



221 East Fourth Street  
Cincinnati, OH 45202

January 2, 2014

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
The Portals  
445 Twelfth Street S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Re: Section 63.71 Application of Cincinnati Bell Extended Territories, LLC to  
Discontinue the Provision of Service.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Cincinnati Bell Extended Territories, LLC (CBET) submits the enclosed Application for Authority under Section 214(a) of the Communications Act and Section 63.71 of the Commission's Rules to discontinue its telecommunications service in Tipp City, Ohio. On or after February 28, 2014, subject to the Commission's authorization, CBET will no longer offer telecommunications service in Tipp City, Ohio. Current customers have been notified of the change as of December 26, 2013.

Questions concerning this Transmittal should be directed to Mike Bishop at the above address, by phone at (513) 397-1231, or by fax at (513) 421-1367.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Patrick M. Crotty".

Patrick M. Crotty  
Corporate Counsel

Enclosure

Cc: Public Utilities Commission for Each Impacted State  
Governor of Each Impacted State  
Secretary of Defense, Attn: Special Assistant for Telecommunications  
Rodney McDonald, Esq.

Before the  
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In the Matter of )  
)  
Section 63.71 Application of Cincinnati )  
Bell Extended Territories, LLC for ) WC Docket No.  
Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of the )  
Communications Act of 1934 to ) Comp. Pol. No.  
Discontinue the Provision of Service )

**SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION OF CINCINNATI BELL EXTENDED TERRITORIES,  
LLC TO DISCONTINUE THE PROVISION OF SERVICE**

Cincinnati Bell Extended Territories, LLC (CBET) hereby submits the Application for Authority under Section 214(a) of the Communications Act and Section 63.71 of the Commission's rules to withdraw the provision of telecommunications service in Tipp City, Ohio.

As required by Sections 63.71(a) and (b) of the Commission's rules, CBET provides the following information:

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

Cincinnati Bell Extended Territories, LLC  
221 East Fourth Street  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

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

Subject to the Commission's authorization to discontinue service pursuant to Section 63.71(c) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(c), telecommunications service will no longer be offered in Tipp City, Ohio, effective February 28, 2014.

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

CBET is discontinuing offering telecommunications service in Tipp City, Ohio.

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

CBET will discontinue offering all telecommunications services, including POTS, DSL and PRI service. Current customers have many options for these services from other providers in Tipp City, Ohio.

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

CBET notified its customers of the discontinuance of telecommunications service in Tipp City, Ohio by letter sent via U.S. mail on December 26, 2013. Copies of the customer notification letters are appended hereto as Attachment A. The letters inform affected customers that, with the required Commission approval, CBET plans to discontinue telecommunication service in Tipp City, Ohio on or after February 28, 2014.

**6. Regulatory Classification of Carrier (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71 (b)(4)):**

CBET is considered non-dominant with respect to the service to be discontinued.

**Other Information (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71 (b)(5)):**

Copies of this Application are being sent via first class U. S. Mail to the Governor of Ohio, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and the Special Assistant for Telecommunications to the Secretary of Defense, as required by Section 63.71 (a) of the Commission's rules.

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**CONCLUSION**

CBET Respectfully requests that the Commission approve this Application.

Respectfully Submitted,

By: Patrick M. Crotty

Patrick M. Crotty  
Corporate Counsel  
Cincinnati Bell Extended Territories, LLC  
221 East Fourth Street  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202  
(513) 397 – 7260

January 2, 2014

I Patrick M. Crotty, do hereby certify that I have on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2014, caused a copy of the foregoing "Section 63.71 Application of Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company, LLC to Discontinue the Provision of Service" to be served by U.S. mail upon the following:

  
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OHIO

Todd Snitchler  
Chairman  
Public Utilities Commission of  
Ohio 180 East Broad Street  
Columbus, OH 43215-3793

The Honorable John Kasich Office  
of the Governor  
Riffe Center, 30th Floor  
77 South High Street Columbus,  
OH 43215-6108

Secretary of Defense Attn:  
Special Asst. for  
Telecommunications Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20301

**Attachment A**  
**Customer letters**

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XXX\*\*\*\*\*123456789ABCDEFGHI

[Recipient Name]

[Street Address]

[City, ST ZIP Code]

**Re: Local Phone Service Cancellation**

[Month XX, 2013]

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Dear Cincinnati Bell Customer,

This letter is to inform you that your current local telecommunications provider, Cincinnati Bell Extended Territories LLC (CBET) will no longer provide local exchange phone service and associated services (i.e. Internet Access) to customers located in the Tipp City, Ohio service area as of February 28, 2014.

Please note that **you must take action to transfer your Cincinnati Bell local phone service and/or Internet access to another provider prior to February 28, 2014.** Additional local exchange telephone service providers can be found in your local directory or at [www.puco.ohio.gov](http://www.puco.ohio.gov).

If you do not act to change Cincinnati Bell as your local phone service provider prior to February 28 2014, you will not have local telephone service (i.e. dial tone) beginning February 28. You should be able to keep your current phone number(s) when transferring service to another provider, as long as the number(s) remains active. If you want to keep the same telephone number(s), please call a new service provider to transfer your service before February 28. You do not have to contact Cincinnati Bell Extended Territories prior to transferring service. You also should not disconnect your Cincinnati Bell Extended Territories service prior to transferring service to another service provider in order to keep your telephone number(s). If Cincinnati Bell Extended Territories is your Internet service provider, you must establish Internet service with another provider before February 28, or you will not have access to the Internet.

On or about February 28, or approximately 15 days following the transfer of your service to another provider, you will receive a final bill from Cincinnati Bell. Please contact Cincinnati Bell for any inquiries or concerns related to your final bill.

You have been a valued customer and it has been a pleasure to provide local telephone service to you. Unfortunately, Cincinnati Bell is unable to continue to offer a competitive/fair rate for service in Tipp City and realizes you have other options. If you have any questions about the discontinuance of service in Tipp City, please call the Business Office at 866.565.2210.

You may also contact the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio for assistance at 1.800.686.7826 (toll free) or for TTY at 1.800.686.1570 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays, or at [www.puco.ohio.gov](http://www.puco.ohio.gov).

Sincerely,  
Cincinnati Bell Extended Territories, LLC.

**(P.S. If you are a Cincinnati Bell Wireless customer, your wireless service will not be impacted.)**

**Cincinnati Bell Extended Territories is required by the FCC to provide the following statement:** The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service 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 continuance. 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 **Cincinnati Bell Extended Territories**. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

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