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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
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Re: Amendment to Withdraw Discontinuance Portion of Section 63.71 Application of MCI Communications Services, Inc. d/b/a/ Verizon Business Services, WC Docket No. 13-247

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On September 3, 2013, MCI Communications Services, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Business Services (“Verizon Business”) submitted an application to grandfather and eventually discontinue its provisioning of interstate private line DS0 service (64 Kbps or less). As Verizon Business noted in its application, it intended to grandfather DS0 Private Line service and continue to serve existing customers for at least the term of their contracts.

Specifically, as Verizon Business explained both in its application and in its notifications to customers, on or after the time its application is granted, Verizon Business intends to cease accepting new orders for the DS0 Private Line service. Existing customers may retain their DS0 Private Line service for the duration of, and may continue to make moves, adds, or changes to their service in accordance with, their contracts’ terms and conditions.

Only one party, Pan Am Railways (“Pan Am”), objected to Verizon Business’s application. We have since discussed the matter with Pan Am and addressed the concerns it raised.

In its objection, Pan Am raised a concern about the potential implications of eventually discontinuing this service. Verizon subsequently reaffirmed for Pan Am that its existing contract remains in place and that Pan Am could continue to receive service in accordance with its terms until that contract expires or the parties reached another mutually acceptable resolution.

Nevertheless, in light of Pan Am’s contract with Verizon Business and to allay the concerns it raised, Verizon Business has decided to amend its pending application and withdraw the portion of it that requested permission at this time to eventually discontinue the affected service.

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With this amendment, the pending proceeding is now limited to an application to grandfather the service such that existing customers can continue to purchase the service consistent with their contracts, but no new customers for the service will be accepted. The one objection to the application has been addressed, and there is no question that the public convenience and necessity is not impaired by the amended application.¹

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marlene", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

cc: Bill Dever
Rodney McDonald

¹ See 47 C.F.R. §63.71(a)(5)(ii).