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In the Matter of )  
Section 63.71 Application of )  
Verizon Select Services Inc. )  
For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of )  
the Communications Act of 1934, As Amended )  
To Discontinue the Provision of Service )

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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

**SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION OF  
VERIZON SELECT SERVICES INC.**

Verizon Select Services Inc. (VSSI) submits this Application for authority under Section 214(a) of the Communications Act and Section 63.71 of the Commission's rules to discontinue interstate long-distance private line service at DS-3 (44.736 Mbps) bandwidth and below ("Private Line service"). VSSI currently offers Private Line service in all fifty states, the District of Columbia and in the U.S. territories of Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Subject to the Commission's authorization of the proposed service discontinuance, on or after November 21, 2012, VSSI will no longer accept new orders for Private Line service and will no longer accept moves, adds, or changes to existing Private Line services except as required by contract. VSSI plans to continue to serve existing customers for at least the term of their contracts.

As Sections 63.71(a) and (b) of the Commission's rules require, VSSI provides the following information:

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

Verizon Select Services Inc.  
One Verizon Way  
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

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

Subject to the Commission's authorization, effective November 21, 2012, VSSI will no longer accept new orders for Private Line service. Also effective November 21, 2012, VSSI will no longer accept orders for moves, adds, or changes to existing Private Line services, except as required by contract. Existing customers may retain their Private Line services in accordance with their contracts' terms and conditions. After those contracts expire, VSSI will ask customers to transition their Private Line services to alternative services. VSSI will provide Private Line services on a month-to-month basis while customers transition their services, until VSSI discontinues these services completely.

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

Subject to the Commission's authorization, VSSI will discontinue these services in all fifty states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. territories of Guam, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

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

Private Line service is a long-distance point-to-point communications channel that offers voice, video, and data services over non-switched, non-usage sensitive dedicated facilities. VSSI provides the service between its Points of Presence. The service offers two-way simultaneous transmission at various bandwidths that the customer can select. This application relates to VSSI's TDM-based interstate private line service at DS-3 (44.736 Mbps) bandwidth and below and covers the following VSSI services (referenced in VSSI's product guide): Long Distance

Private Line Service, Long Distance Private Line Service II, Direct Line Service, and Digital Private Line Service II. VSSI is discontinuing this long-distance Private Line service because demand for it is declining as the marketplace moves moving to next generation technologies that provide higher bandwidths, a wider range of applications and greater value. VSSI's affiliates will continue to provide newer, more advanced alternatives like Private IP and Ethernet. Many other providers offer similar services. Consequently, the public convenience and necessity will not be impaired by this discontinuance.

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

VSSI sent notices to affected customers by first class U.S. Mail on September 21, 2012. A copy of the notice is attached as Exhibit A.

VSSI is sending copies of this Application by first class U.S. Mail to the governor and public utilities commission for each affected state and U.S. territory, 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)):**

VSSI is considered non-dominant with respect to the services to be discontinued.

**CONCLUSION**

VSSI respectfully requests that the Commission approve this Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2012, I served a copy of the foregoing Section 63.71 Application by U.S. Mail postage prepaid to the following parties on the attached service list.



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Dear Valued Customer,

Verizon's ability to stay at the forefront of the technology evolution allows us to help businesses innovate and unlock new revenue streams. To consistently help you succeed in an ever-changing environment of new competitors, evolving models, and increasingly globalized markets, we continue to focus on the technologies that are influencing the way businesses operate.

As part of our continuing effort to update our portfolio of solutions, Verizon Enterprise Solutions is proposing to terminate certain private line services offered by one of its affiliates, Verizon Select Services Inc. (hereinafter "VSSI"). This initiative will allow us to serve you better – ensuring you can seize the advantages of the latest platforms, applications and solutions to power productivity, responsiveness, and innovation. By continuing to embrace advancements in technology, we can help drive enhancements in critical areas including service, rapid resolution, monitoring, and reporting for you and all of our customers.

Specifically, VSSI is intending to cease offering all of its private line offerings (intrastate, interstate and international) within the United States (including Alaska, Hawaii, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands) at bandwidths of 56 Kbps, 1.544 Mbps (DS1) and 44.736 Mbps (DS3). The proposed action covers the following services as listed on VSSI's FCC product guide: Long Distance Private Line Service, Long Distance Private Line Service II, Direct Line Service, Digital Private Line Service II, and Global Private Line Service (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Affected Services"). The Affected Services only include those services offered by VSSI, which is an affiliate within the Verizon family of service providers. Other Verizon providers will continue to offer comparable DS1 and DS3 services.

On or after November 21, 2012 ("Effective Date"), VSSI will no longer offer the Affected Services to the public, subject only to the grandfathering restrictions set forth in this letter. If you are subscribed to one of the Affected Services under an agreement with VSSI at the time of the Effective Date, VSSI will continue to provide you with the services at the same rates until the expiration of your term with VSSI. However, unless your agreement expressly permits it, you will *not* be permitted to make any moves, adds or changes to the Affected Services, and no renewals will be permitted. Additionally, once your term expires, Verizon may terminate the Affected Services with six (6) months written notice to you. However, you may terminate your Affected Services at any time.

If you are presently receiving an Affected Service under an expired term (that is, if you are receiving such services on a month-to-month basis now), VSSI will continue to provide you with such services until either you cancel the Affected Service or Verizon terminates such service. Verizon may terminate the Affected Services with six (6) months written notice to you. You may terminate your Affected Services at any time. Also, you will not be permitted to make any moves, adds or changes to the Affected Services. VSSI encourages you to consider alternative services now. There are several suitable alternatives to the Affected Services offered by Verizon Business Services (a VSSI affiliate). These alternatives include the following:

*FCC Required 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 § 63.71 Application of Verizon Select Services Inc. 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.

- *Private IP (PIP) Service.* PIP service is a network-based virtual private network (VPN) enabling customers to effectively communicate over a secure network. It also provides a foundation for automating business processes between companies, including e-commerce, shared intranets, and extranets.
- *Internet Dedicated.* Internet Dedicated offers direct connectivity to Verizon's global IP network with TDM or Ethernet speeds ranging from T1/E1 - OC192 and 1Mbps to 10G.
- *Ethernet Services.* Several Ethernet alternatives are available with local, national and international capability, including the following:
  - Ethernet Virtual Private Line (EVPL) – CPA. This EVPL service is an Ethernet-based switched network service that allows configuration of point-to-point, point-to-multipoint, or partly mesh designs to meet evolving data transport needs.
  - Ethernet Virtual Private Line (EVPL) – SES. This EVPL service is fiber-based, metropolitan area LAN service that connects customer locations together at native LAN speeds and Ethernet interfaces of 10, 100, or 1,000 Mbps.
  - Ethernet Private Line (EPL) Service. EPL service utilizes Ethernet over SONET to provide dedicated point-to-point Ethernet connectivity between two locations. EPL circuits provide solutions for customers who require high-speed low latency and secure Ethernet wide area network (WAN) connectivity.

It is important that you choose an alternative service that is best suited for your needs, both in the short and long term. A Verizon representative will be in contact to discuss these and other alternatives to determine which solution can provide the most improved capabilities for your company.

We value your business and look forward to helping you realize the benefits that our advanced offerings can unlock for you.

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As part of our continuing effort to update our portfolio of solutions, Verizon Enterprise Solutions is proposing to terminate certain private line services offered by one of its affiliates, Verizon Select Services Inc. (hereinafter "VSSI"). This initiative will allow us to serve you better – ensuring you can seize the advantages of the latest platforms, applications and solutions to power productivity, responsiveness, and innovation. By continuing to embrace advancements in technology, we can help drive enhancements in critical areas including service, rapid resolution, monitoring, and reporting for you and all of our customers.

Specifically, VSSI is intending to cease offering all of its private line offerings (intrastate, interstate and international) within the United States (including Alaska, Hawaii, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands) at bandwidths of 56 Kbps, 1.544 Mbps (DS1) and 44.736 Mbps (DS3). The proposed action covers the following services as listed on VSSI's FCC product guide: Long Distance Private Line Service, Long Distance Private Line Service II, Direct Line Service, Digital Private Line Service II, and Global Private Line Service (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Affected Services"). The Affected Services only include those services offered by VSSI, which is an affiliate within the Verizon family of service providers. Other Verizon providers will continue to offer comparable DS1 and DS3 services.

On or after November 21, 2012 ("Effective Date"), VSSI will no longer offer the Affected Services to the public, subject only to the grandfathering restrictions set forth in this letter. If you are subscribed to one of the Affected Services under an agreement with VSSI at the time of the Effective Date, VSSI will continue to provide you with the services at the same rates until the expiration of your term with VSSI. However, unless your agreement expressly permits it, you will *not* be permitted to make any moves, adds or changes to the Affected Services, and no renewals will be permitted. Additionally, once your term expires, Verizon may terminate the Affected Services with six (6) months written notice to you. However, you may terminate your Affected Services at any time.

If you are presently receiving an Affected Service under an expired term (that is, if you are receiving such services on a month-to-month basis now), VSSI will continue to provide you with such services until either you cancel the Affected Service or Verizon terminates such service. Verizon may terminate the Affected Services with six (6) months written notice to you. You may terminate your Affected Services at any time. Also, you will not be permitted to make any moves, adds or changes to the Affected Services. VSSI encourages you to consider alternative services now. There are several suitable alternatives to the Affected Services offered by Verizon Business Services (a VSSI affiliate). These alternatives include the following:

- *Private IP (PIP) Service.* PIP service is a network-based virtual private network (VPN) enabling customers to effectively communicate over a secure network. It also provides a foundation for automating business processes between companies, including e-commerce, shared intranets, and extranets.
- *Internet Dedicated.* Internet Dedicated offers direct connectivity to Verizon's global IP network with TDM or Ethernet speeds ranging from T1/E1 - OC192 and 1Mbps to 10G.

*FCC Required 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 § 63.71 Application of Verizon Select Services Inc. 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.*

- **Ethernet Services.** Several Ethernet alternatives are available with local, national and international capability, including the following:
  - **Ethernet Virtual Private Line (EVPL) – CPA.** This EVPL service is an Ethernet-based switched network service that allows configuration of point-to-point, point-to-multipoint, or partly mesh designs to meet evolving data transport needs.
  - **Ethernet Virtual Private Line (EVPL) – SES.** This EVPL service is fiber-based, metropolitan area LAN service that connects customer locations together at native LAN speeds and Ethernet interfaces of 10, 100, or 1,000 Mbps.
  - **Ethernet Private Line (EPL) Service.** EPL service utilizes Ethernet over SONET to provide dedicated point-to-point Ethernet connectivity between two locations. EPL circuits provide solutions for customers who require high-speed low latency and secure Ethernet wide area network (WAN) connectivity.

It is important that you choose an alternative service that is best suited for your needs, both in the short and long term. A Verizon representative will be in contact to discuss these and other alternatives to determine which solution can provide the most improved capabilities for your company.

We value your business and look forward to helping you realize the benefits that our advanced offerings can unlock for you.

Sincerely,

<VP Name - AVP or GVP>

<Area Vice President>

Verizon Enterprise Solutions