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BEFORE THE
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of Section 63.71 Application of

**Shentel Converged Services, Inc. d/b/a
NTC Communications** for Authority Pursuant
to Section 214 of the Communications Act to
Discontinue Telecommunications Services

File No. _____

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION TO DISCONTINUE SERVICE

Shentel Converged Services, Inc. d/b/a NTC Communications (“Shentel”), by counsel, hereby seeks authorization pursuant to Section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214(a), and Section 63.71 of the Commission’s Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue its provision of local and long distance interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) service to the Millennium Hall multiple dwelling unit property (“Millennium Hall”) in Towson, Maryland on or before December 28, 2011.

The planned discontinuance will apply only to Shentel’s VoIP service provided to the Millennium Hall property (the “Discontinued Service”). Services offered by Shentel to customers in areas other than the Millennium Hall property are not affected by the planned discontinuance.

The Discontinued Service consists of a bulk VoIP service provided by Shentel to Capstone Management, the company that manages the Millennium Hall property. The proposed discontinuance is the result of Capstone Management’s decision to utilize another service provider for the Millennium Hall property. The impact on the public of the planned

discontinuance will be minimal because Capstone Management is the sole customer for the Discontinued Service. Although there are numerous end users of the bulk VoIP service at the Millennium Hall property, Shentel does not bill those end users directly; rather, local interconnected VoIP service is included by Capstone Management as part of residents' monthly rent. The long distance capabilities of the VoIP service are provided only to the Millennium Hall management office. Further, as noted above, Capstone Management has notified Shentel that it plans to replace the Discontinued Service with similar services from another provider. Thus, it is Shentel's understanding that none of the end users at the Millennium Hall property will lose access to interconnected VoIP service as a result of Shentel's planned discontinuance.

In support of this Application, Shentel provides the following information.

I. Information Required by 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(1) – (a)(4)

1. Name and Address of Carrier

Shentel Converged Services, Inc. d/b/a NTC Communications
P.O. Box 459
Edinburg, VA 22824
Attn: Ann Flowers

2. Date of Planned Service Discontinuance

Shentel plans to discontinue the provision of the Discontinued Service on or before December 28, 2011.

3. Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected

Shentel is discontinuing the Discontinued Service, as described above, to a single customer at a multiple dwelling unit property in Towson, Maryland called Millennium Hall. Services offered by Shentel to customers in areas other than the Millennium Hall property are not affected by the planned discontinuance.

4. Description of Type of Service Affected

As described above, Shentel will discontinue the provision of local and long distance interconnected VoIP service to the Millennium Hall property. Shentel's VoIP service provides local and long distance voice services and ancillary services.

II. Notice to Customers

In accordance with 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a), Shentel has notified the affected customer of the planned discontinuance of the Discontinued Service. Specifically, Shentel sent a notification letter via U.S. Mail to the affected customer on October 27, 2011. The notice included all of the information required by 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(1) – (a)(4), as well as the statement applicable to non-dominant carriers set forth in 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(5)(i).

Because the planned discontinuance was prompted by Capstone Management's plans to replace the Discontinued Service with service from another provider, there was no need for Shentel to offer Capstone Management assistance with finding a new service provider. A copy of the notice is attached to this Application as Exhibit A.

III. Non-Dominant Status

Shentel is a non-dominant carrier with respect to the Discontinued Service.

IV. Notice to States and the Secretary of Defense

In accordance with 47 C.F.R. 63.71(a), Shentel has mailed a copy of this Application to the Maryland Public Service Commission and the Governor of the State of Maryland, as well as to the Secretary of Defense.

V. Designated Contacts

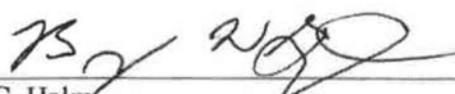
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WHEREFORE, Shentel Converged Services, Inc. d/b/a NTC Communications respectfully requests that the Commission authorize the discontinuance of the Shentel Discontinued Service on or before December 28, 2011..

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Dated: October 27, 2011

Exhibit A



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Ms. Trisha Wells
Capstone Management
404 Emerson Drive, Unit 6115
Towson, MD 21252

October 27, 2011

Dear Ms. Wells:

Shentel Converged Services, Inc. d/b/a NTC Communications ("NTC") has an obligation to file an application with the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") prior to discontinuing service, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 214 and 47 C.F.R. § 63.71. As part of the discontinuance approval process, service providers are required to notify all affected customers of the planned discontinuance.

Capstone Management has determined that it will no longer utilize NTC's local and long distance Voice over Internet Protocol ("VoIP") service at Millennium Hall at Towson University in Towson, Maryland. Thus, NTC provides notice that NTC will discontinue its local and long distance VoIP service to Millennium Hall at Towson University on the later of December 28, 2011 or the date the FCC approves for termination of service. The NTC local and long distance VoIP service is an interconnected VoIP service that provides local and long distance calling.

FCC Notice: 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 15 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, DC 20554, and include in your comments a reference to the Sec. 63.71 Application of Shentel Converged Services, Inc. d/b/a NTC Communications. 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.

Please contact us if you have any questions

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jan Lesser", is written over a light-colored background.

Jan Lesser
Manager, Shentel