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**COMMENTS INVITED ON TOLEDO AREA TELECOMMUNICATIONS
SERVICES, INC. APPLICATION TO DISCONTINUE DOMESTIC
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES**

Comp. Pol. File No. 658

Comments Due: July 29, 2003

Section 214 Application

Applicant: Toledo Area Telecommunications Services, Inc.

On **July 2, 2003**, **Toledo Area Telecommunications Services, Inc.** (TATS or Applicant), located at **5566 Southwyck Blvd., Toledo, Ohio 43614**, filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission), requesting 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 Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue the provision of certain interstate long distance services in Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Minnesota, Missouri, Nevada, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Texas, Virginia, and Wisconsin.

The application indicates that TATS offers both domestic and international resold interexchange long distance services in the above mentioned states. TATS states that it plans to discontinue providing all interstate and international service¹ except toll free (800, 888, and 877) and calling card services on or about August 15, 2003. TATS indicates that it does not have any customers to notify of the proposed discontinuance in any of the states for which it seeks authority to discontinue service. TATS states that it provided a copy of the application to the governors and public utility commissions of the states affected by this application on July 2, 2003.

In accordance with 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(c), the application will be deemed to be automatically granted on the thirty-first (31st) day after the release date of this notice, unless the Commission has notified the Applicant that the grant will not be automatically effective. Accordingly, pursuant to section 63.71(c), absent further Commission action, TATS may not terminate service

¹ Discontinuance of international service is governed by 47 C.F.R. § 63.19.

to the customers affected by this application until August 15, 2003. The Commission will normally authorize proposed discontinuances of service unless it is shown that customers or other end users would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier, or that the public convenience and necessity would be otherwise adversely affected.

This proceeding is considered a “permit but disclose” proceeding for purposes of the Commission's *ex parte* rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 - 1.1216. Comments objecting to this application must be filed with the Commission on or before **July 29, 2003**. Such comments should refer to **Comp. Pol. File No. 658**. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance on the commenter, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service. The original and four (4) copies of the comments should be sent to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325, Washington, D.C. 20554. Two (2) copies of the comments should also be sent to the Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 6-A207, Washington, D.C. 20554, Attention: Carmell Weathers. In addition, comments should be served upon the Applicant. Commenters are also requested to fax their comments to the FCC at (202) 418-2345, Attention: Carmell Weathers.

Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail). The Commission's contractor, Vistrionix, Inc., will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Suite 110, Washington, D.C. 20002. The filing hours at this location are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building. Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. U.S. Postal Service first-class mail, Express Mail, and Priority Mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

The application will be available for review and copying during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-A257, Washington, D.C. 20554, (202) 418-0270. A copy of the application may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554, telephone (202) 863-2893, facsimile (202) 863-2898, or via e-mail at qualexint@aol.com.

For further information, contact Carmell Weathers, (202) 418-2325 (voice), cweather@fcc.gov, or Rodney McDonald, (202) 418-7513 (voice), rlmcdona@fcc.gov, of the Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau. The TTY number is (202) 418-0484. For further information on procedures regarding Section 214 please visit [http://www.fcc.gov/wcb/cpd/other adjud](http://www.fcc.gov/wcb/cpd/other_adjud).

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