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

**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC  
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

In the Matter of	)	
Section 63.71 Application of	)	File no.
Verizon Select Services Inc.	)	
	)	
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 VERIZON SELECT SERVICES INC.**

Verizon Select Services Inc. ("VSSI") submits this Application for authority under Section 214(a) of the Communications Act and Section 63.71 of the Commission's rules to discontinue provision of its outbound long distance service offerings ("VSSI long distance"). VSSI plans to grandfather VSSI long distance and to continue to serve existing customers in accordance with their contracts' terms and conditions.

As Sections 63.71(a) and (b) of the Commission's rules requires, VSSI provides the following information:

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

Verizon Select Services Inc.  
One Verizon Way  
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

**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 April 22, 2013, VSSI will no longer accept new customers for VSSI long distance. Existing customers may retain their VSSI long distance services in accordance with their contracts' terms and conditions and VSSI will

continue to fill orders for moves, adds, or changes for such customers. VSSI will work to transition customers' VSSI long distance service to alternative services, and will eventually discontinue these services completely.

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

Subject to the Commission's authorization, VSSI will discontinue these services in all fifty states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. territories, including Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

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

VSSI long distance is a long-distance outbound voice grade service available to business customers. This service includes standard feature-rich international, interstate, and intrastate long distance access and transport services. VSSI offers this service pursuant to a number of different pricing plans, including Enterprise Connections Service; Simple Connections Services; Education Connections Service; and Long Distance Message Telecommunications Service. These services are offered on a non-dominant basis and have not been tariffed at the federal level at least since the Commission adopted detariffing for interstate long-distance more than ten years ago.

Currently, VSSI has approximately 10,000 retail customers and fifty wholesale customers for this service. More than 60% of the retail customers are not currently billing any usage; most of these have not billed to the service in more than six months. In the course of rationalizing its product portfolio and minimizing duplicative offerings, VSSI plans to grandfather and eventually discontinue its provision of this service. Customers will face no impairment from this change. In addition to VSSI, other Verizon affiliates such as Verizon Business Services have offered and will continue to offer comparable long distance voice services. Offerings available from Verizon

Business Services include Outbound Long Distance, IP Integrated Access Service, IP Trunking Service, and Verizon Communications Express. The market for these services remains competitive, as multiple other providers, including AT&T, Sprint, Level 3, CenturyLink, and numerous other wireless and wireline providers also offer reasonable substitute long distance voice services. 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)):**

VSSI sent notices to affected customers by a combination of U.S. Mail and overnight courier on or before February 19, 2013. Copies of the notices are attached as Exhibit A.

VSSI is sending copies of this Application by first class U.S. Mail to the governor and public utilities commission for each affected state and U.S. territory 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)):**

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

**CONCLUSION**

VSSI respectfully requests that the Commission approve this Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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February 19, 2013



**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 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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February 19, 2013

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<Business Name>  
<Street Address>  
<City> <State> <ZIP>  
<USA>

RE: Account Number(s): <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. In order 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 continuing effort to update our portfolio of network services, Verizon affiliate Verizon Select Services Inc. ("VSSI") is proposing to discontinue its outbound long distance voice service. Other Verizon affiliates will continue to offer similar services at comparable rates, terms and conditions. This initiative will allow us to serve you better – ensuring that you are able to seize the advantages of the latest platforms, applications and solutions to power productivity, responsiveness, and innovation.

Specifically, on or after April 22, 2013 ("Effective Date"), VSSI is intending to cease offering (*i.e.* to grandfather and eventually discontinue) its outbound long distance voice offering (intrastate, interstate and international) within the United States (including Alaska, Hawaii, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands) (hereinafter referred to as "Affected Service"). VSSI offers different pricing plans for the Affected Service which are referenced on VSSI's FCC product guide and state tariffs. These pricing plans are: Enterprise Connections Service; Simple Connections Service; Education Connections Service; and Long Distance Message Telecommunications Service.

The Affected Service is available on an international, interstate and intrastate basis. VSSI is filing applications with the Federal Communications Commission and with the respective state public utility commissions as may be required. In accordance with the notice below, any comments to the FCC should be limited to the Affected Service that is international or interstate in nature. The intrastate portion aspect of the Affected Service will be addressed by the particular state public utility commission having jurisdiction over such service.

If you are subscribed to the Affected Service (under any pricing plan) pursuant to an agreement with VSSI at the time of the Effective Date, VSSI will continue to provide you with the service in accordance with the terms and conditions of your contract with VSSI, until you are transitioned to an alternative service or until VSSI discontinues this service completely.

There are several suitable alternatives to the Affected Service offered by Verizon Business Services (a VSSI affiliate). These alternatives include the following:

- *Outbound Long Distance* - Verizon offers standard feature-rich international, interstate and intrastate long distance access and transport services.
- *IP Integrated Access Service* - IP Integrated Access Service provides an IP-based access service to carry local and long distance voice communications for locations with a standard PBX or Key system. IP Integrated Access is delivered via a standards-based SIP trunk and allows calls to traverse over your Private IP network.
- *IP Trunking Service* - IP Trunking Service provides an IP-based access service to carry local and long distance voice communications for locations equipped with an IP PBX. IP Trunking is delivered via a

standards-based SIP trunk from your IP PBX and allows calls to traverse over your Private IP network.

- *Verizon Communications Express* - Virtual Communications Express is a multi-featured advanced cloud-based communications system developed for small and medium-sized businesses and multi-site enterprises that can be combined with Google Apps, enabling a "click to call" capability, providing email, calendar and chat functionalities, and displaying availability for live phone calls to all other Google Apps users. Virtual Communications Express customers can also leverage their broadband connection to make local and long distance calls, taking advantage of state-of-the-art phone system features reliably provided to you via the Verizon cloud.

It is important that you choose an alternative service. If you have any questions, please contact your account team or call the telephone number on your telephone bill.

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

Sincerely,

Verizon Select Services Inc.

*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 Verizon Select Services Inc. 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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<Business Name>  
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RE: Account Number(s): <Account Number>

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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,

Verizon Select Services Inc.

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Verizon Select Services, Inc.  
c/o Verizon Global Wholesale  
1320 N. Courthouse Road  
9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Arlington, VA 22201

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

February 19, 2013

**Re: Notice of Grandfathering of Verizon Select Services Inc.  
Outbound Long Distance Voice Service**

Dear Valued Customer:

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

As part of our continuing effort to update our portfolio of network services, Verizon affiliate Verizon Select Services Inc. ("VSSI") is proposing to discontinue its outbound long distance voice service. Other Verizon affiliates will continue to offer similar services at comparable rates, terms and conditions. This initiative will allow us to serve you better – and enable you to seize the advantages of the latest platforms, applications and solutions to power productivity, responsiveness, and innovation.

Specifically, on or after April 22, 2013 ("Effective Date"), VSSI is intending to cease offering (i.e. to grandfather and eventually discontinue) its outbound long distance voice offering (intrastate, interstate and international) within the United States (including Alaska, Hawaii, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands) (hereinafter referred to as "Affected Service").

VSSI offers different pricing plans for the Affected Service which are referenced in VSSI's FCC product guide and state tariffs. These pricing plans are: Enterprise Connections Service; Simple Connections Service; Education Connections Service; and Long Distance Message Telecommunications Service.

The Affected Service is available on an international, interstate and intrastate basis. VSSI is filing applications with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and with the respective state public utility commissions as may be required. In accordance with the notice below, any



comments to the FCC should be limited to the Affected Service that is international or interstate in nature. The intrastate portion aspect of the Affected Service will be addressed by the particular state public utility commission having jurisdiction over such service.

If you are subscribed to the Affected Service (under any pricing plan) pursuant to an agreement with VSSI as of the Effective Date, VSSI will continue to provide you with the service in accordance with the terms and conditions of your contract with VSSI, until you are transitioned to an alternative service or until VSSI discontinues this service completely.

If you wish to make arrangements for alternative service or have questions about this letter, please contact your Verizon account team representative. Verizon representatives are available to discuss these and other alternatives to determine which solution can provide the most appropriate capabilities for your company. We value your business and look forward to helping you realize the benefits that our advanced offerings can unlock for you.

Sincerely,

**Verizon Select Services, Inc.**

By U.S. Mail

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