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VIA COURIER

Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
The Portals
445 12th Street, S.W.; TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Section 63.71 Application of Opus Correctional, Inc. d/b/a LocTel

Dear Ms. Salas:

Transmitted herewith, on behalf of Opus Correctional, Inc. d/b/a LocTel, is an original and five (5) copies of an Application for authority to discontinue the provision of U.S. domestic telecommunications service

Please date-stamp the enclosed extra copy of this filing and return it in the envelope provided. Please direct any questions regarding this filing to me at (202) 945-6922.

Respectfully submitted,



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d/b/a LocTel

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

In the Matter of the Application of)	
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OPUS CORRECTIONAL, INC.)	File No. _____
)	
For Authority to Discontinue the Provision)	
of U.S. Domestic Telecommunications Service)	
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SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION

Opus Correctional, Inc. d/b/a LocTel ("Opus" or "Applicant") hereby requests authority 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 Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue the provision of U.S. domestic telecommunications services in the states of Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, Washington, and West Virginia.

By way of background, Opus made a necessary business decision to discontinue providing telecommunications service in the states listed herein. Opus does not have any customers in any state, so notice will not be provided to any customers. Opus has been assigned to an attorney for the benefit of creditors.

Applicant provides the following information in support of this Application pursuant to Section 63.71 of the Commission's Rules.

I. SECTION 63.71(a) INFORMATION

(1) Name and address of carrier:

Opus Correctional, Inc. d/b/a LocTel
119 Herbert Street
Framingham, MA 01702

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

Opus' customer contracts expired, and were not renewed by any customer, prior to September 4, 2000 (*see* dates listed below for each state). Opus has not served any customers nor solicited new customers since that time.

Arkansas – April 10, 2000
Colorado – August 31, 2000
Florida – August 21, 2000
Illinois – July 24, 2000
Maryland – July 31, 2000
Michigan – February 7, 2000
Minnesota – June 19, 2000
New Jersey – August 14, 2000
Ohio – April 10, 2000
Oklahoma – August 21, 2000
Oregon – January 1, 2000
Pennsylvania – July 31, 2000
South Carolina – July 17, 2000
Texas – August 14, 2000
Washington – April 17, 2000
West Virginia – June 5, 2000

(3) Points of geographic areas affected:

The areas affected are all locations served by Opus in the states of Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, Washington, and West Virginia.

(4) Brief description of type of service affected:

Opus seeks authority to discontinue its authority to provide U.S. domestic interstate services in the states of Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, Washington, and West Virginia.

II. NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Opus does not currently have any customers in the states in which it is discontinuing its authority to provide telecommunications service. Therefore, Opus will not notify any customers.

Opus certifies that concurrent with the filing of this Application, Opus is submitting a copy of the Application to the public utility commissions and governors of the states listed above and to the Special Assistant for Telecommunications for the Secretary of Defense as required by Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a). (See attached Certificate of Service.)

III. REGULATORY STATUS

Opus is regulated as a non-dominant carrier with respect to each domestic interstate telecommunications service that it seeks authority to discontinue.

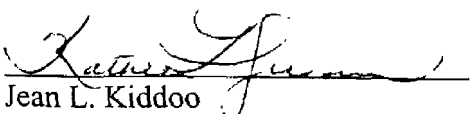
IV. CONCLUSION

Opus hereby states that this termination of service is reasonable, necessary and not unduly disruptive to the present or future public convenience and necessity. Opus does not currently serve any customers, therefore, the public will not be unduly harmed by Opus' withdrawal. Moreover, the public has access to other telecommunications carriers that have the ability to provide these customers with comparable telecommunications services at competitive prices.

For the foregoing reasons, Opus respectfully requests, pursuant to Section 214(a) of the Act, 47 U.S.C. § 214(a), and Section 63.71 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, that the Commission approve its Section 63.71 Application to discontinue the provision of U.S. domestic interstate telecommunications service.

Respectfully submitted,

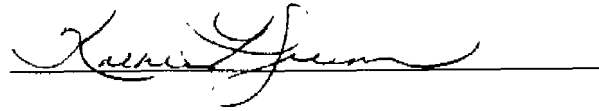
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I, Kathleen L. Greenan, hereby certify that on this day, the 9th day of August 2001, I served a copy of the foregoing document via First Class Mail, postage pre-paid to the persons listed below:



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