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In the Matter of

Section 63.71 Application of Blueface US, LLC

SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION

WC Docket No. 23-_

2023 NOV -6 PM 2:5 RECEIVED-FPSC Blueface US, LLC ("Blueface" or "Applicant"), a subsidiary of Comcast Corporation ("Comcast"), hereby seeks authorization, pursuant to Section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act"), 47 U.S.C. § 214(a), and Section 63.71 of the rules of the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC" or "Commission"), 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue its offering and provision of over-the-top ("OTT") interconnected voice over Internet protocol ("VoIP") service and associated features. Blueface has less than eight hundred active OTT VoIP customers and maintaining the service as a standalone offering is no longer commercially viable or consistent with the company's business plans.

Specifically, Blueface intends to stop offering OTT VoIP service to the public and to discontinue service to its remaining customers on or after February 28, 2024. The proposed discontinuance will not result in material harm to these customers, as they may obtain alternative services from Comcast or a variety of other providers, including traditional wireline providers, facilities-based VoIP providers, and non-facilities-based VoIP providers.

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

1. Name and Address of Carrier: Blueface US, LLC, One Comcast Center, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

- <u>Date of Planned Service Discontinuance, Reduction, or Impairment</u>: Blueface plans to discontinue its provision of the OTT VoIP service on or after February 28, 2024. Blueface understands that this Application will be granted automatically on the 31st day after public notice of its filing unless the Commission notifies it to the contrary.
- 3. <u>Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected</u>: Blueface currently provides its OTT VoIP services to customers in Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, the District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.
- Brief Description of Type of Service Affected: As noted above, Blueface intends to discontinue its offering and provision of OTT VoIP service and associated features (*e.g.*, call conferencing, call paging).
- 5. Brief Description of the Dates and Methods of Notice to All Affected Customers: In accordance with Section 63.71(a), on October 30, 2023, Blueface provided written notice by first class mail to all affected customers. A sample copy of the notice provided to customers is attached hereto as Attachment A. In addition to this formal notification, Blueface previously advised each of its customers of its plan to discontinue this service, including through an informal notice letter on October 5, 2023.

 <u>Whether the Carrier is Considered Dominant or Non-Dominant with Respect to the</u> <u>Service to be Discontinued, Reduced, or Impaired</u>: Blueface is considered nondominant with respect to the affected service.

In accordance with Section 63.71 of the Commission's Rules, a copy of this Application is being mailed to the Special Assistant for Telecommunications for the Secretary of Defense and to the public utility commission and the Governor of each state in which Blueface currently provides customers the OTT VoIP service subject to this application.

The public convenience and necessity will not be adversely affected by the discontinuance of the OTT VoIP service. All customers that will be affected have been given notice affording them ample time to acquire one of the many substitute services that are readily available. Blueface, therefore, respectfully requests Commission approval of this Section 63.71 Application. Please direct any questions regarding this Application to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

Blueface US, LLC

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Dated: October 31, 2023

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October 30, 2023

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

<<Customer Name>>,

We are writing to remind you that Blueface US, LLC ("Blueface"), a subsidiary of Comcast Corporation ("Comcast"), intends to discontinue its over-the-top ("OTT") interconnected voice over Internet protocol ("VoIP") services and associated features as soon as February 28, 2024. This discontinuance will impact all states that currently receive OTT VoIP services: Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, the District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

Please note that you are responsible for making the necessary arrangements to transition to an alternative service provided by Comcast Business or one of the many alternate service providers available in your area. Blueface will continue to provide you with reasonable support and assistance during your transition in order to minimize the potential for service disruptions. There will be no early termination fee should you decide to move your services prior to the planned Blueface shutdown.

Blueface has notified the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC" or "Commission") about its plan to discontinue these OTT VoIP services and features. 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 Blueface US, 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.

If you have any questions, you may contact us at accounts@blueface-us.com or 888-770-0971. As a valued Blueface customer, we will do our best to make your transition to a Comcast Business service or new service provider as smooth as possible.

Sincerely,

Blueface US, LLC One Comcast Center Philadelphia, PA 19103

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Emily Daniels, hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Section 63.71 Application of Blueface US, LLC was served on this 31st day of October, 2023, by mailing true and correct copies thereof, postage prepaid, to the following persons at the addresses listed below:

Office of Governor Kay Ivey State Capitol 600 Dexter Avenue Montgomery, AL 36130

Office of Governor Katie Hobbs 1700 W. Washington St. Phoenix, AZ 85007

Office of Governor Gavin Newsom 1021 O St., Suite 9000 Sacramento, CA 95814

Office of Governor Jared Polis 200 E. Colfax Avenue, Room 136 Denver, CO 80203

Office of Governor Ned Lamont State Capitol 210 Capitol Avenue Hartford, CT 06106

Office of Mayor Muriel Bowser 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W., Suite 316 Washington, DC 20004

Office of Governor Ron DeSantis The Capitol 400 South Monroe Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Office of Governor Brian P. Kemp 206 Washington Street 111 State Capitol Atlanta, GA 30334 Alabama Public Service Commission P.O. Box 304260 Montgomery, AL 36130

Arizona Corporation Commission 1200 West Washington Street Phoenix, AZ 85007-2996

California Public Utilities Commission 505 Van Ness Avenue San Francisco, CA 94102

Colorado Public Utilities Commission 1560 Broadway, Suite 250 Denver, CO 80202

Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority 10 Franklin Square New Britain, CT 06051

Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia 1325 G Street N.W., Suite 800 Washington, DC 20005

Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Georgia Public Service Commission 244 Washington Street, SW Atlanta, GA 30334-9052 Office of Governor Brad Little State Capitol P.O. Box 83720 Boise, ID 83720

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Office of Governor Janet T. Mills 1 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333

Office of Governor Wes Moore 100 State Circle Annapolis, MD 21401-1925

Office of Governor Maura Healey Massachusetts State House, Room 280 24 Beacon St. Boston, MA 02133 Idaho Public Utilities Commission 1331 W. Chinden Blvd., Suite 201-a Boise, ID 83714

Illinois Commerce Commission Legend Building 527 East Capitol Avenue Springfield, IL 62701

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

Iowa Utilities Board 1375 E. Court Ave. Des Moines, IA 50319-0069

Kansas Corporation Commission 1500 SW Arrowhead Road Topeka, KS 66604-4027

Louisiana Public Service Commission Galvez Building, 12th Floor 602 North Fifth Street P.O. Box 91154 Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9154

Maine Public Utilities Commission 18 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0018

Public Service Commission of Maryland William Donald Schaefer Tower 6 St. Paul Street, #1600 Baltimore, MD 21202

Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Cable 1000 Washington Street, Suite 600 Boston, MA 02118-6500 Office of Governor Gretchen Whitmer P.O. Box 30013 Lansing, MI 48909

Office of Governor Tim Waltz 130 State Capitol 75 Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. St. Paul, MN 55155

Office of Governor Michael L. Parson P.O. Box 720 Jefferson City, MO 65102

Office of Governor Greg Gianforte P.O. Box 200801 Helena, MT 59620-0801

Office of Governor Jim Pillen P.O. Box 94848 Lincoln, NE 98509-4848

Office of Governor Joe Lombardo State Capitol Building 101 N. Carson Street Carson City, NV 89701

Office of Governor Christopher T. Sununu State House 107 North Main Street Concord, NH 03301

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Minnesota Public Utilities Commission 121 7th Place East, Suite 350 St. Paul, MN 55101

Missouri Public Service Commission 200 Madison Street, P.O. Box 360 Jefferson City, MO 65102-0360

Montana Public Service Commission 1701 Prospect Ave. P.O. Box 202601 Helena, MT 59620-2601

Nebraska Public Service Commission 1200 N Street, Suite 300 Lincoln, NE 68508

Nevada Public Utilities Commission 1150 E. William Street Carson City, NV 89701-3109

New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301-2429

New Jersey Board of Public Utilities 44 South Clinton Avenue Trenton, NJ 08625

New Mexico Public Regulation Commission P.O. Box 1269 Santa Fe, NM 87504-1269

New York State Public Service Commission Empire State Plaza Agency Building 3 Albany, NY 12223-1350 Office of Governor Roy Cooper 20301 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-0301

Office of Governor Mike DeWine Riffe Center, 30th Floor 77 South High Street Columbus, OH 43215-6117

Office of Governor J. Kevin Stitt 2300 N. Lincoln Blvd., Suite 212 Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Office of Governor Tina Kotek State Capitol Building 900 Court Street NE, Suite 254 Salem, OR 97301-4047

Office of Governor Josh Shapiro 508 Main Capitol Building Harrisburg, PA 17120

Office of Governor Henry McMaster State House 1100 Gervais Street Columbia, SC 29201

Office of Governor Kristi Noem 500 East Capitol Avenue Pierre, SD 57501

Office of Governor Greg Abbott P.O. Box 12428 Austin, TX 78711

Office of Governor Spencer Cox 350 North State Street, Suite 200 P.O. Box 142220 Salt Lake City, UT 84114-2220 North Carolina Utilities Commission 4325 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-4300

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 East Broad Street Columbus, OH 43215

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Public Utility Commission of Oregon P.O. Box 1088 Salem, OR 97308-1088

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission 400 North Street Keystone Building Harrisburg, PA 17120

The Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100 Columbia, SC 29210

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission 500 East Capitol Avenue Pierre, SD 57501-5070

Public Utility Commission of Texas 1701 N. Congress Avenue P.O. Box 13326 Austin, TX 78711-3326

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