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COMMENTS INVITED ON APPLICATION OF VEZA TELECOM, INC. TO DISCONTINUE DOMESTIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

WC Docket No. 15-177
Comp. Pol. File No. 1234

Comments Due: August 13, 2015

Section 214 Application **Applicant: VEZA Telecom, Inc.**

On July 6, 2015, **VEZA Telecom, Inc.** (VEZA Telecom or Applicant), located at **11205 Alpharetta Hwy, #E3, Roswell, GA 30076**, filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) requesting authority, under section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214, and section 63.71 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue a certain domestic telecommunications service in California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, and Texas (Service Areas).¹ On July 27, 2015, VEZA Telecom filed an amendment to correct certain deficiencies in its application and update the record regarding the notice provided to customers.² Accordingly, VEZA Telecom's application is deemed complete as of July 27, 2015.

VEZA Telecom indicates that it currently offers resold long distance toll service (Affected Service) to enterprise customers in the Service Areas. VEZA Telecom explains that its resold long distance toll service enables customers to make long distance telephone calls including international telephone calls. The Applicant states, however, that it is in the process of discontinuing the provision of telecommunications services, subject to Commission approval.³ VEZA Telecom specifies that it will be closing and that it intends to no longer provide the Affected Service in the Service Areas effective August 24, 2015. VEZA Telecom submits that the affected customers will not be harmed by the proposed discontinuance because they are sophisticated purchasers of communications services that will be able to easily obtain alternative services that are generally and readily available from other telecommunications service providers. VEZA Telecom states that it sent an early notice to affected customers by first-class mail on July 6, 2015, and that it mailed a revised notice to customers that is

¹ See Section 63.71 Application of VEZA Telecom, Inc., WC Docket No. 15-177 (filed July 6, 2015), <http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/comment/view?id=60001091542>.

² See Letter from Craig D. Dingwall, Esq., Counsel to VEZA Telecom, Inc., to Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket No. 15-177 (filed July 27, 2015).

³ The discontinuance of international service is governed by section 63.19 of the Commission's rules. See 47 C.F.R. § 63.19.

consistent with the Commission's rules on July 27, 2015. VEZA Telecom asserts that it is considered non-dominant with respect to the service to be discontinued.

In accordance with section 63.71(c) of the Commission's rules, VEZA Telecom's application will be deemed to be granted automatically on the 31st day after the release date of this public notice, unless the Commission notifies VEZA Telecom that the grant will not be automatically effective. In the revised notice to customers, VEZA Telecom indicates that it intends to no longer provide the Affected Service in the Service Areas effective August 24, 2015. Accordingly, pursuant to section 63.71(c), absent further Commission action, VEZA Telecom may discontinue the Affected Service in the Service Areas on or after **August 29, 2015**. The Commission normally will authorize proposed discontinuances of service unless it is shown that customers or other end users would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier, or that the public convenience and necessity would be otherwise adversely affected.

Comments objecting to this application must be filed with the Commission on or before **August 13, 2015**. Such comments should refer to **WC Docket No. 15-177 and Comp. Pol. File No. 1234**. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance on the commenter, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies. *See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998). Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs>. Filers should follow the instructions provided on the Web site for submitting comments. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. In completing the transmittal screen, filers should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number.

Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing. Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission. All hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary must be delivered to FCC Headquarters at 445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325, Washington, D.C. 20554. The filing hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes and boxes must be disposed of before entering the building. Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail must be addressed to 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.

Two copies of the comments should also be sent to the Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-C140, Washington, D.C. 20554, Attention: Carmell Weathers. In addition, comments should be served upon the Applicant. Commenters are also requested to fax their comments to the FCC at (202) 418-1413, Attention: Carmell Weathers.

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⁴ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*

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For further information, contact Carmell Weathers, (202) 418-2325 (voice), Carmell.Weathers@fcc.gov, or Rodney McDonald, (202) 418-7513 (voice), Rodney.McDonald@fcc.gov, of the Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau. The tty number is (888) 835-5322. For further information on procedures regarding section 214 please visit http://www.fcc.gov/wcb/cpd/other_adjud.

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