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September 14, 2001

**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary  
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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.

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

In the Matter of the Application of )  
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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

**(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.

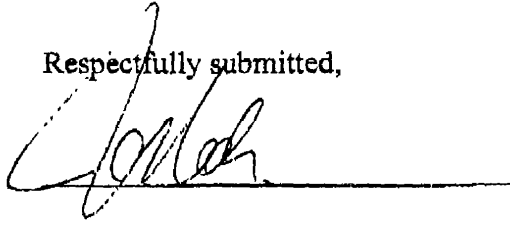
**(6) Status of carrier regarding the services to be discontinued.**

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Neale', is written over a solid horizontal line.

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) 568-4999



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