



221 East Fourth Street  
Cincinnati, OH 45202

December 19, 2019

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 Telephone Company LLC to  
Discontinue the Provision of Service.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company LLC (CBT) submits the enclosed Application for Authority under Section 214(a) of the Communications Act and Section 63.71 of the Commission's Rules to Grandfather Centrex Service in CBT's service area with the exception of the Bethel, Ohio wire center where Centrex service has already been discontinued. Centrex Service is found CBT's Non-Residence Service Agreement Local Telephone Services Section 8. Effective February 16, 2020, subject to the Commission's authorization, CBT will grandfather Centrex Service in its service area with the exception of the Bethel, Ohio wire center. Current customers have been notified of the changes as of December 18, 2019.

Questions concerning this Transmittal should be directed to Mike Bishop at the above address, by phone at (513) 397-1231, or by email at [mike.bishop@cinbell.com](mailto:mike.bishop@cinbell.com).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "PC" or similar initials.

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  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of	)	
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Section 63.71 Application of Cincinnati	)	
Bell Telephone Company 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 TELEPHONE  
COMPANY LLC TO DISCONTINUE THE PROVISION OF SERVICE**

Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company LLC (CBT) hereby submits this Application for Authority under Section 214(a) of the Communications Act and Section 63.71 of the Federal Communications Commission’s (“the Commission”) rules to grandfather Centrex Service in the CBT service area with the exception of the Bethel Wire Center. The Commission issued Public Notice DA 14-1901, released December 30, 20124 granting CBT’s application to withdraw Centrex service from the Bethel wire center.

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

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

Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company 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 grandfather service pursuant to Section 63.71(c) of the Commission’s rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(c), the Centrex Service

contained in Tariff FCC No. 35 will be grandfathered in the CBT service area with the exception of the Bethel wire center effective February 16, 2020.

CBT will no longer offer Centrex service to new customers. Existing Centrex customers may add or remove lines in their existing systems. Existing Centrex customers will be allowed to move their Centrex service from one location to another within CBT's service territory, with the exception of the Bethel wire center. Existing Centrex customers may not have Centrex service installed at an additional location.

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

Centrex service found in CBT's Ohio Non-Residence Service Agreement Local Telephone Services Section 8 will be grandfathered in the CBT service area with the exception of the Bethel Wire Center, where Centrex service has been discontinued.

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

Centrex is an arrangement of switching equipment and facilities owned and maintained by the Company, which provides customers with complex communications service. Centrex service lines consist of the facilities from the central office to the customer premises and central office switching equipment used to provide intercommunication service.

There currently are approximately 860 customers for CBT's Centrex Service in the affected area. The number of customers has declined at approximately 19% over the last year. Centrex Service has declined as customers move to faster Ethernet-based services. Because of the few number of customers, the public convenience and necessity will not be

impaired by this proposed service grandfathering.

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

CBT notified existing customers of the grandfathering of Centrex Service in the Affected Areas by letter sent via U.S. mail on December 18, 2019. Copies of the customer notification letter is appended hereto as Attachment A. The letter informs the affected customer that, with the required Commission approval, CBT plans to grandfather Centrex Service as of February 16, 2020. The letter also details what Centrex customers may or may not do concerning their Centrex service after the service is grandfathered.

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.

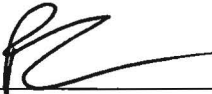
**6. Regulatory Classification of Carrier (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71 (b)(4)):**

CBT is considered dominant with respect to the service to be grandfathered.

**CONCLUSION**

CBT respectfully requests that the Commission approve this Application.

Respectfully Submitted,

By:  \_\_\_\_\_

Patrick M. Crotty  
Corporate Counsel  
Cincinnati Bell Telephone Co. LLC  
221 East Fourth Street  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202  
(513) 397-7260

December 19, 2019

I, Patrick M. Crotty, do hereby certify that I have on this 19th day of December, 2019, 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:

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
180 East Broad Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Kentucky Public Service Commission  
211 Sower Boulevard  
Frankfort, Kentucky 40602

The Honorable Mike DeWine  
Governor's Office  
Riffe Center, 30th Floor  
77 South High Street  
Columbus, OH 43215-6108

The Honorable Andy Beshear  
Office of the Governor  
700 Capital Avenue, Suite 100  
Frankfort, KY 40601

Secretary of Defense  
Attn: Special Assistant for Telecommunications  
Pentagon  
Washington, D.C. 20301

  
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Patrick M. Crotty



December, 18, 2019

<accountname>  
<deliveryaddressline>  
<CITY, STATE zip5>

**Account #:** <Accountnumber>

Dear Valued Business Customer,

Thank you for being a Cincinnati Bell customer. We value your business and are committed to providing you with superior service. You are currently receiving Centrex, a network hosted telephone service, from Cincinnati Bell. We are reaching out to inform you as of February 16, 2020 there will be some changes regarding Centrex. Current customers with Centrex, such as yourself, will not be impacted except as detailed below, and you can continue to operate as you do today.

**Please note the following changes as of 2/16/20:**

- You may add or remove Centrex lines as needed at your current location(s).
- If you move your business location within the Cincinnati Bell Telephone service territory, you may transfer your Centrex service to your new location(s).
- If you open a new location (in addition to your current locations), you will not be able to install Centrex at that additional location. However, Cincinnati Bell offers many alternate services for your new location.

Cincinnati Bell works to provide the best in telecommunications and entertainment services. Our business specialists will be happy to answer any questions you may have to best serve your business. For more information, please contact your account manager or call 513.397.1616 to speak to a business specialist.

Sincerely,

Michele Lehmkuhl  
Vice President, Product Strategy  
Cincinnati Bell

**Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company LLC is required by the Federal Communications Commission to provide the following statement:**

The Federal Communications Commission ("Commission") 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 30 days after the Commission releases public notice of the proposed discontinuance. Address comments 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 Telephone Company 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.