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Office of the Governor Jeb Bush The Capitol Tallahassee FL, 32399-0001

Re:

Telecom New Zealand Communications (USA), Ltd. Notice of

Discontinuance of Interstate Services 011203-TI

Honorable Bush:

Enclosed on behalf of Telecom New Zealand Communications (USA), Ltd. ("TNZC") are an original and one copy of the above-referenced notification. By this letter, TNZC hereby provides notice of its intent to discontinue interstate telecommunications services to end user customers in your state. TNZC has already provided notice to its customers within your state.

This letter is being sent as required under Section 63.71(a) of the Federal Communications Commission's regulations (47 *C.F.R.* § 63.71). Please date-stamp the extra copy of this notification and return it in the self-addressed, postage prepaid envelope provided. If you have any questions regarding this letter please contact us at (202) 371-7392.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Hindman

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Counsel to Telecom New Zealand Communications (USA), Ltd.

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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary Counter TW-A325 Portals II 445 Twelfth Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re:

Section 63.71 Application of Telecom New Zealand Communications

(USA), Ltd.

Dear Ms. Salas:

Telecom New Zealand Communications (USA), Ltd., by its attorneys, hereby submits for filing an original and five (5) copies of the above-referenced application. Enclosed is a duplicate of this filing and a return envelope. Please date-stamp the duplicate upon receipt and return it in the envelope provided.

Please do not hesitate to call us at (202) 371-7392 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely.

Richard A. Hindman

John M. Beahn

Counsel to Telecom New Zealand Communications (USA), Ltd.

Enclosures



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

In the Matter of the Application of)	
Telecom New Zealand Communications)	
(USA), Ltd.)	
)	File No.
for Authority, Pursuant to)	
Section 63.71 of the Commission's Rules,)	
to Discontinue its Interstate, Domestic)	
Service to End User Customers)	

SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION

Telecom New Zealand Communications (USA), Ltd. ("TNZC" or "the Company")
hereby requests Commission consent pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of
1934, as amended (the "Act"), and Section 63.71 of the Commission's Rules (47 C.F.R. § 63.71),
to discontinue its interstate, domestic service in the United States to end user customers.

In support of this application, the Applicants submit the following information:

I. SECTION 63.71 REQUIREMENTS

The following information is provided pursuant to Section 63.71(b) of the Commission's Rules (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(b)), and the applicable paragraphs thereunder.

(1) Name and address of carrier.

Telecom New Zealand Communications (USA), Ltd. 199 South Los Robles Avenue Suite 510 Pasadena, CA 91101

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(2) Date of planned service discontinuance, reduction or impairment.

TNZC proposes to discontinue service on October 15, 2001.

(3) Points of geographic areas of service affected.

TNZC currently provides interstate, domestic service to end user customers in the following states: California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Michigan, Nevada, New York, Oregon, Texas and Washington.

(4) Brief description of type of service affected.

TNZC plans to discontinue its interstate, domestic services in the states listed above. In each of the above-listed states, the availability of suitable alternative services for TNZC's end user customers should mitigate any potential harm to the affected customers.

(5) Brief description of the dates and methods of notice to all affected customers.

On August 24, 2001 TNZC provided its customers with written notice of the proposed service discontinuance consistent with Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's rules. TNZC has attached a copy of the notification to this Application as Exhibit A. TNZC also has notified the respective governors in each of the affected states with copies to the relevant state Public Utility Commission and the Department of Defense, Special Assistant for Telecommunications.

(6) Status of carrier regarding the services to be discontinued.

TNZC is considered non-dominant with respect to all of the services that it proposes to discontinue.

II. CONCLUSION

TNZC respectfully requests that this Application for the proposed discontinuance of service be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

Ian Neale, President

Dated: September 13, 2001

EXHIBIT A

CUSTOMER NOTIFICATION

Telecom New Zealand Communications (USA) Limited 251 So. Lake Avenue, Suite 540 Pasadena, CA 91101 Telephone 1 (626) 568-4900 Fax 1 (626) 588-4999



August 24, 2001

Dear Customer:

Over the past several months, Telecom New Zealand Communications (USA) Limited ("the Company") has been working with its advisors to evaluate the Company's strategic alternatives to determine whether to continue to provide service to its customers. After carefully considering these alternatives, the Company has decided to terminate service to its customers throughout the United States. Accordingly, the Company has filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") seeking authorization to discontinue its services in the United States, as of October 15, 2001. The FCC normally will 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 within 15 days after receipt of this notification. Address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554, referencing the § 63.71 Application of Telecom New Zealand Communications (USA) Limited. 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.

We plan to discontinue service as soon as we have received approval from the FCC. We urge you to take immediate action in the interim to secure alternate services for your needs. If you have any questions, please contact us:

Telecom New Zealand Communications (USA) Limited 251 South Lake Ave Suite 540 Pasadena, CA 91101 Attn: Michelle Welter

We are very disappointed and regret that we are unable to continue to provide you with services. I sincerely thank you for your past business and for your support of the Company.

Sincerely.

Kelly Watson Vice President - Sales and Marketing