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November 8, 2021

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
45 L Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Section 63.71 Application of Hargray of Florida, Inc.  
for Authority to Discontinue Certain Services

JSI respectfully files the enclosed Application of Hargray of Florida, Inc. for Authority to Discontinue Certain Services. This filing is made in compliance with Section 63.71 of the Commission's rules (47 C.F.R. § 63.71).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Valerie Wimer'.

Valerie Wimer  
Vice President

on behalf of

Hargray of Florida, Inc.

Enclosures

cc: Jean Thaxton, Hargray of Florida, Inc.

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

In the Matter of )  
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Section 63.71 Application of ) Comp. Pol. File No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Hargray of Florida, Inc. )  
For Authority to Discontinue )  
Certain Services )

**SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION**

Pursuant to Sections 63.71 of the Commission's Rules<sup>1</sup> and Section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended,<sup>2</sup> Hargray of Florida, Inc. ("Hargray of Florida" or the "Company") hereby files this application to discontinue the provision of local exchange, interconnected VoIP, long distance and data services to a portion of customers that the Company serves in the state of Florida ("Application").<sup>3</sup> In support of this Application, Hargray of Florida submits the following:

**I. Information Required by Section 63.71(a)(1) - (4)**

**A. Name and Address of Carrier**

Hargray of Florida, Inc.  
870 William Hilton Parkway  
Building C  
Hilton Head Island, South Carolina 29938

For purposes of this Application, the Commission may contact:

Jean Thaxton, Senior Manager, Regulatory  
Hargray of Florida, Inc.  
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843-686-1258  
[Jean.Thaxton@htc.hargray.com](mailto:Jean.Thaxton@htc.hargray.com)

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<sup>1</sup> See 47 C.F.R. § 63.71.

<sup>2</sup> See 47 U.S.C. § 214(a).

<sup>3</sup> As required by Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's Rules, Hargray of Florida has notified and submitted a copy of this Application concurrent with this filing to the Florida Public Service Commission, the Governor of Florida, and the Secretary of the Department of Defense.

**B. Date of Planned Service Discontinuance**

Hargray of Florida will discontinue competitive local exchange, interconnected VoIP, intrastate interexchange long distance,<sup>4</sup> and data services (“Affected Services”) to a portion of its business customers in the state of Florida on or after January 31, 2022, upon completion of all necessary federal and state regulatory approvals.

**C. Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected**

The Company provides the Affected Service to business customers within its Tallahassee Florida service area in Leon County. Discontinuance of the Affected Services is limited to only those customers who are served over circuits leased from a third party. The affected customers are located in the following Tallahassee Metropolitan Areas:

Golf Terrace Drive.  
Shannon Lakes Drive North  
Mahan Drive  
E. College Avenue  
Village Square Blvd.  
Delta Blvd.  
Crawfordville Hwy  
E. Jefferson Street  
Remington Green Circle  
Paul Russel Road  
Remington Green Circle

There are no federally-recognized tribal areas in the service area affected by this Application.

**D. Brief Description of the Types of Service Affected**

Hargray of Florida proposes to discontinue competitive local exchange, interconnected VoIP, intrastate interexchange long distance, and data services provisioned over third party facilities.

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<sup>4</sup> Affected Hargray of Florida customers receive interexchange and international long distance service from Low Country Carriers, Inc. d/b/a Hargray Long Distance Co. (“Hargray Long Distance”), a long distance affiliate of the Company. Hargray Long Distance holds international Section 214 authorization ITC-214-19890109-00003 for the provision of international long distance services to Hargray of Florida local exchange customers. Hargray Long Distance is separately filing a discontinuance with the FCC International Bureau pursuant to Section 63.19 for discontinuance of long distance services to a portion of its customer base.

**II. Brief Description of the Dates and Methods of Notice to All Affected Customers**

Written notices regarding the discontinuance of voice services were sent to the Company's affected customers by method of U.S. Postal Service Mail on November 1, 2021. Please reference Exhibit A which contains a sample of the Notice sent to the affected customers of this service.

**III. Status of Carrier**

Hargray of Florida is a competitive local exchange carrier and considered a non-dominant carrier with respect to the services that it proposes to discontinue in the state of Florida.

**IV. Circumstances of Discontinuance**

The decision to discontinue the Affected Service is a business decision of the Company. It is no longer economically viable to continue providing the Affected Services over leased facilities. A total of 11 business customers will be affected (no residential customers). Hargray of Florida clarifies that the service discontinuance is not the result of a change in technology. Discontinuance of the Affected Services will not adversely impact the affected customers who have the option of multiple alternative providers in the affected service area who offer services comparable to those the Company proposes to discontinue. These include Embarq Florida, Inc. d/b/a Centurylink, Windstream Nuvox, Inc., Deltacom, Inc., AT&T, MCC Telephony of Florida, LLC, Bandwidth.com CLEC, LLC, Onvoy, LLC, and Comcast Digital Phone.

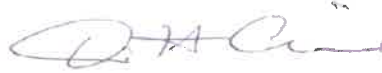
**V. Certification**

On behalf of Hargray of Florida, Inc., I, the undersigned Vice President, David Armistead, hereby certify that the statements contained herein are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and made in good faith.

**VI. Conclusion**

For the reasons stated herein, the Company respectfully requests grant of this Application.

Respectfully Submitted,



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November 8, 2021

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Date

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing Section 63.71 Application was served this 8th day of November 2021, by mailing true and correct copies thereof, postage prepaid, to the following persons at the addresses listed below.

Florida Public Service Commission  
Office of Commission Clerk  
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Office of Governor Ron DeSantis  
State of Florida  
The Capitol  
400 S. Monroe St.  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

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

/s/ Marty Klueh

**EXHIBIT A**

**CUSTOMER NOTICE**



[Customer Name]  
[Address 1]  
[City], [State] [zip code]

November 1, 2021

## ACTION REQUIRED: Hargray of Florida, Inc. Service Discontinuance

Dear [Customer Name]:

Hargray of Florida, Inc. regrets to inform you that on or after January 31, 2022 we will no longer be providing local exchange, interconnected VoIP, long distance, and data services provisioned over 3rd party facilities in the Tallahassee Metropolitan Area of Leon County within the state of Florida. Please note that this discontinuance applies only to the following areas.

- Golf Terrace Dr
- Shannon Lakes Dr. North
- Mahan Dr
- E College Ave
- Village Square Blvd.
- Delta Blvd
- Crawfordville Hwy
- E Jefferson St
- Remington Green Cir
- Paul Russel Rd
- Remington Green Circle

These changes require action on your part, and we want to work with you to make you aware of your options and assist you in any way possible to ensure a smooth transition. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

It is important for you to select a new service provider by January 31, 2022. Not only will it ensure that you have continued phone service, but also that you will be able to maintain your current business phone number. **Please contact us at 888.904.5275 to discuss options and more information on alternative providers serving your area so that your business will not experience a service interruption**

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 Hargray of Florida. 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 about this notice, please contact Hargray Fiber Commercial Sales and Service at **888.904.5275**.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

**Brian Strausser**  
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