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In the Matter of)
Section 63.71 Application of)
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Broadwing Communications, LLC)
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For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of)
the Communications Act of 1934, as)
amended, to Discontinue the Provision of)
Certain Voice and Data Services)
_____)

WC Docket No. _____

**SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION OF
BROADWING COMMUNICATIONS, LLC**

Broadwing Communications, LLC (FRN: 0008-5997-06)¹, a CenturyLink company, seeks authorization pursuant to Section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214(a), and Section 63.71 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue certain Voice and Data services in all states in which they are offered.²

CenturyLink provides the following information pursuant to Section 63.71 of the Commission's Rules:

1. Name and Address of the Carrier

Broadwing Communications, LLC
100 CenturyLink Drive
Monroe, LA 71203

¹ Broadwing Communications, LLC is a subsidiary of CenturyLink, Inc. (FRN 0018-6268-53).

² CenturyLink initially requested to discontinue these services in an application filed on November 12, 2019, but subsequently withdrew that application on November 15, 2019 (WC Docket No. 19-360).

2. Date of Planned Service Discontinuance

CenturyLink plans to discontinue the affected services on or around March 20, 2020 or as soon thereafter as any necessary regulatory approvals are obtained.

3. Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected

CenturyLink proposes to discontinue the affected services in California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and Washington.

4. Description of Services Affected

- **Local Trunking Business Line Service including POTS (Plain Old Telephone Service)** voice-grade telephonic communications channels that are used to place or receive one call at a time.
- **Local Trunking PRI (Primary Rate Interface)** transmits and receives video, voice and data simultaneously.
- **Local Trunking Local Inbound** originates calls to CenturyLink provided telephone numbers, aggregate the traffic, and hands it off to single or multiple IP endpoints.
- **Local Trunking SIP (Session Initiation Protocol)** send and receive calls via the Internet.
- **Local Trunking ELS (Enhanced Local Services)** originates and terminates calls to and from CenturyLink provided telephone numbers, aggregates the traffic, and hands it off to single or multiple endpoints.
- **LD Outbound** traditional long distance 1+ or direct dialed domestic and international (U.S. origination) calling services provided over switched or dedicated facilities.
- **LD Toll Free and Contact Center** traditional long distance toll-free or 800 services, domestic and international (U.S. termination) calling services provided over switched or dedicated facilities.
- **Integrated Voice and Data Service (IVAD)** allows a customer to utilize a single high capacity facility to integrate both voice and data services. IVAD service is available in different groups of channels and at varying bandwidth speeds.

- **Integrated Voice and Data Service – DS3 Level (IVADs3)** a channelized DS3 facility that will allow a customer to combine both voice and data DS1s onto a single DS3 circuit. Voice circuits can be either digital DS1 or ISDN PRI. Bandwidth for the data portion of this service is limited to 20Mbps per circuit. A minimum of nine DS1s is required for this service.

5. Brief Description of the Dates and Methods of Notice to All Affected Customers

CenturyLink sent a written notification of the planned discontinuance to the customers affected by the proposed discontinuance in accordance with Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's Rules. Customer notifications were sent by U.S. Mail on January 22, 2020. A copy of the notification is attached to this application (Attachment A).

6. Whether the Carrier is Considered Dominant or Non-dominant with Respect to the Service to be Discontinued

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

7. Other Information

In accordance with Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's Rules, a copy of this application is being mailed concurrently with its filing to the entities listed on the attached certificate of service.

CONCLUSION

The public convenience and necessity will not be adversely affected by the discontinuance of the services described herein. Advance notice has been provided to all affected customers, giving them ample time to arrange substitute services, which are readily available and include, but are not limited to, other services offered by other CenturyLink

affiliates. Therefore, CenturyLink respectfully requests that the Commission approve this Section 63.71 application.³

Respectfully submitted,

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Its Attorney

January 24, 2020

³ Although CenturyLink proposes in this application to discontinue certain TDM-based voice services, this discontinuance is not a “technology transition,” as defined in 47 C.F.R. § 63.60(i), as the affected customers can choose to switch to another TDM-based voice service provided by CenturyLink, as well as other alternatives offered by CenturyLink and its competitors.



100 CenturyLink Drive
Monroe, Louisiana 71203

January 22, 2020

Billing Account Number:

[Customer Name]
[Address]
[City, State, Zip]

**Important Notice Regarding the Planned Discontinuance of Certain Traditional Voice & Data Services
Provided by Broadwing Communications, LLC, a CenturyLink Company**

Dear Valued Customer,

At CenturyLink, our goal is to provide you with great quality and value while remaining competitive. Changing market conditions require that we continually evaluate our prices, product offerings and infrastructure.

Occasionally our evaluation directs us to make changes to some products; therefore we are writing to inform you that Broadwing Communications, LLC, a CenturyLink Company, is discontinuing certain voice and data services, in California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and Washington as of March 20, 2020, or as soon after that date as authorized by the Federal Communications Commission and any other relevant state regulatory commissions.

You are receiving this notice because you currently subscribe to one or more of the following services provided by Broadwing Communications, LLC, which, subject to regulatory approval, will be discontinued as a result of this project.

- **Local Trunking Business Line Service including POTS (Plain Old Telephone Service)** voice-grade telephonic communications channels that are used to place or receive one call at a time.
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ATTACHMENT A

Upon receiving regulatory approvals, these services will no longer be available to new customers or for new orders from existing customers (except to the extent permitted by contract). As to existing services:

- Existing contracts for these services will not be renewed.
- Customers with a contract that expires *prior* to March 20, 2020 may retain their service(s) covered by that contract on a month-to-month basis until that date.
- Customers with a contract that expires *after* March 20, 2020 including option periods, may retain their service(s) covered by that contract until the expiration of the base contract and option periods.

In order to maintain continuous service at your location, CenturyLink would like to work with you to migrate your existing service to a similar service or, alternatively, a state-of-the-art platform that will provide your business with greater flexibility, simplicity, and efficiency.

You must initiate a migration order or submit a disconnect request with CenturyLink by March 20, 2020 to avoid possible disruption of your service based on the discontinuance schedule noted above, provided that CenturyLink obtains the necessary regulatory approvals for the planned discontinuance. Our Voice Advancement Team is here to help you through the migration or disconnect process. Contact them at 877-699-3201 or voiceadvancement@centurylink.com.

If you subscribe to other services from CenturyLink, those services will NOT be impacted by the anticipated discontinuance of the affected services listed above. Your other services will remain in place with no change to the applicable rates, terms, or conditions. When the telecommunication services are discontinued, the Company will automatically apply any credits for the service to your CenturyLink invoice.

We value your business and appreciate your cooperation regarding this notice.

Thank you,

Broadwing Communications, LLC
877-699-3201

The following statement is required by the FCC:

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 discontinuance. You may file your comments electronically through the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System using the docket number established in the Commission's public notice for this proceeding, or you may 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 Broadwing Communications, LLC. 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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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Marjorie Herlth, do hereby certify that I have caused the foregoing **SECTION 63.71**

APPLICATION to be:

- 1) Filed with the Secretary of the FCC via ECFS (Inbox-Section 214 Domestic Discontinuance Application);
- 2) Served via first-class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, on the Governors of the States listed on the attached service list;
- 3) Served via first-class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, on the Public Utility Commissions listed on the attached service list;
- 4) Served via first-class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, or via email on the Regulatory Authority for the Tribal Nations listed on the attached service list; and
- (5) Served via first-class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, on the Special Assistant for Telecommunications under the Secretary of Defense¹.



Marjorie Herlth

January 24, 2020

¹ Section 63.71(a) directs applicants to submit a copy of the application to the Secretary of Defense, Special Assistant for Telecommunications. However, due to restructuring within the Department of Defense, that position no longer exists. Commission staff has advised that a copy of the application be sent instead to the Department of Defense Chief Information Officer.

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Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation**

Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana

Cowlitz Indian Tribe

**Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians,
Michigan**

Hoh Indian Tribe

Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe

Jena Band of Choctaw Indians

**Las Vegas Tribe of Paiute Indians of the Las Vegas Indian
Colony, Nevada**

Lower Elwha Tribal Community

Lower Sioux Indian Community in the State of Minnesota

Lummi Tribe of the Lummi Reservation

Makah Indian Tribe of the Makah Indian Reservation

Minnesota Chippewa Tribe - Bois Forte Band (Nett Lake)

Minnesota Chippewa Tribe - Fond du Lac Band

Minnesota Chippewa Tribe - Grand Portage Band

Minnesota Chippewa Tribe - Leech Lake Band

Minnesota Chippewa Tribe - Mille Lacs Band

Minnesota Chippewa Tribe - White Earth Band

**Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, Minnesota (Six component
reservations: Bois Forte Band (Nett Lake); Fond du Lac
Band; Grand Portage Band; Leech Lake Band; Mille Lacs
Band; White Earth Band)**

Muckleshoot Indian Tribe

Nisqually Indian Tribe

Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe

Prairie Island Indian Community in the State of Minnesota

Puyallup Tribe of the Puyallup Reservation

Quileute Tribe of the Quileute Reservation

Quinault Indian Nation

Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians

Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Michigan

**Seminole Tribe of Florida (Big Cypress and Brighton
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