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

In the Matter of Section 63.71 Application of

Broadwing Communications, LLC

For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, to Discontinue the Provision of ATM Services in California, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Florida, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Texas and Washington WC Docket No.

SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION OF BROADWING COMMUNICATIONS, LLC

Broadwing Communications, LLC ("Applicant"), a subsidiary of Level 3

Communications, LLC, 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 Asynchronous Transfer Mode ("ATM") services in California, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Florida, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Texas and Washington State.

The Applicant provides the following information pursuant to Section 63.71 of the Commission's Rules:

<u>Name and Address of the Carrier</u>: Broadwing Communications, LLC,
1025 Eldorado Boulevard, Broomfield, Colorado 80021.

2. <u>Date of Planned Service Discontinuance</u>: Applicant plans to discontinue the affected services on or around October 15, 2015, or as soon thereafter as any necessary regulatory approvals are obtained.

3. <u>Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected</u>: Applicant proposes to discontinue the affected service in California, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Florida, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Texas and Washington State.

4. <u>Description of Services Affected</u>: ATM is a high bandwidth, low-delay, connection-oriented, packet-like switching and multiplexing service that supports transmission of multiple types of traffic.

5. Brief Description of the Dates and Methods of Notice to All Affected

<u>Customers</u>: Applicant sent a written notification of the planned discontinuance to customers utilizing the services in accordance with Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's Rules. Customer notifications were sent by first-class U.S. Mail on August 25, 2015. A copy of the notification is attached to this application.

6. <u>Whether the Carrier is Considered Dominant or Non-dominant with</u> <u>Respect to the Service to be Discontinued</u>: Applicant is considered non-dominant with respect to the services to be discontinued.

7. <u>Other information</u>: In accordance with Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's Rules, a copy of this application is being mailed concurrently with its filing to the entities listed on the attached certificate of service. Please direct questions regarding this application to the undersigned.

<u>Conclusion</u>: The public convenience and necessity will not be adversely affected by the discontinuance of Applicant's ATM services. Advance notice has been provided to all affected customers, giving them ample time to arrange substitute services, which are readily available. Substitute services include, for example, virtual private line and Internet protocol virtual private

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network services. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Commission approve this Section 63.71 application.

Respectfully submitted,

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August 26, 2015

Customer Notice

1025 Eldorado Boulevard Broomfield, CO 80021

<Customer Name> <Address 1> <Address 2> <City>, <State>, <Zip>

RE: Important Notice Regarding Planned Discontinuance of ATM Services

Dear <Customer Name>:

Broadwing Communications, LLC, a Level 3 company, is writing to notify you that it plans to discontinue the provision of Asyncronous Transfer Mode (ATM) services in California, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Florida, Illinois, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Texas and Washington. You are receiving this notice because you currently subscribe to a service provided over Broadwing's ATM platform with circuit locations in one or more of the affected states. A circuit list is attached.

This discontinuance is subject to the approval of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and, if such approval is received, will take place on or after October 15, 2015.

There may be options to replace this Service with another Level 3 product offering. Please contact your Level 3 account team within 30 days to discuss the option of purchasing a replacement product offering. Your Account Manager is <AM Name> and can be reached at <PHONE NUMBER>, or by email at <EMAIL>.

We appreciate your prompt attention to this matter. Thank you very much in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

On behalf of Level 3 Communications, LLC and its affiliated companies.

Broadwing Communications, LLC is required by the FCC to provide the following statement:

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 Broadwing Communications, 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.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Cheryll Hart, do hereby certify that on this 26th day of August, 2015, I caused to be

served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Section 63.71 Application of Broadwing

Communications, LLC via first-class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, to the following:

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

TD Coordinator California Public Utilities Commission 505 Van Ness Avenue, 3rd Floor San Francisco, California 94102

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Ms. Brinda Westbrook-Sedgwich Commission Secretary Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia 1333 H Street NW, Suite 200W Washington, DC 20005

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