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Federal Communications Commission  
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Washington, DC 20554

Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

**RE: Section 63.71 Applications of Verizon**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Verizon California Inc., Verizon Florida LLC, GTE Southwest Inc. (d/b/a Verizon Southwest), Verizon South Inc. and Verizon North Retain Co. ("Verizon") submit the enclosed three applications for authority under Section 214(a) of the Communications Act and 47 C.F.R. § 63.71 to discontinue the following services: (1) Telegraph Grade Services; (2) Voice Grade and Wideband Secure Communications Services; and (3) Data Over Voice Connect Services ("DOVConnectSM") which are offered today under Verizon's FCC Tariff Nos. 14 or 16. As indicated in the attached applications, Verizon will discontinue these services in the impacted areas on or after November 2, 2010. There are no customers for these services in the impacted areas.

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

Sincerely,

Ann Berkowitz

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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In the Matter of )  
Section 63.71 Application of )  
Verizon California Inc., Verizon Florida LLC, )  
GTE Southwest Incorporated (d/b/a )  
Verizon Southwest), Verizon South Inc., and )  
Verizon North Retain Co. )  
  
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, GTE SOUTHWEST INCORPORATED (D/B/A VERIZON SOUTHWEST), VERIZON SOUTH INC. AND VERIZON NORTH RETAIN CO.**

Verizon California Inc., Verizon Florida LLC, GTE Southwest Incorporated (d/b/a Verizon Southwest), Verizon South Inc., and Verizon North Retain Co.

(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 Federal Government Voice Grade and Wideband Secure Communications Services in California, Florida, Texas, the former GTE areas in Pennsylvania and Virginia, and the former Contel areas in Pennsylvania, Virginia and North Carolina.

There currently are no customers for these services in the impacted areas. As required by Sections 63.71(a) and (b) of the Commission's rules, Verizon provides the following information:

**1. Name and Address of Carrier (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, FL 33602

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

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

Verizon North Retain Co.  
600 Hidden Ridge  
HQE03H09  
Irving, Texas 75038

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

Subject to Commission authorization under 47 C.F.R. § 63.71 Verizon will discontinue Federal Government Voice Grade and Wideband Secure Communications Services on or after November 2, 2010.

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

Subject to Commission authorization under 47 C.F.R. § 63.71 Verizon will discontinue Federal Government Voice Grade and Wideband Secure Communications Services in California, Florida, Texas, the former GTE areas in Pennsylvania and Virginia, and the former Contel areas in Pennsylvania, Virginia and North Carolina.

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

Federal Government Voice Grade and Wideband Secure Communications Services are special access services that Verizon offered to agencies or branches of the Federal Government.

Voice Grade Secure Communications Service provides a special access service at an approximate bandwidth of 10-50,000 Hz. Verizon offers four different types of this service: Type I (provides two-point secure communications on two-wire or four-wire metallic facilities between two or more customer designated locations and an end user's premises with T-3 conditioning); Type II (provides two-point secure communications between a customer designated location and an end user's premises on four-wire metallic facilities for duplex operation with G-1 conditioning); Type III (provides two point communications between a customer designated location and an end user's premises on four-wire metallic facilities for duplex operations with G-2 conditioning); and Type IV (provides two-point secure communications between two customer designated locations on four-wire metallic facilities for duplex operations with G-3 conditioning).

Wideband Secure Communications Service provides a special access service for secured communications to accommodate the transmission of binary digital baseband signals in a random polar format. Verizon offers three different types of this service: Type I (transmission speeds of 18,750 bits per second); Type II (transmission speeds of 50,000 bits per second); and Type III (transmission restored polar two-level facsimile signals with a minimum signal element of 20 microseconds at a rate of 50,000 bits per second).

The public convenience and necessity will not be impaired by the proposed service discontinuance. Currently, there are no customers for these services in the impacted area. In addition, suppliers of voice grade and wideband communications equipment have discontinued manufacturing the equipment required to provision the services being discontinued and as a result parts for these services are no longer readily available. Finally, Verizon and other providers offer alternatives to the services being discontinued including voice grade, digital data, and high capacity digital access services, ISDN, ADSL and VoIP.

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

In the impacted areas, there currently are no customers for the services being discontinued. Accordingly, there are no customers to notify about the proposed discontinuance.

Copies of this Application are being sent via first class U.S. Mail to the governors and public utilities commissions of each impacted state, 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)):**

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

**CONCLUSION**

Verizon respectfully requests that the Commission approve this Application.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Rashann R. Duvall

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August 5, 2010

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 5th day of August 2010, I served a copy of the foregoing Section 63.71 Application by U.S. Mail postage prepaid to the following on the attached service list.

/s/ Rashann R. Duvall  
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## SERVICE LIST

### **CALIFORNIA**

Public Utilities Commission  
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San Francisco, CA 94102

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger  
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The Honorable Charles J. Crist, Jr.  
Office of the Governor  
The Capitol  
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### **NORTH CAROLINA**

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The Honorable Beverly Purdue  
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Public Utility Commission  
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Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

The Honorable Edward Rendell  
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225 Main Capitol Building  
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Public Utility Commission of Texas  
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### **VIRGINIA**

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