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Teleconnect intends to discontinue standalone postpaid calling card service to customers in California, Colorado, Florida, Iowa, Illinois, Nebraska, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Texas, and Washington. Affected customers have been notified in writing of the planned discontinuance. A copy of the written notification is attached.

Teleconnect is filing the original and five copies of this letter (with the attached Application) with the Office of the Secretary.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 202-515-2590.

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cc: Secretary of Defense, Attn: Special Assistant for Telecommunications
Public Utilities Commission for Each Affected State
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Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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1. Name and Address of Carrier (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71 (a)(1), (b)(2)):

Teleconnect Long Distance Services & Systems Company
One Verizon Way
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

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Subject to the Commission's authorization, on or after October 15, 2014, Teleconnect will discontinue standalone postpaid calling card service.

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Teleconnect has always provided postpaid calling card service on a non-dominant basis and has not tariffed the services at least since the Commission adopted its de-tariffing rules more than ten years ago. Teleconnect's postpaid calling card services is not an incumbent LEC service.

The public convenience and necessity will not be impaired by the proposed service discontinuance because this service is declining in the marketplace as mobile phones have, in most cases, obviated the need for calling card services. In addition to mobile phones, there are other alternatives to calling card services in the marketplace including pre-paid calling cards and alternate billing services that ensure the public convenience and necessity is not impaired when Teleconnect discontinues its postpaid calling card service.

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Teleconnect is sending copies of this Application by first class U.S. Mail to the governor and public utilities commission for each affected state, 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. A Copy of this Application is also being sent to the Chief of the Commission's International Bureau as required under 47 C.F.R. § 63.19.

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

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

CONCLUSION

Teleconnect respectfully requests that the Commission approve this Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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Of Counsel

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(703) 351-3084

August 11, 2014

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 11th day of August, 2014, 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.

/s/ Curtis L. Groves
Curtis L. Groves

SERVICE LIST

<p>CALIFORNIA Michael R. Peevey, President Public Utilities Commission 505 Van Ness Avenue Room 5218 San Francisco, CA 94102</p>	<p>The Honorable Edmund G. Brown Jr. Office of the Governor State Capitol Building Sacramento, CA 95814</p>
<p>COLORADO Joshua Epel, Chair Public Utilities Commission 1560 Broadway Suite 250 Denver, CO 80202</p>	<p>The Honorable John Hickenlooper Office of the Governor 136 State Capitol Denver, CO 80203-1792</p>
<p>FLORIDA Art Graham, Chairman Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850</p>	<p>The Honorable Rick Scott Office of the Governor The Capitol 400 S. Monroe Street Tallahassee, FL 32399</p>
<p>ILLINOIS Doug Scott, Chairman Commerce Commission 527 East Capital Avenue Springfield, IL 62701</p>	<p>The Honorable Pat Quinn Office of the Governor 207 State House Springfield, IL 62706</p>
<p>IOWA Elizabeth S. Jacobs, Chair Iowa Utilities Board 1375 E. Court Avenue Room 69 Des Moines, IA 50319-0069</p>	<p>The Honorable Terry E. Branstad Office of the Governor State Capital Des Moines, IA 50319-0001</p>
<p>NEBRASKA Frank E. Landis, Jr., Chairman Public Service Commission 1200 N. Street, Suite 300 Lincoln, NE 68509</p>	<p>The Honorable Dave Heineman Office of the Governor P.O. Box 94848 Lincoln, NE 68509-4848</p>

<p>NEW YORK Audrey Zibelman, Chair Public Service Commission 3 Empire State Plaza Albany, NY 12223-1350</p>	<p>The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo Governor of New York State New York State Capitol Building Albany, NY 12224</p>
<p>OHIO Thomas W. Johnson, Chairman Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 East Broad Street Columbus, OH 43215-3793</p>	<p>The Honorable John Kasich Office of the Governor Riffe Center, 30th Floor 77 South High Street Columbus, OH 43215-6108</p>
<p>OREGON Susan K. Ackerman, Chair Public Utility Commission of Oregon P.O. Box 1088 Salem, OR 97308-2148</p>	<p>The Honorable John Kitzhaber Office of the Governor State Capitol Building 900 Court Street, NE Salem, OR 97301-4047</p>
<p>TEXAS Donna L. Nelson, Chairman Public Utilities Commission of Texas 1701 North Congress Avenue P.O. Box 13326 Austin, TX 78711</p>	<p>The Honorable Rick Perry Office of the Governor P.O. Box 12428 Austin, TX 78711</p>
<p>WASHINGTON David W. Danner, Chairman Utilities & Transportation Commission P.O. Box 47250 Olympia, WA 98504</p>	<p>The Honorable Jay Inslee Office of the Governor P.O. Box 40002 Olympia, WA 98504-0002</p>
<p>Secretary of Defense Attn: Special Asst. for Telecommunications Pentagon Washington, DC 20301</p>	<p>Mindel De La Torre Chief International Bureau Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554</p>

EXHIBIT A

Telecom*USA
P.O. Box 31301
Salt Lake City, UT 84130-1301

Telecom★USA.

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August 1, 2014

RE: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED],

On or after October 15, 2014, your Telecom*USA post-paid calling card billing on the account number referenced above will be discontinued and will no longer function. This service is provided by Teleconnect Long Distance Services & Systems Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of Telecom*USA, Inc.

We appreciate your long-standing business with Telecom*USA but have made this decision due to overall declines in calling card usage. We regret any inconvenience this action may cause you. However, the marketplace for long distance calling is very competitive and a number of different options exist. You can contact a long distance provider of your choice to inquire about their calling card service, or you can use a prepaid calling card. If you have a cell phone, you may also be able to use it to complete these calls.

Telecom*USA is sending this notice to customers in California, Colorado, Florida, Iowa, Illinois, Nebraska, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Texas and Washington who will be affected.

If you have any questions regarding the discontinuance of the calling card billing on your Telecom*USA account, billing disputes or complaints about your Telecom*USA account, please do not hesitate to contact us at 1-800-777-2321.

Sincerely,

Telecom*USA

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 Teleconnect Long Distance Services & Systems Company. 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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