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Washington, D.C. 20554

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

In the Matter of
Section 63.71 Application of
Verizon Select Services Inc.

File no.

For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of
the Communications Act of 1934, As Amended
To Discontinue the Provision of Service

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FCC-Competition Policy Division

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 Frame Relay service at speeds less than 10 kbps ("Frame Relay service"). VSSI plans to grandfather Frame Relay service and 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 requires, 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, on or after February 15, 2013, VSSI will no longer accept new orders for Frame Relay service. VSSI will no longer accept orders for moves, adds, or changes to existing Frame Relay services, except as required by contract. Existing

customers may retain their Frame Relay services in accordance with their contracts' terms and conditions. After those contracts expire, VSSI will ask customers to transition their Frame Relay services to alternative services. VSSI will provide Frame Relay 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 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)):

Frame Relay service is a public metropolitan and wide-area data service used primarily by commercial customers that uses packet switching (non-TDM) technology and digital transmission facilities to provide a data delivery service. VSSI, which was once known as GTE Communications Corporation, is a long-distance provider that was part of GTE before GTE merged with Bell Atlantic to form Verizon. This Application relates only to VSSI's interstate Frame Relay service at speeds less than 200 kbps, which VSSI has always offered on a non-dominant basis and which has not been tariffed at least since the Commission adopted detariffing for interstate long-distance providers more than ten years ago. VSSI is discontinuing Frame Relay service because marketplace demand is declining as customers move to newer technologies that have replaced Frame Relay in the marketplace. VSSI Frame Relay revenue declined by about 44% over the past two years. And as Gartner reported last year, "We assume that most global providers have stopped selling new connections based on legacy technology (frame relay and asynchronous transfer mode [ATM]), with only renewals being allowed, and

that both frame and ATM will be gone from the majority of markets by 2014.”¹ Next generation technologies that provide higher bandwidths and a wider range of applications have substantially replaced Frame Relay service in the marketplace. These new technologies and services include Private IP, which is widely available from Verizon and many other carriers that compete to service business and government customers. 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 a combination of U.S. Mail and overnight courier on or before December 14, 2012. Copies of the notices are 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 as well as to the Special Assistant for Telecommunications to the Secretary of Defense, as required by Section 63.71(a) of the Commission’s rules.

¹ See Gartner Research Report, “Forecast Analysis: Enterprise Network Services, Worldwide, 2008-2015, 1Q11 Update” (February 28, 2011).

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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December 14, 2012

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 14th day of December, 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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December 14, 2012

RE: Account Number: <Account Number>

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 affiliate Verizon Select Services Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "Verizon") proposes to terminate interstate Frame Relay service (less than 200 kbps) within the United States, including Alaska, Hawaii, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands (hereinafter referred to as the "Affected Service").

This initiative will allow us to serve you better – enabling you to seize the advantages of the latest platforms, applications, and solutions to power productivity, responsiveness, and innovation. By continuing to embrace advancements in technology, Verizon can help drive enhancements in critical areas including service, rapid resolution, monitoring, and reporting for you and all of our customers.

On or after February 15, 2013, or the date of approval from the FCC, whichever is later (the "Effective Date"), Verizon will no longer offer the Affected Service to the public, subject to the grandfathering restrictions set forth in this letter. If you are subscribed to the Affected Service under an agreement with Verizon on the Effective Date (hereinafter a "Current Subscriber"), Verizon will continue to provide you with the Affected Service until the expiration of your contracted term, subject to Verizon's right to discontinue the provision of the Affected Service whenever Verizon generally ceases to provide the Affected Service on a commercial basis to its customers, as set forth in your agreement.

As a Current Subscriber, unless your agreement expressly states otherwise, Verizon will provide at least six months written notice to you prior to terminating the Affected Service. You may cancel the Affected Service with prior written notice as set forth in your agreement.

Following the expiration of your contracted term, no renewals or extensions of the Affected Service will be permitted; however, Verizon will continue to provide you with the Affected Service on a month-to-month basis until either you terminate the Affected Service or Verizon terminates the Affected Service in accordance with your agreement or this letter, as applicable. Unless your agreement expressly permits it, you will not be permitted to move, change, or add new circuits to the Affected Service after the Effective Date.

If you are presently receiving the Affected Service under an expired term (i.e., you are receiving such services on a month-

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to-month basis now) (hereinafter, a "Month-to-Month Subscriber"), Verizon will continue to provide you with such services until either you cancel the Affected Service or Verizon terminates such service in accordance with your agreement or this letter. Also, the following applies to you as a Month-to-Month Subscriber:

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Since Frame Relay was launched years ago, there have been many exciting developments in networking technologies and capabilities. Verizon has a range of migration options which can be designed to meet your specific application requirements and will support additional applications and advanced communication services to help move your business forward. We believe one of the following solutions will allow you to ultimately do more, communicate better, and innovate more easily than ever before:

- **Private IP:** A reliable, robust network-based virtual private network offering the scalability and any-to-any connectivity of IP, allowing you to grow your organization and consolidate applications onto a single infrastructure.
- **Ethernet:** Flexible, scalable, redundant technology that can help power productivity and cost control, Ethernet is available in point-to-point, point-to-multipoint and multipoint options with local, national, and extensive international availability.

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

Please note that this notice does not affect any agreement you may have with Verizon or a Verizon affiliate for any Verizon service other than Frame Relay provided by the Verizon entity identified above.

We value your business and appreciate serving you now and in the future.

Sincerely,

<VP Name - AVP or GVP>

<Area Vice President>

Verizon Enterprise Solutions

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.

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