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September 3, 2013

Marlene H. Dortch
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**RE: Section 63.71 Application of MCI Communications Services, Inc. d/b/a
Verizon Business Services**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

MCI Communications Services, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Business Services submits the enclosed Application under Section 214(a) of the Communications Acts and Section 63.71 of the Commission's rules to discontinue interstate private line DS0 service (64 kbps or less). Verizon Business plans to grandfather DS0 Private Line service and to continue to serve existing customers for at least the term of their contracts.

Verizon Business intends to discontinue this service in the 48 contiguous states as well as in Hawaii and the District of Columbia. A copy of the written notification is attached.

Verizon Business is filing an original and five copies of this letter (with attachment) with the Office of the Secretary.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "L. Dortch".

Encl.

cc: Secretary of Defense, Attn: Special Assistant for Telecommunications
Public Utilities Commission for Each Impacted State
Governor of Each Impacted State

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Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of)
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Section 63.71 Application of)
MCI Communications Services, Inc.,)
d/b/a Verizon Business Services) File no.
)
For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of)
the Communications Act of 1934, As)
Amended To Discontinue the Provision of)
Service)

**SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION OF
MCI COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC, d/b/a VERIZON BUSINESS SERVICES**

MCI Communications Services, Inc., d/b/a Verizon Business Services (“Verizon Business”) submits this Application for authority under Section 214(a) of the Communications Act and Section 63.71 of the Commission’s rules to discontinue interstate private line DS0 service (64 kbps or less) (“DS0 Private Line”). Verizon Business plans to grandfather DS0 Private Line and to continue to serve existing customers for at least the term of their contracts.

As Sections 63.71(a) and (b) of the Commission’s rules require, Verizon Business provides the following information:

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

MCI Communications Services, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Business Services
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2. Date of Planned Service Discontinuance (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(2), (b)(2)):

Subject to the Commission’s authorization, on or after November 4, 2013, Verizon Business will no longer accept new orders for DS0 Private Line. Existing customers may retain their DS0 Private Line service in accordance with their contracts’ terms and conditions. Verizon Business

will continue to accept orders for moves, adds, or changes to existing DS0 Private Line service, in accordance with contractual terms and conditions. Verizon Business will continue to provide DS0 Private Line on a month-to-month basis after the expiration of the customers' contracts, until Verizon Business discontinues DS0 Private Line completely or until the customers terminate service. Month-to-month customers initially will be able to submit orders for moves, adds, or changes. At some point after the Commission grants this application, but before Verizon Business discontinues DS0 Private Line, Verizon Business intends to no longer accept orders for moves, adds, or changes. Verizon Business will provide customers with at least 60 days' written notice before it stops accepting orders for moves, adds, or changes.

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

Subject to the Commission's authorization, Verizon Business will discontinue these services in the contiguous 48 states, as well as in Hawaii and the District of Columbia where it provides these services.

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

Private line DS0 service (64 kbps or less) is a point-to-point communications channel that offers voice, video, and data services over non-switched, non-usage sensitive dedicated facilities. The service offers two-way simultaneous transmission. The proposed discontinuance covers the following Verizon Business products: Metro Private Line and U.S. Private Line. The terms and conditions under which Verizon Business offers Metro Private Line and U.S. Private Line are available on the Internet in Verizon Business's Service Publication and Price Guide as follows:

http://www.verizonenterprise.com/external/service_guide/reg/cp_access_mpls_metro_private_line_service.htm.

http://www.verizonenterprise.com/external/service_guide/reg/cp_uspl_us_private_line_services.htm.

Verizon Business has always offered DS0 Private Line 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. Verizon Business's DS0 Private Line is not an incumbent LEC service.

Verizon Business is discontinuing DS0 Private Line because demand for it is declining as the marketplace moves to next-generation technologies that provide higher bandwidths, a wider range of applications, and greater value. Customers can choose from many alternative services, including Private IP service, Ethernet services, and private-line services that other providers currently offer, including carriers affiliated with Verizon Business. Consequently, the public convenience and necessity will not be impaired by this discontinuance.

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

Verizon Business sent notices to affected customers by a combination of U.S. Mail and overnight courier on or before September 3, 2013. Copies of the notices are attached as Exhibit A.

Verizon Business 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.

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

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

CONCLUSION

Verizon Business respectfully requests that the Commission approve this Application.

Respectfully submitted

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September 3, 2013

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 3rd day of September, 2013, 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.

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Curtis L. Groves

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September 3, 2013

Dear Valued Customer,

Verizon's ability to stay at the forefront of technology evolution allows us to help businesses innovate, originate, and unlock new revenue streams. In order to help you succeed in an ever-changing environment of new competitors, evolving business models, and increasingly globalized markets, we focus on the technologies that influence the way businesses operate.

As part of our on-going effort to update our portfolio of solutions, the Verizon affiliates listed in Exhibit A (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Verizon") plan to grandfather and discontinue Metro Private Line (IntraLATA) DSO service (64Kbps or less) and US Private Line (InterLATA) DSO service (64Kbps or less)(hereinafter referred to as the "Affected Services") throughout the United States.

On or after November 4, 2013, subject to approval from the FCC (the "Effective Date"), Verizon will no longer offer the Affected Services, subject to the terms set forth below.

- If you are subscribed to the Affected Services under an agreement with Verizon on the Effective Date, Verizon will continue to provide you with the Affected Services (including moves, adds and changes) until the expiration of your contracted term (or Service Commitment Period), subject to Verizon's rights as set forth in your agreement.
- Unless your agreement expressly permits it, no contract renewals or extensions will be permitted for the Affected Services.
- Upon expiration of your agreement or Service Commitment Period relevant to the Affected Services, each Service Commitment Period shall automatically be extended on a month-to-month basis subject to the same terms and conditions as are then in effect with respect to such Affected Services, and further subject to termination by Verizon upon not less than six (6) months' written notice.
- If on the Effective Date you are subscribed to the Affected Services and purchase the Affected Services on a month-to-month basis (because your agreement or Service Commitment Period previously expired, or you originally purchased the Affected Services under a month-to-month Service Commitment Period), you will continue to receive the Affected Services on a month-to-month basis subject to the same terms and conditions as are then in effect with respect to such Affected Services, and further subject to termination by Verizon upon not less than six (6) months' written notice.
- Customers on a month-to-month agreement and month-to-month Service Commitment Period (term agreement and Service Commitment Period have expired) may terminate the Affected Services at any time without incurring Disconnection Charges and Additional Cancellation/Disconnection Charges.

Please be advised that sometime after the Effective Date, but prior to the discontinuance of the Affected Services, Verizon plans to no longer allow moves, adds, or changes to the Affected Services for customers subscribed to a term agreement (unless the agreement expressly states otherwise) and for customers who purchase the Affected Services on a month-to-month basis.

Verizon encourages you to consider alternative services now. There are several suitable alternatives to the Affected Services offered by Verizon. The alternative services include the following:

- *Private IP (PIP) Service.* PIP service is a network-based virtual private network (VPN) enabling customers to effectively communicate over a secure network. It also provides a foundation for automating business processes between companies, including e-commerce, shared intranets, and extranets.
- *Ethernet Services.* Several Ethernet alternatives are available with local, national and international capability, including the following:
 - Ethernet Virtual Private Line (EVPL) – Converged Packet Architecture (CPA). This EVPL service is a point-to-point Ethernet service. Converged Packet Architecture (CPA) is a Multi-Protocol Label Switching (MPLS)-based network that allows configuration of point-to-point, point-to-multipoint, or partial mesh designs to meet evolving data transport needs.
 - Ethernet Virtual Private Line (EVPL) – Switched Ethernet Service (SES). This EVPL service is a point-to-point Ethernet service. Switched Ethernet Service (SES) is a fiber-based, metropolitan area Ethernet service that connects customer locations together using Ethernet interfaces of 10, 100, 1,000 or 10,000 Mbps.
 - Ethernet Private Line (EPL) Service. EPL service utilizes Ethernet over SONET to provide dedicated point-to-point Ethernet connectivity between two locations. EPL circuits provide solutions for customers who require high-speed low latency and secure Ethernet wide area network (WAN) connectivity.

It is important that you choose an alternative service that is best suited for your needs, both in the short and long term. A Verizon representative will be contacting you to discuss these and other alternatives to determine which solution can provide the most improved capabilities for you.

We value your business and look forward to helping you realize the benefits that our advanced offerings can unlock for you.

Sincerely,

Verizon Global Wholesale

FCC Required Notice: 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 MCI Communications Services, Inc., d/b/a Verizon Business Services. 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.

Exhibit A

Sections 63.71(a) and (b) of the FCC's rules require Verizon to provide the following information:

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

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September 3, 2013

RE: Account Number: <Account Number>

Dear Valued Customer,

Verizon's ability to stay at the forefront of technology evolution allows us to help businesses innovate, originate, and unlock new revenue streams. In order to help you succeed in an ever-changing environment of new competitors, evolving business models, and increasingly globalized markets, we focus on the technologies that influence the way businesses operate.

As part of our on-going effort to update our portfolio of solutions, the Verizon affiliates listed in Exhibit A (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Verizon") plan to grandfather and discontinue Metro Private Line (IntraLATA) and US Private Line (InterLATA) DSO service (64Kbps or less)(hereinafter referred to as the "Affected Services") throughout the United States.

This initiative will allow us to serve you better – ensuring you can take advantage of the latest platforms, applications, and solutions. Our newer service platforms allow us to provide you with innovative products, enhanced service monitoring, rapid trouble resolution, and reporting which in turn power your productivity and responsiveness to your customers.

On or after November 4, 2013, subject to approval from the FCC (the "Effective Date"), Verizon will no longer offer the Affected Services to the public, subject to the terms set forth below.

- If you are subscribed to the Affected Services under an agreement with Verizon on the Effective Date, Verizon will continue to provide you with the Affected Services (including moves, adds and changes) until the expiration of your contracted term, subject to Verizon's rights as set forth in your agreement.
- Unless your agreement expressly permits it, no contract renewals or extensions will be permitted for the Affected Services.
- Following the expiration of your agreement, Verizon may elect to provide the Affected Services on a month-to-month basis. However, Verizon reserves the right to terminate the services upon six (6) months' written notice.
- If on the Effective Date you are subscribed to the Affected Services and purchase the services on a month-to-month basis (because your agreement previously expired), Verizon may elect to provide the Affected Services on a month-to-month basis. However, Verizon reserves the right to terminate the services upon six (6) months' written notice.
- You may terminate your Affected Services at any time.

FCC Required Notice: 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 MCI Communications Services, Inc., d/b/a Verizon Business Services. 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.

Please be advised that sometime after the Effective Date, but prior to the discontinuance of the Affected Services, Verizon plans to no longer allow moves, adds, or changes to the Affected Services for customers subscribed to a term agreement (unless the agreement expressly states otherwise) and for customers who purchase the service on a month-to-month basis.

Verizon encourages you to consider alternative services now. There are several suitable alternatives to the Grandfathered Services offered by Verizon. The alternative services include the following:

- *Private IP (PIP) Service.* PIP service is a network-based virtual private network (VPN) enabling customers to effectively communicate over a secure network. It also provides a foundation for automating business processes between companies, including e-commerce, shared intranets, and extranets.
- *Ethernet Services.* Several Ethernet alternatives are available with local, national and international capability, including the following:
 - *Ethernet Virtual Private Line (EVPL) – Converged Packet Architecture (CPA).* This EVPL service is a point-to-point Ethernet service. Converged Packet Architecture (CPA) is a Multi-Protocol Label Switching (MPLS)-based network that allows configuration of point-to-point, point-to-multipoint, or partial mesh designs to meet evolving data transport needs.
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We value your business and look forward to helping you realize the benefits that our advanced offerings can unlock for you.

Sincerely,

<VP Name - AVP or GVP>

<Area Vice President>

Verizon Enterprise Solutions

Exhibit A

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

Verizon Operating Companies - Name and Address
MCI Communications Services, Inc. One Verizon Way Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Verizon
22001 Loudoun County Parkway
Room G2-2-556
Ashburn, VA 20147 USA



September 3, 2013

<Customer Name>
<Business Name>
<Street Address>
<City> <State> 10001
<USA>

RE: Account Number: <Account Number>

Dear Valued Customer,

Verizon's ability to stay at the forefront of the technology evolution allows us to help government agencies remain efficient, responsive and secure. To consistently help you succeed in an ever-changing and increasingly globalized environment, we continue to focus on the technologies that are influencing the way organizations operate.

As part of our on-going effort to update our portfolio of solutions, the Verizon affiliates listed in Exhibit A (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Verizon") plan to grandfather and discontinue Metro Private Line (IntraLATA) and US Private Line (InterLATA) DSO service (64Kbps or less)(hereinafter referred to as the "Affected Services") throughout the United States.

This initiative will allow us to serve you better – ensuring you can take advantage of the latest platforms, applications, and solutions. Our newer service platforms allow us to provide you with innovative products, enhanced service monitoring, rapid trouble resolution, and reporting which in turn power your productivity and responsiveness to your customers.

On or after November 4, 2013, subject to approval from the FCC (the "Effective Date"), Verizon will no longer offer the Affected Services to the public, subject to the terms set forth below.

- If you are subscribed to the Affected Services under an agreement with Verizon on the Effective Date, Verizon will continue to provide you with the Affected Services (including moves, adds and changes) until the expiration of your contracted term, subject to Verizon's rights as set forth in your agreement.
- Unless your agreement expressly permits it, no contract renewals or extensions will be permitted for the Affected Services.
- Following the expiration of your agreement, Verizon may elect to provide the Affected Services on a month-to-month basis. However, Verizon reserves the right to terminate the services upon six (6) months' written notice.
- If on the Effective Date you are subscribed to the Affected Services and purchase the services on a month-to-month basis (because your agreement previously expired), Verizon may elect to provide the Affected Services on a month-to-month basis. However, Verizon reserves the right to terminate the services upon six (6) months' written notice.
- You may terminate your Affected Services at any time.

Please be advised that sometime after the Effective Date, but prior to the discontinuance of the Affected Services, Verizon plans to no longer allow moves, adds, or changes to the Affected Services for customers subscribed to a term agreement

FCC Required Notice: 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 MCI Communications Services, Inc., d/b/a Verizon Business Services. 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.

(unless the agreement expressly states otherwise) and for customers who purchase the service on a month-to-month basis.

Verizon encourages you to consider alternative services now. There are several suitable alternatives to the Grandfathered Services offered by Verizon. The alternative services include the following:

- *Private IP (PIP) Service.* PIP service is a network-based virtual private network (VPN) enabling customers to effectively communicate over a secure network. It also provides a foundation for automating business processes between companies, including e-commerce, shared intranets, and extranets.
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