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The Honorable Bob Taft
Governor of Ohio
77 South High Street, 30th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Governor Taft,

In accordance with the Federal Communications Commission's Procedures for Discontinuance, Reduction, or Impairment of Service by Domestic Carriers, 47 C.F.R. §63.71, Cincinnati Bell Long Distance ("CBLD") is required to submit a copy of its application to the public utility commission and Governor of each state in which it intends to discontinue the provision of domestic long distance services. CBLD hereby submits a copy of its application, attached hereto, in accordance with §63.71(a) and as filed with the Federal Communications Commission on February 14, 2001.

No action is required by your office with regard to this application. CBLD has already addressed these matters with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio in accordance with state law and administrative regulations. If you should have questions concerning the discontinuance, however, please feel free to contact me at the above address or by telephone at (513) 397-7260.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jouett Kinney".

Jouett Kinney
Regulatory Analyst

Attachment

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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: Section 63.71 Application

Dear Ms. Salas,

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §63.71, Procedures for Discontinuance, Reduction, or Impairment of Service by Domestic Carriers, Cincinnati Bell Long Distance ("CBLD") requests authority under Section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §214(a), and Section 63.71 of the Federal Communications Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §63.71, to discontinue CBLD's domestic, interstate operations.¹

In accordance with the §63.71(b), CBLD provides the following information:

- (1) Name and address of carrier: Cincinnati Bell Long Distance ("CBLD")
36 E. Seventh Street, Suite 2400
Cincinnati, OH 45202
- (2) Date of planned service discontinuance: March 14, 2001
- (3) Points of geographic areas of service affected:

CBLD has no customers at this time. Because all of CBLD's customers have been lawfully transferred to its long distance affiliate, Broadwing Telecommunications Inc., there are no customers who will be affected by a discontinuance of service by CBLD.

- (4) Type of service affected:

Resale and facilities-based interstate domestic long distance services.

¹ CBLD filed an amended application with the Commission, dated February 14 2000, seeking to discontinue international services and to relinquish its authority to provide international toll services under Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 214.

(5) Dates and method of notice to customers:

By order dated March 31, 2000, the Commission granted Broadwing Telecommunications Inc. ("Broadwing"), an affiliate of CBLD, a limited waiver of the authorization and verification requirements, 47 C.F.R. §§64.1100-64.1190. The waiver permitted Broadwing to transfer the long distance subscribers of CBLD to Broadwing's customer base without first obtaining such subscribers' authorization and verification.² As required by the Commission's order, Broadwing notified CBLD customers that they would be transferred to Broadwing automatically unless they chose another long distance carrier. Customers were also informed that they would receive service at the same rates provided by CBLD. Initial notification letters were sent to customers outside of the greater Cincinnati area on April 24, 2000; initial notifications were sent to customers within the greater Cincinnati area on December 15, 2000. Upon the completion of the transfer in April, Broadwing sent customers a second letter welcoming them to Broadwing. The welcome letter has not yet been sent to those customers who received letters in December. In compliance with the sixty day notification requirement of 47 C.F.R. §63.19(a), Broadwing has postponed mailing welcome letters to customers within the greater Cincinnati area until February 15, 2001. A sample copy of the initial notification, approved by Common Carrier Bureau staff, is attached hereto.

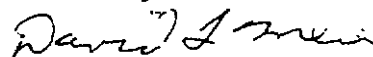
Because all CBLD customers have now been transferred to Broadwing, CBLD does not have any customers who would be adversely affected by its discontinuance of domestic long distance service. As such, notice regarding the discontinuance of service as required by §63.71(a) is impracticable and should be excused for good cause shown.

(6) CBLD is considered non-dominant with respect to the service to be discontinued.

Further, in accordance with §63.71(a), CBLD will submit copy of its application to the public utility commission and Governor of each state in which CBLD provided long distance services. A copy will also be sent to the Secretary of Defense to the attention of the Special Assistant for Telecommunications.

Your consideration of this application and request for an exception to the customer notification requirement set forth in §63.71 is greatly appreciated. A duplicate original copy of this letter is enclosed: please date stamp this copy as acknowledgement of its receipt and return it. Questions regarding this filing may be directed to David L. Meier at the above address or by telephone at (513) 397-1393.

Sincerely,



Attachment

cc: Marty Schwimmer, Common Carrier Bureau
Carmell Weathers, Common Carrier Bureau

² Broadwing Telecommunications Inc. Petition for Waiver, DA 00-748, released March 31, 2000.

Sample Customer Notification

Date

Dear CBLD Customer:

We have exciting news to report! As you may know from one of our previous notifications, CBLD's parent company, Cincinnati Bell Inc., recently acquired EXC Communications, Inc. With the completion of the merger, Cincinnati Bell Inc. began operating as Broadwing, an integrated communications powerhouse, providing voice, data, and Internet solutions to customers nationwide. CBLD is now part of this newly formed Broadwing family.

Since the completion of the merger, Broadwing has decided to consolidate its long distance operations. This consolidation process will enhance our ability to provide you with cost-effective, technically superior services. **Please note, you are not required to do anything to continue receiving the same great service and rates you have always received from CBLD.** Upon receipt of federal regulatory approval and state regulatory notifications, your account will automatically be transferred from CBLD to Broadwing, and Broadwing will become your new long distance carrier. Following the transfer to Broadwing, the only change you will notice is that your bill will come from Broadwing rather than CBLD. There will be no charges assessed to your bill as a result of the transfer.

We are confident you will be pleased with the superior service you receive from Broadwing. We value our relationship and pledge our commitment to providing you with quality services and personalized customer care as we move forward. If you do not wish to receive service from Broadwing, however, please understand that you are free to choose another carrier (subject to any term plan discount arrangements business customers may have with CBLD). If you have any questions about the transfer or Broadwing services, please call a Broadwing service representative at (800) 735-3030.

Sincerely,

Broadwing Telecommunications Inc.