than a traditional DS1 1.544 Mbps service. Verizon's Fractional DS1 service provides special access terminations of 128, 256, 384, 512 or 768 Kbps channel

¹ Verizon's September Application and September 24, 2008 customer notice indicated that existing term customers would be disconnected at the end of their term. Consistent with this related Application, Verizon will not disconnect term customers impacted by the September Application at the expiration of their term and will instead transition them to month-to-month plans.

bandwidth delivered as a single bit rate. Fractional T1 and Fractional DS1 services can be used to provide two-way voice, data, and video communications between two points at bandwidths smaller than a full T1 or DS1 (e.g., 128, 256, or 384 Kbps).

Verizon is discontinuing these services because Verizon's vendor has discontinued the manufacture of Verizon-approved equipment for these services. The public convenience and necessity will not be impaired by these proposed service discontinuances because Verizon offers alternative services. While Verizon will cease accepting new orders and modifications to existing orders for these services from the customers impacted by this application on or after March 1, 2010, Verizon will continue providing these services to customers with term plans through the end of their term. Customers with month-to-month plans will eventually be asked to transition to alternative bandwidth services. Upon the discontinuation of these services, customers may choose from several alternative services, including full T1 and DS1 services (i.e., 1.544 Mbps service) and other services below a full DS1 or T1 (e.g., DS0 56 Kbps voice grade services, DDS 64 Kbps data services, and frame relay services).

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 retail customers via U.S. Mail on August 6, 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 being discontinued.

CONCLUSION

Verizon respectfully requests that the Commission approve this Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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Rashann R. Duvall
Verizon
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Arlington, VA 22201
(703) 351-3179

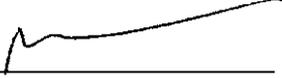
Counsel for Verizon

Michael Glover
Of Counsel

December 8, 2009

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 8th day of December 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

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

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

Commerce Commission
527 East Capital Avenue
Springfield, IL 62701

The Honorable Pat Quinn
Office of the Governor
207 State House
Springfield, IL 62706

INDIANA

Consumer Affairs Division
302 West Washington Street
Suite E-306
Indianapolis, IN 46204

The Honorable Mitch Daniels
Office of the Governor
Statehouse
Indianapolis, IN 46204-2797

MICHIGAN

Public Service Commission
6545 Mercantile Way
P.O. Box 30221
Lansing, MI 48909

The Honorable Jennifer Granholm
Office of the Governor
P.O. Box 30013
Lansing, MI 48909

NEW YORK

Office of Consumer Service
3 Empire State Plaza
Albany, NY 12223-1350

The Honorable David A. Patterson
Office of the Governor
State Capitol
Albany, NY 12224

NORTH CAROLINA

Utilities Commission – Public Staff
Consumer Services
4326 Mail Service Center
Raleigh NC 27699-4326

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

OHIO

Public Utilities Commission of
Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215-3793

The Honorable Ted Strickland
Office of the Governor
Riffe Center, 30th Floor
77 South High Street
Columbus, OH 43215-6108

OREGON

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

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

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

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

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

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
3rd Floor
Richmond, VA 23219

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

Consumer Affairs Unit
610 North Whitney Way
P.O. Box 7854 (53707-7854)
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

Verizon Business Customer Care
700 Hidden Ridge
M/S W03E17
Irving, TX 75038



EXHIBIT A

August 6, 2009

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Re: Notice of Discontinuation of Verizon's Fractional T1 and DS1 Services

Dear Verizon Business Customer:

Effective on or after December 16, 2009, Verizon New York Inc. and the Verizon West operating Telephone companies¹ (collectively, "Verizon"), located at the addresses listed on Attachment 1, will no longer allow new orders for (or changes to existing) Fractional T1 Service offered in FCC Tariffs Nos. 14 and 16 or for NYNEX Enterprise Fractional DS1 Service ("Fractional DS1 Service") offered in FCC Tariff No. 11.²

Fractional T1 Service provides a special access termination of N x 56 kbps and N x 64 kbps, where N = 2, 4, and 6. Fractional T1 Service can be designed to carry various DS0 combinations when customer applications require greater bandwidth than a traditional single DS0 circuit, but less bandwidth than a traditional DS1 1.544 Mbps service. Fractional DS1 Service provides a special access termination of 128, 256, 384, 512, or 768 kbps channel bandwidth delivered as a single bit rate.

Verizon is discontinuing the Fractional T1 and DS1 services because the network equipment used to provide these services will no longer be manufactured or supported by Verizon's vendor. Therefore, Verizon customers are encouraged to transition their Fractional T1 and/or DS1 services to alternative bandwidth services and begin developing a transition plan as soon as possible.

Upon discontinuance, Verizon will not offer either Fractional T1 or DS1 services to new customers and will support existing service arrangements only under the following limitations: (1) new orders for these services, whether on a term or month-to-month plan, will not be allowed; (2) moves, rearrangements, or any other changes in the termination at a Customer Designated Location or Central Office will not be allowed; (3) renewal of term plans for Fractional T1 and DS1 services, as well as any associated mileage term plans, will not be allowed; (4), upon expiration of a term plan, the customer will be placed on a month-to-month plan until the service is disconnected; and (5) current month-to-month customers of Fractional T1 and DS1 services may continue on a month-to-month basis until they are transitioned to an alternate bandwidth service or until the Fractional T1 or DS1 is disconnected.

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

Sincerely,

Verizon Business

¹ 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.

² Fractional T1 service is described in the applicable provisions of Verizon's tariffs, including but not limited to Section 5.1.1 of FCC Tariff No. 14 and Section 7.2.1 of FCC Tariff No. 16. Fractional DS1 Service is described in the applicable provisions of Verizon's tariffs, including but not limited to Section 7.2.13 of FCC Tariff No. 11.

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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. 20054, 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 New York Inc.
140 West Street
New York, NY 10007

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)
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