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Ms. Betty McCauley, Commission Secretary
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street, 13th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215-3793

90-9227-TP-TRF

RE: Informational Filing of ACN Communication Services, LLC

Dear Sir or Madam:

A copy of the enclosed application of ACN Communication Services, LLC to discontinue offering of certain operator services in certain portions of its service territory pursuant to Section 214 (a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and 47 C.F.R. §63.71 is provided in compliance Federal Communications Commission's Rules.

Any questions you may have regarding this filing should be directed to my attention at 407-740-3031 or via email to sthomas@tminc.com.

Sincerely,

Sharon Thomas
Consultant to ACN Communication Services, LLC

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ACN Communication Services, LLC
1000 Progress Place
Concord, NC 28025-2449

FRN: 0004-3283-40

Secretary, Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554
ATTN: Wireline Competition Bureau

Dear Madam Secretary:

Enclosed please find the Application to Discontinue Services submitted on behalf of ACN Communication Services, LLC ("Company"). Specifically, the Company is seeking approval to discontinue certain operator services in certain portions of its service territory. This filing is made pursuant to Section 214(a) of the Communication Act of 1934, as amended, and 47 C.F.R. §63.71.

A copy of this Application has been sent to the affected state Governors and Public Service / Utility Commissions as provided in Exhibit B.

Any questions you may have regarding this filing should be directed to my attention at 407-740-3031 or via email to sthas@tmnc.com. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/ Sharon Thomas

Sharon Thomas
Consultant to ACN Communication Services, LLC

cc: Service List (via US Mail)
Secretary of Defense, Pentagon (via US Mail)
Rodney McDowell, FCC (via Email)
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Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of)
Section 63.71 Application of)
ACN Communication Services, LLC)
to Discontinue Services)

File No. _____

Section 63.71 Application of ACN Communication Services, LLC

ACN Communication Services, LLC ("ACN"¹ or "Applicant"), hereby seek authorization pursuant to Section 214 (a) of the Communication Act of 1934, as amended, and 47 C.F.R. §63.71, to discontinue offering certain operator services in certain portions of its service territory in the United States.

Applicant is considered a non-dominant telecommunications carrier with respect to all of its services, including those affected by the proposed discontinuance.

ACN provides the following information pursuant to Section 63.71 of the Commission's rules:

1. *Name and address of Carrier*

ACN Communication Services, LLC
1000 Progress Place
Concord, NC 28025-2449

Correspondence concerning this Application should be sent to:

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Technologies Management, Inc.
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¹ ACN recently underwent an entity conversion, resulting in a name change from ACN Communication Services, Inc. to ACN Communication Services, LLC. It continues to operate as ACN Communication Services, Inc. in the state of Tennessee, pending approval of its name change in that state.

2. *Date of Planned Service Discontinuance, Reduction or Impairment:*

ACN proposes to discontinue the operator services that are the subject of this Application on or after June 4, 2016, pending the Commission's approval of the discontinuance. As explained below, because ACN relies on its underlying carrier, AT&T, to provide the services to its retail customers, it will not be able to provide the services once AT&T discontinues its wholesale offering of these services. AT&T has received approval to discontinue its wholesale offering of the services on or after June 4, 2016,²

3. *Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected:*

Applicant proposes to discontinue the provision of the operator services in all service areas where AT&T serves as the incumbent local exchange carrier where ACN offers retail local exchange service. This includes service areas in the states of:

Alabama	Kansas	North Carolina
Arkansas	Kentucky	Ohio
California	Louisiana	Oklahoma
Florida	Michigan	South Carolina
Georgia	Mississippi	Tennessee
Illinois	Missouri	Texas
Indiana	Nevada	Wisconsin

4. *Brief Description of Types of Service Affected:*

Applicant proposes to discontinue the following Operator Services:

1. **Collect Calling** - a billing arrangement by which the charge for an operator assistance call may be reversed (charged to the called station) provided the charge is accepted at the called station.

² Section 63.71 Application of AT&T, Docket No. 16-13; WCB File No. 1274.

2. **Person-to-Person Calling** - a service where the person originating an operator assistance call specifies to the Company operator a particular person to be reached, a particular mobile service point to be reached through a Mobile Telephone Service attendant, or particular PBX service point, department, or office to be reached.
3. **Billed to Third Party** - a billing arrangement by which an operator assistance call may be charged to an authorized station as determined by the Company other than the station originating the call or the station where the call is terminated.
4. **Busy Line Verification (BLV)** - allows an operator to establish a "talking" connection to an apparently busy station line to determine if the station line is in working order.
5. **Busy Line Interruption (BLI)** - allows an operator to interrupt a voice conversation in progress on a line to advise the interrupted subscriber that the interrupting party has a need to reach the subscriber.
6. **International Directory Assistance** - allows customers to obtain telephone numbers for international locations where such information is available.

ACN proposes to discontinue these services because it will no longer be able to offer them on a retail basis once AT&T discontinues its wholesale offerings. ACN operates by purchasing underlying network elements and wholesale services from ILECs, including operator services. There is no viable alternative that would enable ACN to continue to offer the operator services to its retail customers once AT&T discontinues the services.

End users who want to continue to use certain of the alternative billing arrangements that will be discontinued can obtain comparable services from other wireline interexchange carriers. Equal access and toll presubscription continues to be available, therefore, customers can reach their preferred primary IXC operator by dialing 00, or can reach a different IXC using widely available dial around services such as 10XXX, 800 numbers, etc. For these reasons, the public convenience and necessity will not be impaired by the discontinuance of these services.

ACN, through its underlying ILECs, will continue to provide Sent Paid Calls (e.g., direct dial assistance), and Emergency Call Assistance.

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

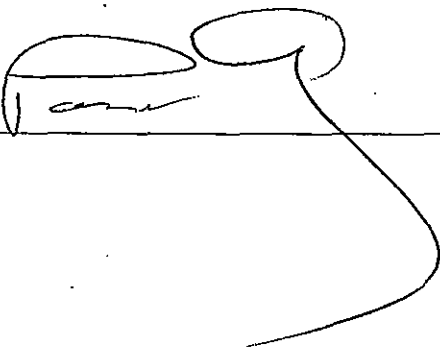
The Applicant has provided written customer notice of the planned discontinuance in accordance with the requirements of section 63.71 (a) of the Commission's Rules. Notice was provided via U.S. Mail sent to affected customers on April 20, 2016. The customer notice is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Notice has been sent to the each of the affected state regulatory commissions, state governors' offices and the Department of Defense, as required under Section 63.71, concurrent with this filing. A service list is provided in Exhibit B.

Conclusion

ACN Communication Services, LLC respectfully requests that the Commission approve its Section 63.71 Application to discontinue the Operator Services described herein. Pursuant to Section 214 (a) of the Communication Act of 1934, as amended, and 47 C.F.R. §63.71, ACN understands that this application will be automatically granted on the 31st day after the Public Notice is released, with no Commission notification to the Company, unless the Commission has notified the Company that the grant will not be automatically effective.

Dated this 21 day of April, 2016.

By:  _____

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Exhibit A

Text of Customer Notice

Pending applicable regulatory approvals, on or after June 4, 2016, ACN Communication Services, LLC,¹ ("ACN") will no longer offer the following operator services: Person-to-Person calls, calls Billed to Third Party, Collect Calling, Busy Line Verification/Interruption Service, and International Directory Assistance.

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 ACN Communication Services, 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.

ACN Customer Care can be reached at 1-877-226-1010.

Thank you,

ACN Communication Services, LLC
1000 Progress Place
Concord, NC 28025-2449

¹ ACN currently operates as ACN Communication Services, Inc. in the states of Tennessee, New York and New Jersey.

Exhibit B
Service List

Governors Service List

Governor of Alabama
State Capitol
600 Dexter Avenue
Montgomery, AL 36130

Governor of Arkansas
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

Governor of California
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

Governor of Florida
The Capitol
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Governor of Georgia
State Capitol, Room 111
Atlanta, GA 30334

Governor of Illinois
207 State House
Springfield, IL 62706

Governor of Indiana
State Capitol Building
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Governor of Kansas
State Capitol, Second Floor
Topeka, KS 6612

Governor of Kentucky
700 Capitol Ave.
Frankfurt, KY 40601

Governor of Louisiana
PO Box 94004
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

Governor of Michigan
PO Box 30013
Lansing, MI 48909

Governor of Mississippi
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Jackson, MS 39205

Governor of Missouri
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Jefferson City, MO 65102-0720

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Governor of North Carolina
116 West Jones St.
Raleigh, NC 27603

Governor of Ohio
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Columbus, OH 43215

Governor of Oklahoma
State Capitol Building, Room 212
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Governor of South Carolina
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Columbia, SC 29211

Governor of Tennessee
State Capitol Building
Nashville, TN 37243-0001

Governor of Texas
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Austin, TX 78711-2428

Governor of Wisconsin
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Madison, WI 53707

Public Service / Utility Commission Service List

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Jackson, MS 39201

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Arkansas Public Service Commission
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Little Rock, AR 72203

Mr. Stephen Reed, Executive Secretary & Gen. Counsel
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California Public Utilities Commission
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San Francisco, CA 94102

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Ms. Brittany Webb, Tariff Administrator
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
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Ms. Joycelyn Boyd, Chief Clerk & Administrator
South Carolina Public Service Commission
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Ms. Amy L. Green, Secretary
Kansas Corporation Commission
1500 SW Arrowhead Road
Topeka, KS 66604-4027

Ms. Sharla Dillon
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
Attn: Utilities Division
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Nashville, TN 37243

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Public Utility Commission of Texas
Central Records Division
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Wisconsin Public Service Commission
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Lansing, Michigan 48917-1120

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

STATE OF FLORIDA)

COUNTY OF ORANGE)

On this date, April 22, 2016, Notice of the foregoing Section 63.71 Application has been sent by U.S.
Mail postage prepaid to the service list contained in Exhibit B.

/s/Keith Rice

For Shipping Department
Technologies Management, Inc.