# BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of Section 63.71 Application of

Nexus Communications, Inc. for Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act to Discontinue Only its Wireline Telecommunications Services



#### **SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION**

Nexus Communications, Inc. ("Nexus") hereby seeks authorization pursuant to Section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214(a), and Section 63.71 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue its provision of its domestic wireline telecommunications services ("Discontinued Wireline Services") on or before January 16, 2015 in the following states: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Wisconsin ("Wireline States"). The wireless services provided by Nexus are not affected by this discontinuance.

The impact on the public of this discontinuance will be minimal because there is a small number of subscribers for the Discontinued Wireline Services and many carriers offer equivalent services in the affected states. For example, in 14 out of the 20 Wireline States Nexus has less than 100 subscribers. Out of these 14 states, there are five Wireline States in which Nexus has less than 25 subscribers. In no Wireline State does it have more than 500 subscribers. Other carriers available in these states to provide wireline services include AT&T, which is a national carrier whose services are widely available.

In support of this Application, Nexus provides the following information.

# I. Information Required by 47 C.F.R. $\S 63.71(a)(1) - (a)(4)$

#### 1. Name and Address of Carrier

Nexus Communications, Inc. (providing wireline services under the d/b/a names TSI and TSI Telephone Company)
3629 Cleveland Ave., Suite C
Columbus, OH 43224

## Point of Contact Regarding the Application

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#### 2. Date of Planned Service Discontinuance

Nexus plans to discontinue the provision of the Discontinued Wireline Services on or before January 16, 2015, but no earlier than 31 days after the Commission releases public notice of this filing.

## 3. Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected

Nexus is discontinuing the Discontinued Wireline Services, as described above, in the Wireline States. Nexus is following the appropriate state law for discontinuance of these services in each state, and will assist affected subscribers during their transition to alternative service providers.

# 4. Description of Type of Service Affected

As was explained above, Nexus will discontinue only its wireline services. It will continue to provide wireless services. The Discontinued Wireline Services consist of local and long distance services (including access to resold international services) provided to residential

subscribers. Nexus provides these services pursuant to its domestic 214 authorization granted by operation of law under 47 C.F.R. § 63.01(a), international 214 authorization number ITC-214-20090223-00101, as well as the requisite state authorizations.

#### II. Notice to Subscribers

In accordance with 47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a), 63.19(a)(1) and applicable state law, Nexus notified all affected subscribers of the planned discontinuance of the Discontinued Wireline Services on December 16, 2014. Specifically, Nexus sent letters via first class U.S. Mail to each of the affected subscribers on December 16, 2014, a sample, redacted copy of which is attached hereto. These notices included all the information required by 47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(1) – (a)(4), 63.19(a)(1)-(2), as well as the statement applicable to non-dominant carriers set forth in 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(5)(i). As required by 47 C.F.R. § 63.19(a)(2), Nexus is providing a sample subscriber notice as well as its international 214 file number to the Commission's Secretary and Chief of the Enforcement Bureau.

## III. Notice to States and the Dept. of Defense

In accordance with 47 C.F.R. 63.71(a), Nexus has mailed a copy of this Application to the public utility commissions and the Governors of the affected states, as well as to the Secretary of Defense.

#### IV. Non-Dominant Status

Nexus is a non-dominant carrier in the local and interexchange services markets.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Granted in Public Notice DA No. 09-677 (Mar. 26, 2009).

# V. Designated Contacts

Correspondence concerning this Application should be directed to:

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WHEREFORE, Nexus Communications, Inc. respectfully requests that the Commission authorize the discontinuance of the Nexus Discontinued Wireline Services on or before January 16, 2015, or 31 days after the Commission releases public notice of this filing, whichever date is earlier.

Respectfully submitted:

By:

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Dated: December 19, 2014

cc: Governors of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana,

Michigan, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and

Wisconsin

Secretary of Defense, Pentagon Attn: Special Assistant for Telecommunications Washington, DC 20301

Attachments



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December 19, 2014

Marlene H. Dortch Office of the Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D. C. 20554

Dear Secretary Dortch:

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 63.19(a)(2), attached please find the notice sent by Nexus Communications, Inc. ("Nexus") to those subscribers whose international wireline services are being discontinued. Nexus' international 214 file number is ITC-214-20090223-00101.<sup>2</sup> Please note that where applicable, Nexus added state-specific language to the notice in order to satisfy state-law requirements regarding the discontinuance of domestic local and intrastate services provided to the same subscribers affected by this discontinuance.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Danielle Frappier

cc: Mindel de la Torre Chief, International Bureau Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20006

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Nexus is simultaneously filing the requisite application with the Wireline Competition Bureau to discontinue its domestic wireline services pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 63.71.



Nexus Communications, Inc. P.O. Box 247168 Columbus, OH 43224

December 16, 2014

#### Dear TSI Home Phone Subscriber:

We regret to inform you that Nexus Communications, Inc. d/b/a TSI ("TSI") will be discontinuing home phone service in your state on January 20th, 2015. Your action is required! You must select a new provider if you wish to continue to have home phone service. In order to ensure a smooth transition to your new provider - Including keeping your current telephone number - you should find a new provider of home phone service by January 20th, 2015.

Find New Provider By:

by January 20th, 2015

TSI Service Will Be Shut Down: by January 20th, 2015

Additional providers may be listed in Other providers of home phone service in your state include your local telephone book. You will need to contact the other company to set up a new account.

Please provide your telephone number to the new service provider when making arrangements to obtain new service: (614) 866-4070

#### **FCC 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 Nexus Communications, Inc. d/b/a TSI. 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.

TSI regrets any inconvenience these changes may cause you.

Sincerely,

Nexus Communications, Inc. d/b/a TSI Customer Service Department

1-866-392-7123

# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Nancy Melandry, do hereby certify that copies of the foregoing Section 63.71 application were sent via first-class, postage prepaid, United States mail, the 22nd day of December 2014 to the following:

Office of Governor Robert Bentley State Capitol 600 Dexter Avenue Montgomery, AL 36130-2751

Office of Governor Asa Hutchinson State Capitol Room 250 Little Rock, AR 72201

Office of Governor Rick Scott PL 05 The Capitol 400 South Monroe Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Office of Governor Bruce Rauner State Capitol 207 Statehouse Springfield, IL 62706

Office of Governor Sam Brownback Capitol 300 SW 10th Avenue, Suite 212S Topeka, KS 66612-1590

Office of Governor Steven L. Beshear 700 Capitol Ave., Suite 100 Frankfort, KY 40601

Office of Governor Bobby Jindal P. O. Box 94004 Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9004

Office of Governor Rick Snyder P.O. Box 30013 Lansing, MI 48909 Office of Governor Phil Bryant P.O. Box 139 Jackson, MS 39205

Office of Governor Pat McCrory Office of the Governor 20301 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-0301

Office of Governor Mary Fallin Capitol Building 2300 Lincoln Blvd., Rm. 212 Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Office of Governor Nikki R. Haley 1205 Pendleton Street Columbia, SC 29201

Office of Governor Bill Haslam Tennessee State Capitol Nashville, TN 37243-0001

Office of Governor Rick Perry P.O. Box 12428 Austin, TX 78711

Office of Governor Scott Walker 115 East State Capitol Madison, WI 53707

By:	/s/ Nancy	Melandry	

January 15, 2015

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Nancy Melandry, do hereby certify that copies of the foregoing Section 63.71 application were sent via first-class, postage prepaid, United States mail, the 15th day of January 2015 to the following:

Office of Governor Nathan Deal 203 State Capitol Atlanta, GA 30334

Office of Governor Mike Pence State House Room 206 Indianapolis, IN 46204-2797

Office of Governor Mark Dayton 130 State Capitol 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard St. Paul, MN 55155 Office of Governor Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon Capitol Building Room 216, P.O. Box 720 Jefferson City, MO 65102

Office of Governor John Kasich 30th Floor 77 South High Street Columbus, OH 43215

By: \_\_/s/ Nancy Melandry

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I, Nancy Melandry, do hereby certify that copies of the foregoing Section 63.71 application were sent via first-class, postage prepaid, United States mail, the 20th day of January 2015 to the following:

Commissioners Office Alabama PSC 100 North Union Street Suite 850 Montgomery, AL 36104

Commissioners Office Arkansas PSC 1000 Center Building Little Rock, AR 72201-4314

Commissioners Office Florida PSC 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Gerald Gunter Building Tallahassee, FL 32399

Commissioners Office Georgia PSC 244 Washington Street Atlanta, GA 30334

Commissioners Office Illinois Commerce Commission 160 North LaSalle Street Suite C-800 Chicago, IL 60601

Commissioners Office Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission PNC Center 101 West Washington Street Suite 1500 East Indianapolis, IN 46204

Commissioners Office Kansas Corporation Commission 1500 S.W. Arrowhead Road Topeka, KS 66604 Commissioners Office Kentucky PSC 211 Sower Boulevard Frankfort, KY 40601

Commissioners Office Lousiana PSC PO Box 91154 Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9154

Commissioners Office Michigan PSC PO Box 30221 Lansing, MI 48909

Commissioners Office Minnesota PUC 121 Seventh Place East – Ste. 350 St. Paul, MN 55101-2147

Commissioners Office Mississippi PUC 501 North West Street Woolfolk State Office Bldg. Jackson, MS 39201-1174

Commissioners Office Missouri PSC 200 Madison Street Governor Office Building Jefferson City, MO 65101

Commissioners Office North Carolina Utilities Commission 430 North Salisbury Street Raleigh, NC 27603-5918 Commissioners Office PUC of Ohio 180 East Broad Street Columbus, OH 43215-3793

Commissioners Office Oklahoma Corporation Commission Jim Thorpe Office Building 2101 North Lincoln Boulevard Oklahoma City, OK 73105-2000

Commissioners Office South Carolina PSC 101 Executive Center Drive Columbia, SC 29210 Commissioners Office Tennessee Regulatory Authority 502 Deaderick Street – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Nashville, TN 37243

Commissioners Office PUC of Texas 1701 North Congress Avenue Austin, TX 78701-3326

Commissioners Office 610 North Whitney Way Madison, WI 53705-2729

By: \_\_/s/ Nancy Melandry\_\_\_\_