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**Ex Parte**

**VIA ECFS**

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: Section 63.71 Application of MCI Communications Services, Inc. and Telecom\*USA, Inc. for Authority Pursuant to Section 214 to Discontinue the Provision of Service**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On February, 17, 2012, Verizon filed an application on behalf of MCI Communications Services, Inc. and Telecom\*USA, Inc. ("Applicants") to discontinue future sales of prepaid long distance phone cards and the ability to recharge existing cards throughout its entire service area.<sup>1</sup> Customers who previously purchased cards will continue to be able to use them.

As a part of our application and consistent with FCC rules, we provided a description of the dates and methods of notice we provided to the affected customers.<sup>2</sup> Given the nature of prepaid long distance calling cards, Applicants do not know the names or mailing addresses of cardholders and, therefore, cannot provide written notice directly to these cardholders. Thus, as described in the application and consistent with prior applications, we provided notice to our customers using an automated message when they use their cards. We also referred customers to information on our product websites which offer additional information about how the proposed discontinuance impacts their ability to use our products.<sup>3</sup> The same websites now also include language from FCC rule 63.71(a)(5)(i). Specifically, the websites include among their respective frequently asked questions the following language:

Does this change require regulatory approval?

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

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<sup>1</sup> Section 63.71 Application of MCI Communications Services, Inc. and Telecom\*USA, Inc. for Authority Pursuant to Section 214 to Discontinue the Provision of Service, filed Feb. 17, 2012 (Application).

<sup>2</sup> See Application at 3-4.

<sup>3</sup> The websites, respectively, can be found at: <http://prepaid.verizon.com/adding-time-to-prepaid-phone-cards/> and <http://minutepass.com/minutes-refill/>.

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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 § 63.71 *Application of MCI Communications Services, Inc. and Telecom\*USA, Inc. for Authority Pursuant to Section 214 to Discontinue the Provision of Service*. 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 let me know if you have any questions about this application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ian Dillner". The signature is written in a cursive style with a distinct loop at the end of the name.